

Matters of the Heart

Orthodox reflections on faith and life



28 In Praise of the Apostles

The church places the holy and blessed Apostles Peter and Paul in high esteem, dedicating a fast in their honour. For these venerable leaders of the Apostles laboured fervently for the glory of the Kingdom. The transformation they each underwent is a great testimony to us who are striving for holiness. Both Peter and Paul denied the Lord, one forsaking Jesus in His darkest hour, whilst the other was a persecutor of the Body of Christ, the Church. However after God transformed their lives, both men underwent profound changes, and both confessed of the Lord's divinity. The two great apostles sacrificed all to follow Christ, becoming chosen vessels for the Lord. Remembering therefore their many sufferings, we ought to imitate their holy life and steadfastness of faith. Loving in them the abundant Grace with which they were filled and the fervent love they had for their Messiah.

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See
Matthew 16:17-18

And
Acts 9:15

*Through the prayers,
of my masters the
bathers the apostles,
our father Peter and
our teacher Paul, O
Lord grant us the
forgiveness of our sins.*
