

ST. PETER THE ALEUT ORTHODOX CHURCH www.stpeterorthodoxminot.org
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 Great martyr Theodore the Recruit (Tyro)
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Tone 5 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*from the Lenten Triodion*)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us, //
O only merciful One!”

Tone 5 Prokeimenon

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
(*Ps 11/12:7*)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly. (Ps 11/12:1)

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15

¹⁰ You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹ persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Tone 5 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps 88/89:1)

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.” (Ps 88/89:2)

Gospel Luke 18:10-14

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

AN APPEAL

As some of you may be aware, every year at around this time the church becomes short of funds. All of our large fundraisers are in the summer and fall. This year we are very short of funds. In fact, as of January 31st, 2019 our general checking account had a balance of \$262.35! That's it! And unlike some other churches, we have no savings account at all. At one time St. Peter's did have money in savings, but all of our savings were spent on the repairs and renovations of the church building following the 2011 flood. Currently the \$262.35 is all the money on hand to pay a full-time priest salary, as well as the costs of running the church. We need your help! This is our opportunity to give back to God and show our generosity and appreciation to him. God has promised to bless abundantly in return those who are generous! (see Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Luke 6:37-38) Please pray about this and consider possibly making an extra donation! Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

Fr Stacey Richter, Parish Priest

Andy Maragos, Parish Council President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to some extenuating circumstances, the parish council has decided to **postpone the Parish Annual Meeting** which was scheduled for Sunday February 24, 2019. The reason for this is really quite simple: to avoid having to have two meetings! In a recent communication with the Bishop, His Grace Bishop Paul indicated to me that he would like us to officially adopt the New Parish Bylaws put out by the Midwest Diocese in 2016 as soon as possible. This needs to be done at an official meeting of the whole parish. The Bylaws have some fill-in-the-blanks and options in them which allow a certain degree of customizing the Bylaws to the local parish, and the Parish Council needs time to go through the New Bylaws and fill in the necessary areas to customize them for St. Peter the Aleut. Upon agreed upon by the parish council, this needs to then be submitted to the Bishop for approval. Once he approves them, we will make the potential New Parish Bylaws for St. Peter the Aleut available for the parish to read in advance of the Annual Meeting and set the new date for the parish annual meeting. This process should not take that long, so we are still hoping to have our annual meeting in the near future, hopefully before Pascha. Thanks for your patience in this matter!

We have an opportunity for a **fundraising event with Qdoba** on Sunday March 3. Take a copy of the flyer in and eat at QDoba and 25% of the proceeds goes to the church. You can also give copies of the flyer to friends and family. Additionally, we are looking for 8 volunteers to work 2 hours each on Sunday March 3. Please reply to Trudi at richterfive@hotmail.com or call her at 330-685-7828 if you are interested. Thanks!

This Week:

Wednesday Feb 20 - 6:30 pm Bible Study

Saturday Feb 23 - 5 pm Vespers

Sunday Feb 24 - 10 am Divine Liturgy