

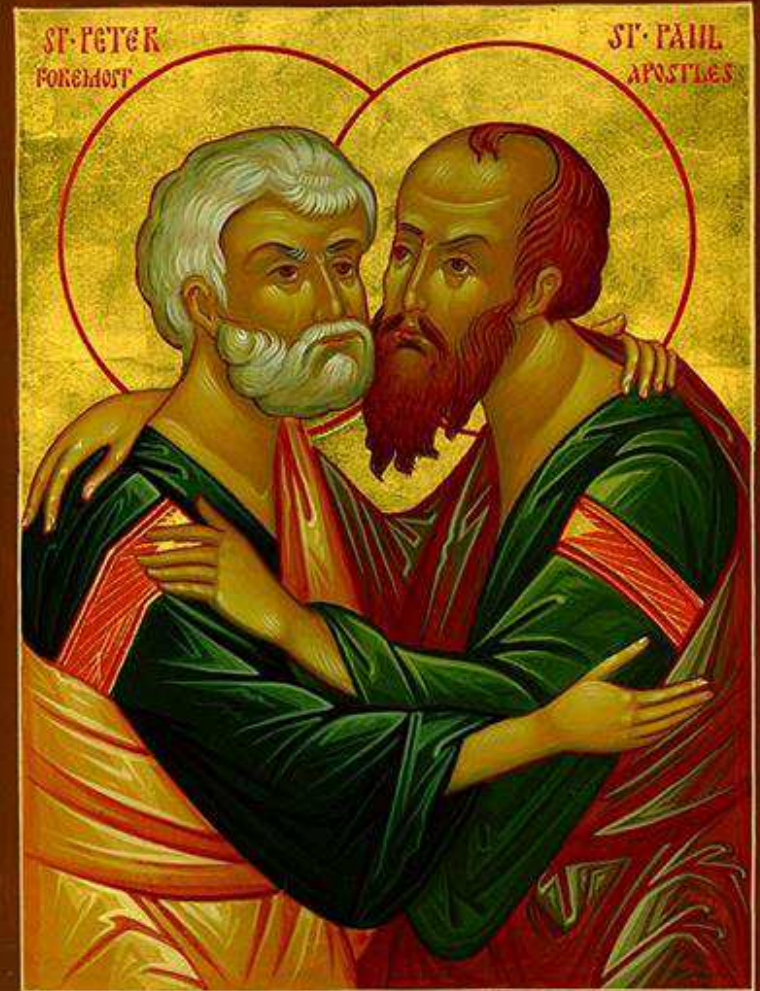
THE MYSTERIES OF THE CHRISTIANS

A Mystery is so called because the things which we see we do not *believe*; but the things we see are of one kind, and those we believe of another kind. For such is the nature of our Mysteries.

I, at least, feel differently upon these matters from an unbeliever. I hear that Christ was crucified, and straightaway I admire His lovingkindness to men; the other hears, and thinks it weakness. I hear that He became a servant, and I marvel at His care for us; the other hears and counts it dishonor. I hear that He died, and am amazed at His power, that being in death, He was not held by it, but rather loosed the bands of death; the other hears, and suspects Him of helplessness. He, hearing of resurrection, says the thing is a legend; I, judging from the facts which demonstrate it, adore the high counsel of God. He, hearing of a laver, thinks it merely water, but I look not simply at the thing which is seen, but at the cleansing of the soul which is wrought by the Spirit. He considers that my body only has been washed; but I am persuaded that the soul also has become pure and holy. I consider Baptism to be the Sepulchre, the Resurrection, the Sanctification, the Righteousness, the Redemption, the Adoption, the Inheritance, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Ministration of the Spirit.

For not by my sight do I judge the things presented to me, but by the eyes of my understanding. I hear of the "Body of Christ;" I attach one meaning to the expression; the unbeliever takes it in another.

St. John Chrysostom



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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis; Sts. Peter and Fevronia, Wonderworkers of Múrom;
Ven. Dionysius the Hagiorite; Ven. Dometius of Dionysiou; Monk Martyr Procopius of Iveron;
All Saints of Britain and Ireland*

“Your lamb Febronia, calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: ‘I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love.’ Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.”

Troparion, Tone IV

THE HOLY GLORIOUS LEADERS OF THE APOSTLES, STS. PETER AND PAUL

Thursday, June 29

“What prison has not held you? What church has not heard you? Damascus is elated with you, O holy Paul, and Rome boasts about receiving your blood, but Tarsus shows even greater joy and love in honoring the memory of your youth. So now, Peter, rock of faith, and you, O Paul, glory of the universe, come forth together from Rome and make us stand firm.”

