

Adult Bible Study Beginning April 15, 2018

St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Endicott

New Series on the Books of Acts and Romans

In its wisdom the Church has chosen daily readings from the Book of Acts from Pascha until Pentecost and then daily readings from the Book of Romans. Please join us on Sundays at 12 noon beginning April 15, 2018 for a new series of Bible studies that will focus on the readings given by the Church.

In the Book of Acts we will journey with St. Peter and St. Paul (among others) and see the Lord's promises fulfilled by the fisherman and the persecutor of the Church. We will visit many places and discover the Holy Spirit acting through many people in the great adventures of the early Church. Together we will discover the great themes that run through this book of Scripture so that we can connect the various stories and grow in faith and understanding. One central theme we will discuss is that the Holy Spirit now comes not to just great kings and prophets as in times past, but the Holy Spirit is available to all. That "all" includes us.

Our Acts study will last until May 27th (Pentecost). We will cover a lot of ground as we journey through the Book of Acts in only 7 weeks. Participants will benefit greatly by keeping up with the daily readings from Acts at home. I'll need volunteers to keep a map and a chart of people mentioned in the book. By the end of our study we will have a grasp of the people and places in Acts and a few of the themes that tie the book together, themes that will help us to live out our faith.

After Pentecost we will shift gears and study the Book of Romans. This wonderful book is a masterpiece of theology. Modern Western Evangelical teaching draws upon Romans to provide a condensed view of salvation which is called the "Romans Road". We will be taking a different road. We will draw from the Book of Romans and attempt to articulate a full Orthodox view of salvation which we will call the "Patristic Path". If we can do this in a clear and memorable way we will have achieved our purpose. Please join us in this journey of faith.