



*Holy Resurrection  
Orthodox Church*

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**June 21, 2020**

*Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!*

<b>Services</b>	Sat., Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Sampson the Hospitable</b> Hours Divine Liturgy <b>Great Vespers</b>	<b>8:45 am</b> <b>9 am</b> <b>7 pm</b>
	Sun., Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Translation of the Relics of Saints Cyrus &amp; John</b> Hours Divine Liturgy	<b>9:45 am</b> <b>10 am</b>
	Mon., Jun. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Apostles Peter &amp; Paul</b> Hours Divine Liturgy	<b>8:45 am</b> <b>9 am</b>

**One of the Least Remembered Fasts of the Church calendar – the Apostles’ Fast – started at sundown on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and ends Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> on the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. Observe the Season by attending the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul **and/or** by adjusting your diet utilizing the abundance of veggies and fruit available this time of year **and/or** by resolving to attend June Divine Liturgy one of the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday Liturgies **and/or** by remembering the material needs of the Church with a special offering in honor of the ‘Great Pillars’, Peter & Paul**

# Epistle

(Romans 2:10-16)

but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For there is no partiality with God.

For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law

(for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;

for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,

who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*)

in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

# Gospel

(Matthew 4:18-23)

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Then He said to them, **“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”**

They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind  
for Sunday's Liturgy.

*Next Week:* Romans 5:1-10

*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 6:22-33

## **Announcements:**

### **Happy Father's Day**

This is Father's Day weekend. Please try to take some time to remember your fathers and make their day special.

**HELP WANTED, NO EXPERIENCE or SPECIAL TRAINING NECESSARY, HOURS FLEXIBLE!** Where could you find a help wanted ad like this? Help is needed in tackling the weeds that have been growing around the church with the recent rains. With the donation of some of your time to fill a plastic grocery bag with weeds you can put a tremendous dent into this project. Please consider stopping by the church whenever you can to lend a hand! It's a great opportunity to get out as well as maintaining social distancing! *Teamwork works wonders!* Thank you in advance. Please bring your own gardening equipment.

1. We will continue evaluating our opportunities as we move into the Green Phase. Stay tuned for updates!
2. This year the 4<sup>th</sup> of July falls on a Saturday. Since we have been serving three liturgies a week, we will be cancelling liturgy on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the first anniversary of the ordination of Father John Parker to the priesthood. He will be serving the Liturgy with us. As always, this is a free day schedule wise so let's try to join him at the Liturgy.
4. Michelle Meisner has notified Fr. Stephan that her father's furniture has already been repurposed. Someone who was moving into the high rise was in need of furniture so they moved it to their unit.

## Update from Fr. Stephan:

Westmoreland and the surrounding counties have recently gone from red to yellow status. Archbishop Melchizedek has given the parishes in the yellow regions permission to increase the number of attendance from 10 to 25 providing that they meet all of the requirements set by the government as well as the OCA.

The parish council met “virtually” this past Tuesday to discuss how we can expand to 25 for services. Fr. Stephan shared this with Fr. Andrew, (our Dean) as well as Fr. Bill, (our Chancellor). They have given us permission to go to 25.

Precautions that are now in place include:

- a) We will ***maintain social distancing***. Every other pew has been taped off. This provides 6’3” between rows. The center isle is 5’ wide so available rows alternate from side to side. For right now we are asking that two people sit in each pew unless they are a family group. This may change as things open up further.
- b) ***Masks are required any time that social distancing is compromised***. Example: when you come to communion Fr. Stephan will wear a mask so that you will be able to receive.
- c) Fr. Stephan will use an ***individual spoon for each communicant***. Every spoon will be cleaned and sanitized by Fr. Stephan.
- d) ***One of the parish council members will act as a greeter*** opening the doors and help to facilitate activities.
- e) There will be ***NO congregating at the candle stand***. The prayer/candle forms will be available in the pews. Fill them out at your seats. Drop in baskets at the candle stand.
- f) The ***doors are required to be locked at the start of service*** so please plan to be early! Signs will be posted on the doors.
- g) ***Fr. Stephan will continue to call to schedule***. If you sign up for a day and are not going to be able to attend, let Fr. Stephan know ASAP so that someone else has the opportunity to attend. Fr. Stephan is required to keep a log of every one who attends.
- h) The Church is cleaned and sanitized after each service. Please be considerate and make our jobs easier. ***If you use a service book please leave it on the pew so that it can be sanitized.***