

# Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

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*Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul's Church of Bayonne, N.J. Our church was founded in 1922 and is a parish of the Orthodox Church in America. We hope that you enjoyed your visit today and, if you are searching for a new spiritual home, we would love for you to become a member of our parish family. To our parishioners here today, thank you for your ongoing participation in our church's worship and ministry.*

## November 15, 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Tone 7)

### Today's Saints

Martyrs Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus of Edessa; St. Paisius Velichkovsky; Hieromartyr Felix, Bishop of Nola; St. Malo, Bishop in Brittany; St. Arnulf, Bishop of Toul; St. Desiderius, Bishop of Cahors; Martyr Eugenius of Paris; St. Findan, Abbot of Rheinau; Martyr Demetrius of Thrace

### Today's Divine Services

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Benedict Benda, Stephanie Economides, Theodore Benda, and Peter Kaczyak offered by the Benda Family

### Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

*See the Bulletin Insert for today's Bible readings and other Liturgy variables.*

### Today's Special Offerings

**Seven-day Altar Vigils** and **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Eva Benda in memory of Benedict Benda (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** and **St. John's Cross** offered by Robert Pierce in memory of Hubert Ward. **Triple Candelabra** offered by Philip Benda in memory of Benedict Benda (4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of repose).

### Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* Our parish's Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled on Sunday, November 22, 2015 after the Divine Liturgy—all parish members in “good-standing” are encouraged to attend the meeting. The Parish Council is meeting *today* after Divine Liturgy.

## Upcoming Services

Nov. 20-21, 2015 (Great Feast)

Nov. 21-22, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Fri.) – Great Vespers

6:00 PM (Sat.) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sat.) – Divine Liturgy

9:30 AM (Sun.) – Divine Liturgy

## **Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, November 15, 2015**

### **Tone 7 / First Sunday of Advent**

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Thrace

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

#### TROPARION FOR SS. GURIAS, SAMONAS AND ABIBUS IN TONE FIVE

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs Gurias, Samonas and Abibus as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians, since Thou art good and the Lover of mankind.

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

#### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection!”

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

*v. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)**

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.*

*v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.*

#### THE GOSPEL

##### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read?” And the lawyer answered, “You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And Jesus said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” The lawyer said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

#### COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!