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### St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople

November 6, 2022

#### **Troparion – Tone 4**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

#### **Troparion – Tone 3**

For confessing the divine faith, among her priests the Church has shown thee to be another Paul. Abel cries out to the Lord together with thee, as does the righteous blood of Zachariah.// Venerable Father, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 4**

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

#### **Kontakion – Tone 2**

Paul, thou hast shone on the earth like a star of heavenly splendor; now thou dost enlighten the universal Church for which thou didst suffer, for thou didst lay down thy life,// and thy blood cries out to the Lord like that of Zachariah and Abel.

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 4**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

V. *Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!*

#### **Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople**

Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople, was chosen to the patriarchal throne after the death of Patriarch Alexander (+ 340), when the Arian heresy had again flared up. Many of the Arians were present at the Council which selected the new Archbishop of Constantinople. They revolted in opposition to the choice of Saint Paul, but the Orthodox at the Council were in the majority.

The emperor Constantius, ruling over the Eastern half of the Roman Empire, was an Arian. He was not in Constantinople for the election of the Archbishop, and so it took place without his consent. Upon his return, he convened a council which illegally deposed Saint Paul, and the emperor banished him from the capital. In place of the saint they elevated Eusebius of Nicomedia, an impious heretic. Archbishop Paul withdrew to Rome, where other Orthodox bishops were also banished by Eusebius.

Eusebius did not rule the Church of Constantinople for long. When he died, Saint Paul returned to Constantinople, and was greeted by his flock with love. But Constantius exiled the saint a second time, and so he returned to Rome. The Western emperor Constans wrote a harsh letter to his Eastern co-ruler, which he sent to Constantinople along with the holy exiled archpastor. The threats worked, and Saint Paul was reinstated upon the archepiscopal throne.

But soon the pious emperor Constans, a defender of the Orthodox, was treacherously murdered during a palace coup. They again banished Saint Paul from Constantinople and this time sent him off in exile to Armenia, to the city of Cucusus, where he endured a martyr's death.

When the Archbishop was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, Arians rushed upon him by force and strangled him with his own omophorion. This occurred in the year 350. In 381, the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great solemnly transferred the relics of Saint Paul the Confessor from Cucusus to Constantinople. In 1326, the relics of Saint Paul were transferred to Venice.

Saint Athanasius the Great, a contemporary of Saint Paul, writes briefly about his exiles, "Saint Paul the first time was sent by Constantine to Pontus, the second time he was fettered with chains by Constantius, and then he was locked up in Mesopotamian Syngara and from there moved to Emesus, and the fourth time to Cappadocian Cucusus in the Taurian wilderness."

### **Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20**

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

### **Gospel: Luke 8:41-56**

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

### **Service Schedule for the week of November 6**

**Sunday November 6 – 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall**

**Saturday November 12 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession**

**Sunday November 13 – 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Turkey Social (Bingo) in Daria Hall. No Coffee Hour today.**

### **Upcoming Holy Day Service Schedule for 2022**

November 21 – ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

December – to be announced

### **Weekly Giving**

October 30 – 77 adults, 23 youth, \$3,433

## **Parish Announcements**

The annual Turkey Social (Bingo) will be held in Daria Hall next Sunday November 13 after Divine Liturgy. Sheets are on the tables in Daria Hall indicating what donations are needed. As usual, we will need volunteers – please let Nina or Darice know if you can help! Set up will take place next Saturday, November 12.

The Ladies Altar Society will be selling chances next Sunday for a hand made Christmas wreath; \$1.00/ticket.

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, at 7 PM. The meeting is moved to Wednesday due to Election Day on Tuesday.

The FOCA Club will be participating in the National FOCA Seminarian Christmas Wish Project once again this year. We have participated for many years in this project by providing Christmas gifts for Seminarian families. As you know, most Seminarians attend Seminary full time and are unable to work, and require assistance throughout the school year to support their families. We will once again collect Target, Amazon, Walmart, Barnes & Noble, and Kohls gift cards in any denomination, or cash/check (checks payable to Trenton Senior R Club). Please give your gift to a member of the FOCA Club no later than Sunday November 27. Thank you for generosity!

Last December the parish donated non-perishable food items to the local neighborhood. *We will have another food giveaway on Saturday, December 10.* The following items are needed – please no items contained in glass. Please bring all items to Daria Hall by Sunday December 4 – they may be placed on the stage. Father will store the food in one area so it does not get mixed in with the rummage sale items on the stage. On Sunday, December 4 we will ask the Sunday School children to help organize the food. Bags will be packed at 9:30 AM Saturday, December 10 prior to the food give-away. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Parish Council or Father Volodymyr. Thank you for your generosity in helping support our neighbors who may be in a time of need.

- 1 lb. boxes of pasta
- Spaghetti sauce in plastic jars
- Canned vegetables
- Canned beans
- Rice-A-Roni type food items
- Small packages of rice
- Canned tuna
- Canned chicken
- Ramen noodle soup or Cup of Soup
- Juice boxes (no sugar)
- Applesauce in plastic jars
- Fruit cups
- Canned fruit
- Cereal
- Canned soup
- Small packages of diapers
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Individually packaged bars of soap
- Hand sanitizing wipes
- \$5 - \$10 grocery store gift cards

The Sunday School Yolka will be held in Daria Hall on Sunday, December 18 during Coffee Hour. Please plan on attending to support the youth of our parish!

***Please remember to sign-up for on-line giving, if you are interested. See a member of the Parish Council if you have any questions!***

Youth and adults of the parish are invited to Bible Study classes during Coffee Hour. The classes are taught by Alan Berck.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:**

Kinfe Manna – November 11

Roxie Waite – November 12

*Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!*

If you do not see your birthday listed above during your birthday week, please let Darice know and she will add it to the schedule!

**COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen**

- Nov. 6 Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Alla Strauss  
Nov. 13 TURKEY SOCIAL – no Coffee Hour  
Nov. 20 **FAST DAY** Ladies Altar Society **REVISED**  
Nov. 27 **FAST DAY** Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Nina Shafran, Nina Laushell  
Dec. 4 **FAST DAY** Paul Denko, Francine Brady, Herman Meyer  
Dec. 11 **FAST DAY** Olga & James Bates, Awet Tesfa  
Dec. 18 **FAST DAY** Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Darice Keyes  
Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS – no Coffee Hour  
Jan. 1 Matthew & Kris Bohush, Awet Tesfa  
Jan. 8 Sami Bachir, Nancy Mitsos  
Jan. 15 Matthew & Nana Barrett, Nina Laushell  
Jan. 22 Sophie Dumas, Melissa Dumas, Darice Keyes  
Jan. 29 Blake & Jessica Kilgore, Alla Strauss  
Feb. 5 Anna Brasowski, Francine Brady  
Feb. 12 FOCA Club - Breakfast Fundraiser  
Feb. 19 Carmen & Cezar Mateiescu, Darice Keyes  
Feb. 26 **NO MEAT** Manuel & Lourdes Montiel, Awet Tesfa  
March 5 **FAST** Melody Stavisky, Nancy Mitsos  
March 12 **FAST** Awet Tesfa, Nebiat Tesfa  
March 19 **FAST** Alan & Mimi Berck, Francine & Herman  
March 26 **FAST** John Cassar, Nina Laushell  
April 2 **FAST** Anne Cheslock, Darice Keyes  
April 9 **FAST** Francine Brady, Herman Meyer, Alla Strauss  
April 16 **PASCHA** – No Coffee Hour  
April 23 Madeleine Sekulich, Mark McDevitt, Nancy Mitsos  
April 30 Fiyori Habtesilasse, Awet Tesfa