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**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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*“Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome,  
Thou who dost preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains that thou didst bear.  
While honoring them in faith, we beseech thee that by thine intercessions,  
God may grant us great mercy.”*

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<u>Schedule of Services</u>			
Daily Matins	(Except Thursday) Saturday	Monday – Friday 7:00 am	6:00 am
Vespers		Tuesday & Friday	5:00 pm
<u>Divine Services</u>			
Great Vespers		Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday Matins (Orthros)		Sunday	8:00 am
Divine Liturgy		Sunday	9:15 am
*Special Services scheduled as appointed*			

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE**

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

**APOLYTIKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO**

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

**KONTAKION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION (AND GREAT LENT) IN TONE EIGHT**

To thee, the Champion Leader, I thy servant offer thanks of victory; O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror. But as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free; from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: “Rejoice, O Bride without bridegroom!”

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Sunday of Orthodoxy)

*Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our fathers.*

*For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)**

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Sunday of Orthodoxy)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

### **\*\*\* *Announcements for the Week of March 8th* \*\*\***

- Daily Lenten service schedule applies this week: Lenten Orthros, mornings at 6 AM except on Thursdays; and Lenten Vespers on Sunday, Tuesday and Friday nights at 5 PM. No

change to Saturday eve and Sunday morning services and times. Consult the monthly calendar for more details.

- Parish Council meets in session TODAY, after the agape meal.
- Home Search Committee meets next Sunday.
- **Tonight – NO Vespers service. However, in subsequent weeks, Sunday eve Vespers will be celebrated.**
- **Youth** meet every Monday at 5:30 PM. However, due to the special Liturgy tomorrow the regular youth gathering for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> is being preempted. Please see either Aaron or Caitlin Pinnt for more details.
- Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Liturgy of the Presanctified will be celebrated at 6:00 PM in honour of the holy 40 Martyrs of Sebasti. Lenten 9<sup>th</sup> hour will precede at 5:15 PM.
- **Inquirers/ Catechumen class** meets every Saturday, directly after Great Vespers. Class begins at about 6:30 PM and runs until 7:45, or so.
- Parish Study: the House of God meets every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM.
- Now/Again available in the bookstore: Pocket Preparation prayer books for Holy Communion & the blue Prayer Book from Holy Transfiguration Monastery.
- **FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE** – Now especially is the season of giving. Boxes are available by the front door for you to use in your homes to collect money for this worthy cause. “Send your treasures to the heavenly storage room. Deposit your wealth in God’s bank, distributing to the poor, the orphans and the widows so that you can receive a million times more in the Second Coming of Christ.” - Elder Joseph the Hesychast.
- **PARISH BENEVOLENCE**—in light of the increasing severity of the economic situation and the hardship of unemployment descending upon many of us, our parish encourages donations to our Benevolence Fund for distribution to the needy. Write on your memo line, “Parish benevolence.”
- **Women’s Group meets this coming Saturday, March 14, after the service of Orthros.**