

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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May 3, 2015 – 4th Sunday of Pascha: The Paralytic (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Martyrs Timothy and Maura of Antinoe in Egypt; St. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Russian Monasticism; St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argos

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Cathryn Christensen offered by Anonymous

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: John 5:1-15 (see Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Offerings

St. John's Cross offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of Joseph Macinsky (anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas's Cross** offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Joseph Pirniak (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Our annual “Spaghetti & Meatball” dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$20 per person—see Stephen Wasilewski or Marge Kovach.

“R” Club: The “R” Club’s excursion to the Broadway Theatre in New York City for the Broadway performance of “Dr. Zhivago” is today. The matinee performance is at 3:00 PM, and there will be a “meet and greet” with the cast and crew after the performance. This event is for the benefit of the St. Tikhon’s Married Student Housing project. ***The Bayonne Alpha “R” Club is having a meeting today after Liturgy.***

Other Events: Archbishop Michael’s fifth anniversary of episcopate will be observed on Saturday, May 9, 2015 – see flyer posted on the bulletin board. ***The deadline for reservations is tomorrow!***

Upcoming Services

May 2-3, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, May 03, 2015

Tone 3 / Fourth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic

Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife, Maura, of Antioch in Egypt; St. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves, Founder of Russian Monasticism, St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argos

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! *TWICE*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death . . .

Choir: . . . and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

- *Sing these troparia in the following order:*

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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

KONTAKION OF THE PARALYTIC IN TONE THREE

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou raised up the paralytic of old, so raise up my soul paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: “Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!”

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the upright.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Thy mercies, O Lord, I shall sing forever, from generation to generation.
v. For Thou hast said: “Mercy shall be built up forever.”

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

PASCHAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE ONE

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee; dance now and be glad, O Zion, and do thou exult, O pure Theotokos, in the rising of Him Whom thou didst bear.

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" ONCE.*
- *Dismissal: After priest intones "Glory to Thee, O Christ . . ." the choir responds with "Christ is risen from the dead . . ." THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*