

# **Saints Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church**

*(A parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)*

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## **Today's Services - December 22, 2013 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 8)**

### Today's Saints

*Sunday Before Nativity/ Forefeast of the Nativity, Great-martyr Anastasia,  
the Deliverer from Potions, and her teacher, Martyr Chrysogonus*

### Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

After Divine Liturgy - Parastas in memory of Andrew & Juliana Bacsik,  
offered by Russell & Andrea Wyskanycz

### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)*

*Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)*

### Upcoming Services: December 24-25, 2013

4:30 PM (Tuesday) - Vigil Service w. Lity

9:30 AM (Wednesday) - Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Services: December 26, 2013

9:30 AM (Thursday) - Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Services: December 27, 2013

9:30 AM (Friday) - Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Services: December 28-29, 2013

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* "Coffee Hour" today after Liturgy - all parishioners and visitors are welcome! A sign-up sheet for January house blessings is now in the church vestibule. All parishioners and visitors are invited to the Carpathian Club for a Christmas repast after Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day, December 25, 2013.

*Diocesan Events:* Please remember the Diocese's Christmas charity project for the benefit of the Bethany School for Girls in the Occupied West Bank, which is run by the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem. For information, see Marge Kovach.

*Local Events:* "Noel: A Christmas Organ Recital," featuring organist Dr. James Sanderson, is 3:00 PM today at Trinity Episcopal Church, Broadway and W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Bayonne, N.J. Parking is available in the lot on W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Admission is free, though donations are welcome.

Today's Special Donations

Seven-Day Vigils offered by Stephen & Deborah Wanko in memory of June Bianchini (on her birthday).

Sacramental Wine & Bread offered by Russell & Andrea Wyskanycz in memory of Juliana Bacsik (on the anniversary of her repose).

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

### TROPARION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

Be thou ready, O Bethlehem; for Eden hath been opened for all. Prepare, O Ephratha; for the Tree of life hath blossomed forth in the cave from the Virgin; for her belly did appear as a noetic paradise in which is planted the divine Plant, whereof eating we shall live and not die as Adam. Verily, Christ shall be born, raising the likeness that fell of old.

### TROPARION OF SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*

### KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

### THE PROKIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever.  
*v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.*

### THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (11:9-10, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked

forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us.*

#### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW (1:1-25)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ were fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When

His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His Name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His Name Jesus.