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## FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Epistle Readings

Romans 5:1-10  
2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9

### Gospel Readings

Matthew 6:22-33  
Matthew 16:13-19

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

### Troparion (Resurrection)

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### Troparion (Ss. Peter and Paul)

O first-enthroned of the Apostles, and teachers of the universe: entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

### Kontakion (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

### Kontakion (Ss. Peter and Paul)

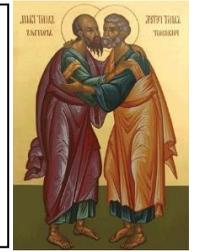
O Lord, Thou hast taken up to eternal rest and to the enjoyment of Thy blessings the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles, for Thou hast accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, for Thou alone knowest what lies in the hearts of men.

### Prayer Requests

To request prayers for family members or friends during Liturgy and on a daily basis by the Prayer Group, contact Fr. John or Donna Karabin, or complete the Prayer Request form at the Candle Table and return it to them.

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

Let us ever pray to them that they may intercede with their Creator and Master that He may grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls!



Welcome to everyone joining with us today in person and by livestream for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy, we invite you to stay for Coffee Hour to meet Fr. John and to get acquainted with us. And come again for prayer, study and fellowship.

### Faith in Action – Thank You!

God bless those who donated to last Sunday’s “Food for the Needy” program. Nine full grocery bags were collected for the homeless and hungry families served by United Community in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County.

### Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, July 14 – 7PM on Zoom

This week, the online study group will focus on “Humility” from the teachings of Elder Thaddeus in the book, *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. Fr. John will send a parish-wide email with the link and discussion notes.

### Parish Development Forum Online - Friday, July 16 - 10AM to 5:30PM

The 2021 Forum will be held online on the theme “Awakening to Opportunity”. Attendees may choose a blend of keynote and breakout sessions from three tracks: ‘Personal Spiritual Resiliency’, ‘The Resilient Parish’ and ‘Becoming Fishers of Men’. Free will donations can be made via PayPal and credit card at [registration](#).

### St. Vladimir's Education Day Online - Saturday, July 17 – 10AM to 5PM

A seven-hour “Zoomathon” is scheduled for this Saturday when participants can pose questions to Seminary professors and guest scholars. Join in when a topic that interests you is scheduled, or join several discussions throughout the day. Attendance is free. Donations welcomed. [Register here](#).

### Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 25 Orthodox Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday  
August 9 - Sept. 17 OCMC 2021 Trek4Missions – Walk, Run or Bike Fundraiser

### God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Rachel Karabin and Eli Romanchak on their birthdays this week. We sing “Many Years” also to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon on his birthday.