

The Holy, Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul (June 29)

Today the Holy Church piously remembers the sufferings of the Holy, Glorious, and All-Praised Apostles Peter and Paul.

Saint Peter, the fervent follower of Christ, was blessed for confessing, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Mt. 16:16). The Lord replied, "Thou art Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church." The "rock" is not Peter himself, but the confession he made, for Christ is the true foundation. As Paul says, "That Rock was Christ" (1 Cor. 10:4).



Our Lord chose twelve Apostles to preach the Gospel. Peter, for his zeal, was first among them, a representative of the Church. Christ gave him the keys of the Kingdom, saying, "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven" (Mt. 16:19). Yet this authority belongs not to Peter alone, but to the whole Church. The Lord later said to all the Apostles: "Receive ye the Holy Spirit... Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted" (John 20:22-23). The Church binds and loosens, built upon Christ the cornerstone (Eph. 2:20).

After the Resurrection, Christ asked Peter three times, "Lovest thou Me?" and Peter answered, "Lord, Thou knowest all; Thou knowest that I love Thee." Each time Christ responded, "Feed My sheep" (John 21:15-17), restoring Peter from his threefold denial.

Peter fulfilled this charge, giving his life for the flock, and is glorified through his martyrdom. Likewise, Paul, once Saul the persecutor, was transformed on the road to Damascus. Christ appeared and said, "Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" (Acts 9:4). Saul became Paul, a chosen vessel to preach Christ to all nations. His name, meaning "small," reflects his humility. He wrote, "I am the least of the Apostles... yet not I, but the grace of God with me" (1 Cor. 15:9-10).

Though they died on separate days, we celebrate them together, for their unity in spirit reveals the oneness of the Church. Let us honor them, imitate their faith, and follow Christ as they did, that we too may attain the kingdom prepared for all the saints. Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, pray to God for us!

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The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

PETER AND PAUL, THE HOLY APOSTLES

Tone 2 - Eothinon 3

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20
Epistle: 2 Corinthians: 11:21-12:9
Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew: 16:13-19

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - Tone 2 - When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

APOLYTIKION OF SS. PETER AND PAUL - Tone 4 - O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the world, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant peace unto the world, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

TODAY:

ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

This Week:

COFFEE HOUR: Bushelli-Fr. Noah Ordination Anniversary

PROSPHORA BREAD: Gabi & Catalin Tinjala

ALTAR CANDLES: Bushelli-Fr. Noah Ordination (22years)

USHERS: John Nicholson & Chris Howe

CLEANING TEAM: Justin & Kate Gohl, Midena S., Keith E.

COFFEE HOUR TEAM: Miriam K, Ryan M., Daniel C., Laura S.

Next Week (July 6):

Potluck

Kristi Moore

Sidorochev-John's Name Day

Dan Marquardt & Todd Moody

TBD

Calvin S., Mary T., Conor M.,
Christian L.

Mark Your Calendar:

VCS 2025

Register by July 5
July 28-Aug 1

Dormition Fast Begins
August 1

Holy Transfiguration
August 6

Dormition of the Theotokos
August 15

Beheading of the Forerunner
Strict Fast Day
August 29

Ecclesiastical New Year
September 1

International Food Festival
September 19-20

JUNE OUTREACH
COLLECTION:
Bath & Shower Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land	+ Jaroslav + Gehrman + Olga
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+ Edgar + Rene
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	+ Maxim
Survivors of the Damascus Church Attack	(June Parish Diptychs) +Nicholas +Maria +Marion Betty +Victoria +Anna +Gail +Sophia +Mat. Linda +John
Archpriest Joel	
Nun Sergeia	
John	
Doris	
James	
Steven	
Paraskevi	
Elizabeth	
Michaela	
Elias	
Mary	
Alexander	<u>Catechumens</u>
Natalia and family	Ryan Kassandra Jasper Matthew Mary Martin Photini John Steven Robert Liara Asher Sarah Andrew Carolyn Martin James Anthony Slavek Gabriella Nevada Josiah Casie Ray
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	
Dn Nathan, John, Samuel & all seminarians	
Those searching for housing, jobs and spouses	
Engaged Couples	
Families trying to conceive	
Expectant mothers	
New mothers and their babies	
Those in mourning	
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	

This Week:

Mon, June 30: - - -

Tues, July 1: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m.

Wed, July 2: Little Compline, 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading, 7:00 p.m.
FOCUS Philadelphia (Norristown), 7:00 p.m.

Thurs, July 3: FOCUS Philadelphia (Avator), 8:00 p.m.

Fri, July 4: Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m.
Confessions, 6:00 p.m.
Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Confessions, 7:30 p.m.

Sat, July 5: Farewell Celebration for Jake, 2:00 p.m.
GREAT VESPERS at the Moody's, 6:00 p.m.
Jake's Farewell Celebration & Vespers will be at the home of Todd & Kendra Moody: 73 S Dietz Mill Rd, Telford, PA. All are invited!

Sun, July 6: ORTHROS, 8:15 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.

SPECIAL APPEAL for VCS

Three ways you can help as we are gearing up for another **Vacation Church School**, of growth in faith and love for God: 1) See Kate Gohl about volunteering; 2) Pray for Fr. Noah, leaders, and students; 3) Consider offering a financial gift to cover expenses.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 6/21 : 91 Liturgy 6/22: 213
Paraklesis 6/25: 55

OFFERINGS 6/22: Candles, \$345. Collections, \$527. Building Fund, \$250. Women's Fund, \$40. Needy Fund, \$122.02. Mission Chapel, \$8,192.29. Stewardship, \$17,013.23. Total received, \$26,489.54.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!