

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- Coffee Hour and Prosfora Sign-up sheets There is a new sign up sheet for Coffee Hour and Prosfora. Don't forget to sign up.
- SS Peter & Paul Youth Campout — June 4-7 & \$25 per child, \$50 max per family. We will be camping at Richey Cove on Council Grove Lake.

✠ LOOKING AHEAD ✠

June 12-28	FAST of the Apostles
June 14-17	DOWAMA PLC in Dallas TX.
June 23	5:15 PM Vespers at SS Peter & Paul for the Nativity of John the Baptist
June 24	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene
June 28	5 PM Great Vespers 6 PM Orthros 7 PM Divine Liturgy for SS Peter & Paul
June 29	Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul 6 PM Great Vespers for the Holy Apostles on Apostles Hill followed by Parish Feast

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- June 4-7 SS Peter & Paul Youth Campout. \$25 per child, \$50 max per family. Camping Richey Cove on Council Grove Lake
- June 15 4-9 PM Youth Social @ Holy Trinity Overland Park, KS
- June 19-23 SS Peter & Paul Vacation Church School. Ages 4-12. Teens are welcome to help as Counselors. Adult help will be needed.



Notice: Sunday services are streamed on our YouTube page. Following services they are edited down to only the homily and do not remain up on the internet. You may appear in the live stream while it is active but the video will not remain on the internet.

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May 21, 2023 ***Sunday of the Blindman***

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

Our usual Sunday service is the Divine Liturgy. While all are welcome to attend this service, we ask that you refrain from coming to receive Holy Communion unless you are of the Orthodox Faith and have properly prepared through prayer, fasting and the Sacrament of Confession.

Sunday May 21

9:00 AM Orthros and **LAST** Sunday School for this year
10:00 AM Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Tuesday May 23

6:00 PM Great Vespers at St Mary Magdalene, Manhattan

Wednesday May 24

5:00 PM Great Vespers for Ascension
6:00 PM Orthros

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy for Ascension

Saturday May 27

5:45 PM 9th Hour and Great Vespers

Sunday May 28

9:00 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Wednesday May 31

5:15 PM Vespers
6:30 PM Potluck and discussion of St Dorotheos of Gaza

Saturday June 3

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene, Manhattan
5:45 PM 9th Hour & Great Vespers

Sunday June 4 *Pentecost*

9:00 AM Orthros
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour to follow

Ss. Peter and Paul is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 5)

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.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA (TONE 8)

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (26:1, 12-20)

In those days, King Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense: “I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining round me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ And I said, ‘Who art Thou, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus Whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (9:1-38)

At that time, when Jesus was passing, He saw a man blind from his birth. And His Disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. I must work the works of Him Who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” As He said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man’s eyes with the clay, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” [which means Sent]. So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said,

“Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he”; others said, “No, but he is like him.” He said, “I am the man.” They said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age, ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become His disciples?” And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.” The man answered, “Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” He answered, “And Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who speaks to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe”; and he worshiped Him .