

# 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.*

### January 1, 2017 – Sunday Before Holy Theophany

#### Today's Saints

*Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ.* St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia; St. Basil, Bishop of Ancyra; Martyr Telemachus of Rome; St. Fulgentius, Bishop of Ruspe; St. William of Dijon

#### Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy  
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Fr. Nicholas Fedetz offered by Tais Fedetz

#### Today's Special Offerings

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Laura Marie Gallien Royer (anniversary of birth). **Triple Candelabra** and **Sacramental Bread** offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz (anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas Cross** offered by Maria Suchowacki in memory of Antonina Rotko (anniversary of repose).

#### Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

#### Announcements & Events

- We are collecting the front sides of used Christmas cards for recycling by the nuns of Holy Transfiguration Monastery. So please bring your Christmas cards to church rather than tossing them in the trash,
- Please take notice of the schedule for house blessings on January 6-8, 2017 in the January issue of "Quo Vadis. For changes in the schedule, or cancelation and additions, please call the Rectory at 201-436-3244.
- Fr. Sophrony shall be away from the evening of Jan. 9th until the morning of Jan. 18th. A substitute priest will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Emergencies during Fr. Sophrony's absence should be directed to Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604.
- A Roast Pork Dinner sponsored by the RBO Lodge # 100 will be held on January 22, 2017 at 11:30 AM in the church hall. Tickets are \$20 per person. All proceeds from this dinner will be donated to the church. Please see Russ Wyskanycz or Robert Pierce for tickets. Tickets for a basket of cheer worth over \$100 will also be available for \$5 a ticket or 3 for \$10.

### Upcoming Services

#### January 5-6, 2017 (Holy Theophany)

6:00 PM (Thu.) – Vigil w. Lity  
9:30 AM (Fri.) – Divine Liturgy

#### January 7-8, 2017 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Sat.) – Great Vespers  
9:30 AM (Sun.) – Divine Liturgy

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 01, 2017**  
**TONE 3 / SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

TROPARION OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thy proclamation has gone out into all the earth, which was divinely taught by hearing thy voice. Thou didst expound the nature of creatures and didst ennoble the manners of men. O venerable Father of royal priesthood, // entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

TROPARION OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT IN TONE ONE

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Thy divine Spirit, O Jesus, Thou didst will to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, thy Mother. Therefore Thou wast circumcised as an eight-day-old Child. Glory to Thy most gracious counsel; glory to Thy dispensation; // glory to Thy condescension, O only Lover of man!

- Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul.
- 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 THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised, thus, as He is good, He excises the sins of mortal men. Today He grants the world salvation, while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator, // rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!  
*v. To thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

**Prokeimenon in Tone One:** My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

THE EPISTLE

**The reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (4:5-8)**

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (2:8-12)**

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us!*

*v. That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.*

*v. Give ear, O shepherd of Israel, Thou Who led Joseph like a flock!*

THE GOSPEL

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he

preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

**The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:20-21, 40-52)**

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously." And Jesus said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child - our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!