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY’S EPISTLE: ROMANS 5:1-10

TODAY’S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:22-33

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, June 25	11:30 a.m. Akathist to the Tikhvin Icon
Saturday, July 1	4:30 p.m. Memorial Service for John Plavko
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Please note change from calendar: No services on Wednesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 29 at HTOC.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, June 26	Romans 9:18-33	Matthew 11:2-15
Tuesday, June 27	Romans 10:11-11:2	Matthew 11:16-20
Wednesday, June 28	Romans 11:2-12	Matthew 11:20-26
	Romans 11:13-24	Matthew 11:27-30
Thursday, June 29	II Corinthians 11:21-12:9	Matthew 16:13-19
Friday, June 30	Romans 11:25-36	Matthew 12:1-8
	I Corinthians 4:9-16	Mark 3:13-19
Saturday, July 1	Romans 6:11-17	Matthew 8:14-23

COMING EVENTS

JUNE:

28, Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Lorain
 29, Thursday 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Lorain
 7:00 p.m. Young Orthodox Christians outing

JULY:

1, Saturday 10:00 a.m. 100th Anniversary Hierarchical Divine Liturgy; Sts. Peter and Paul, Lakewood
 10, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
 30, Sunday Parish Picnic

SERVICES:

Although we will not have services to Sts. Peter and Paul in our church, parishioners can celebrate the Feast of the Foremost Apostles at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Lorain, OH. They will have Great Vespers on Wednesday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m., and Divine Liturgy on Thursday, June 29, at 9:30 a.m.

On Saturday, July 1, Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Lakewood, OH, will be marking their 100th Anniversary. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy begins there at 10:00 a.m.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 10. We will complete reading The Joy of the Holy (St. Seraphim), pages 57-89 and 110-122. Please join us.

SUMMER CAMP:

Camp season is around the corner! Our youngsters are fortunate to have a great Orthodox Camp in the area, which provides both an entertaining and inspiring experience. For information go to the website: stvladimirscampohio.com. Schedule:
 Younger children (ages 7-11) - July 2-8
 Sports Week (grades 5-12) - July 9-15
 Older children (ages 12-17 - July 16-22

YOUNG ADULT ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS:

Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to the get-together on Thursday, June 29, 7:00 p.m., at Melt Bar & Grilled, which is located at 6700 Rockside Rd. in Independence. Meet Metropolitan SAVAS of Pittsburgh, who will also be a guest. RSVP on Facebook or GoREALCleveland@gmail.com.

DIRECTORIES:

There are Parish Directories available in the Fellowship Hall.
 Please remember to notify the church office when changes are made in your address or contact information.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by the Uziel Family in memory of Dan Uziel.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Dave and Judy Howe.

FLOWER DONOR SIGN UP:

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall to donate the weekly flowers that adorn the icon table; cost is \$10 and can be given to Mary Ann Schmidt.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, JUNE 18	\$ 1891.00
BUILDING FUND	290.00
MORTGAGE FUND	75.00
CANDLES	93.00
ORTHODOX SEMINARIES	10.00
PENTECOST	60.00
IN MEMORY OF JOHN PLAVKO	180.00

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REFLECTIONS ON ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS - I

The Epistle to the Romans (called “Romans” for short) is recognized as St. Paul’s most comprehensive and elaborate theological work. It is, like all of his works, inspired and inspiring, and also complex and complicated. Romans is listed as the first of St. Paul’s epistles in the New Testament and is his longest single work. Biblical scholars regard it as an expression of mature theological development, written shortly before St. Paul would go to Jerusalem where he would be arrested and then taken to Rome for his trial and martyrdom. That would place Romans about 4 to 5 years before his death. In the liturgical lectionary of the Orthodox Church, the Epistle to the Romans is read beginning on the week following Pentecost and through July; and for this reason we chose to offer some reflections on it in The Trinitarian during the next couple of weeks.

The Epistle to the Romans was written to the Roman “church,” that is, the community of Christians who live in Rome. Evidently they had become Christian believers through the missionary work of other disciples. From his tone, it seems that St. Paul could be addressing Christianized Jews and/or Christian Gentiles, each of which would have had different backgrounds and outlooks. There was a matter of controversy among the apostles since Pentecost. It was the question of “who” and “what” is a Christian. Because all of the original apostles and Jesus Himself were Jews, some felt that to be a follower of Christ, one had to adopt Jewish customs which were expressed in the “law” of the Old Testament. St. Paul came to see that this was not necessary; and a good deal of the Epistle to the Romans contains his arguments against that notion. In particular, he advances the theological basis of understanding that God’s nature, including His powers and judgments, is present everywhere and not confined to a particular race of people:

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature, namely, His eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made” (Romans 1:18-20).

By asserting that God’s power is revealed in creation, St. Paul leads us to conclude that God can be known by everyone at anytime, anywhere. This was in marked contrast to the prevailing Old Testament concepts that what is known about God comes from revelation, where revelation was exclusive and confined to God’s “chosen people.” Although He came from the stock of those chosen people, Jesus broke through the barriers of exclusivity; and after Pentecost the apostles come to understand that “Good News” of Christ was meant for all humanity, and the evangelical imperative was to do everything possible to spread the Gospel. St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans can be regarded as the first sophisticated articulation of “natural theology” which is at the basis of Christian evangelization.

Father Alexander Garklaus

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JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
2 4th Sunday after Pentecost	3	4	5	6	7	8 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
9 5th Sunday after Pentecost	10 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	11	12	13	14	15 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
16 6th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Fathers of First 6 Ecumenical Councils	17	18	19	20	21	22 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
23 7th Sunday after Pentecost	24	25	26	27	28	29 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
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