

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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October 18, 2015 – 20th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Apostle & Evangelist Luke; Martyr Marinus the Elder, of Anazarbus; St. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia; Martyr Justus of Beauvais; St. Peter of Cetinje; St. Joseph, Abbot & Wonderworker of Volokolamsk; St. James the Deacon, of York

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Colossians 4:5-9, 14, 18 & Galatians 10:11-19 (see Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Luke 10:16-21 & Luke 8:5-15 (see Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Stephen Brelinky (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Our parish's Slavic Oktoberfest is Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$30 per person (advance purchase only). For tickets and information, contact Stephen Wasilewski at (201) 960-4352 or stephen12375@aol.com, or Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765 or mjkovach@aol.com. Checks should be payable to "Ss. Peter and Paul R.O.G.C. Church."

"R" Club: The New Jersey District's annual convention is taking place at our church on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Registration starts at 2:00 PM.

Area Event: St. Mary's Orthodox Catholic Church, 89 W. 29th Street, Bayonne, N.J., is having its annual "Card Party" and Pasta Dinner on Sunday, November 1, 2015. See Olga DeMay for more information.

Upcoming Services

October 24-25, 2015 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, October 18, 2015

Tone 3 / Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke

Martyr Marinus the Elder at Anazarbus; St. Julian the Hermit, of Mesopotamia; St. Joseph, Abbot and Wonderworker of Volokolamsk; St. Peter of Cetinje; St. James the Deacon, of York; Martyr Justus of Beauvais

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 become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST IN TONE THREE

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke, intercede with the merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION TONE THREE

On this day, Thou risest from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day, Adam exults as Eve rejoices, with the Prophets and the Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Prokeimenon in Tone Eight: *Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their works to the ends of the universe!*

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (4:5-9, 14, 18)

Brethren, conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone. Tychicus will tell you all about my affairs; he is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are and that he may encourage your hearts, and with him Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They will tell you of everything that has taken place. Luke the beloved physician and Demas greet you. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you. Amen.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

ALLELUIA IN TONE THREE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v. Be a God of protection for me; a house of refuge in order to save me!

v. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:16-21)

The Lord said, "He who hears you hears Me, and he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." The Seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Thy Name!" And Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit and said, "I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was Thy gracious will."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things, He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among the thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! His proclamation hath gone out into all the earth; and his words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!