

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11. God's angel miraculously rescues Peter from Herod's clutches, prison chains and certain death. Herod had already beheaded James, the brother of John.

Psalm 34: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18. Paul is already being poured out as a sacrifice. He has finished the race and awaits a merited crown.

Matthew 16:13-19. In confessing Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, Peter's name is changed by Jesus from Simon or "Rock" or Peter, for he is to be the rock of the church.