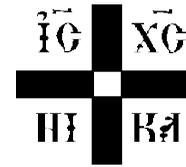
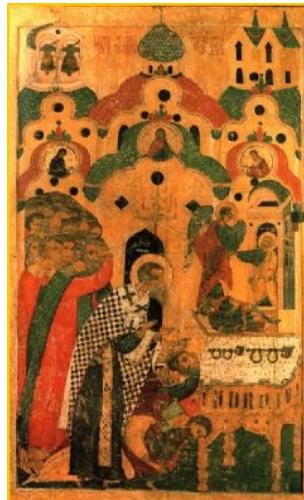


## Week Schedule

**Saturday** Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions following Vespers

**Sunday** Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.  
*Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy*

The Veneration of the Honorable Chains of the Holy and All-Praised Apostle Peter: In about the year 42, on the orders of Herod Agrippa, the Apostle Peter was thrown into prison for preaching about Christ the Savior. In prison he was held secure by two iron chains. During the night before his trial, an angel of the Lord removed these chains from the Apostle Peter and led him out from the prison (Acts 12:1-11). Christians who learned of the miracle took the chains and kept them as precious keepsakes. For three centuries the chains were kept in Jerusalem, and those afflicted with illness and approached them with faith received healing. Patriarch Juvenal (July 2) presented the chains to Eudokia, wife of the emperor Theodosius the Younger, and she in turn transferred them from Jerusalem to Constantinople in either the year 437 or 439. Eudokia sent one chain to Rome to her daughter Eudoxia (the wife of Valentinian), who built a church on the Esquiline hill dedicated to the Apostle Peter and placed the chain in it. There were other chains in Rome, with which the Apostle Peter was shackled before his martyrdom under the emperor Nero. These were also placed in the church. On January 16, the chains of St Peter are brought out for public veneration



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### **Troparion (Tone 1)**

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrec- tion, O Christ! Glory to Your King- dom!//Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

### **Troparion (Tone 4)**

You came to us without leaving Rome through the precious chains that you wore. First-enthroned of the Apostles, we bow down to them in faith and pray: “Through your prayers to God grant us great mercy!”

### **Kontakion (Tone 1)**

As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You:// “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

**January 16, 2011**

**34<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —**  
**Tone 1.** Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter.

### **Kontakion (Tone 2)**

Christ the Rock radiantly glorifies the Rock of Faith, the first-enthroned of the Disciples; He calls us to honor the miracles wrought through Peter’s chains, so that he may grant us forgiveness of our sins.

### **Prayers for The Faithful and Departed**

Dn. Peter Skoog, Lena Robovitsky, Michael and Joyce Spack, John and Michael Spack, Daniel Herbert, clergy and parishioners. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

William (Bill), James Leddy, Michael Spack, Sr., Anna and Michael Pellack. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### **Epistle Reading**

#### **Colossians 3:4-11**

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 18:18-27**

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

### **Welcome to our Visitors!**

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Church Telephone Number**

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

#### **Church Education**

Do remember that the last Sunday of the month is devoted to our church education. We'll continue to address suffering and Christ following the Divine Liturgy.

#### **Annual Meeting**

The parish council has scheduled our the church annual meeting for Sunday February 6. Please make every effort to be present at the Divine Liturgy and meeting this day.