

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.

May 7, 2017 – 4th Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

St. Alexis (Toth) of Wilkes-Barre, Confessor; St. Nilus, Abbot of Sora; Martyr Acacius the Centurion, of Byzantium; St. Juvenal of Benevento; St. Nilus the Myrrh-gusher, of the Great Lavra (Mount Athos); Monk-martyr Pachomius of Mount Athos; St. John of Beverly, Bishop of York; St. Domitian, Bishop of Maastricht; Ss. Serenicus & Serenus of Spoleto; St. Peter, Bishop of Pavia; Commemoration of the Apparition of the Sign of the Precious Cross Over Jerusalem, in AD 351; Zhirovits Icon of the Virgin Mary

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

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

Announcements & Events

- A Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 11:30 AM. The menu consists of salad, Italian bread, spaghetti and meatballs, wine, coffee or tea, and dessert. Tickets are \$20 per person; for information and tickets, contact Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765.
- Fr. Sophrony is leaving for Puerto Rico on the evening of May 15th and will return on the morning of May 24th. A substitute priest shall celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 21st. Emergencies should be directed to Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604 while Fr. Sophrony is away.
- The 113th Annual Memorial Day Pilgrimage at St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania is scheduled for May 26-29, 2017. See www.sttikhonsmonastery.org for information.

Upcoming Services

May 13-14, 2017 (Next Weekend)

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

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Stephen Wanko is organizing a used book donation drive to assist an Eagle Scout in establishing a library in support of Women Rising, a Jersey City based organization which helps women in Hudson County in a variety of ways. Please drop off new or gently used books for children to adults (no textbooks) in the church hall. Thank You.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, MAY 07, 2017
TONE 3 / FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

ST. ALEXIS TOTH OF WILKES-BARRE, CONFESSOR AND DEFENDER OF ORTHODOXY IN AMERICA

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 TO ST. ALEXIS OF WILKE-BARRE IN TONE FOUR

O righteous Father Alexis, our heavenly intercessor and teacher, divine adornment of the Church of Christ, entreat the Master of All to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America, to grant peace to the world//and to our souls great mercy!

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*

KONTAKION FROM THE PENTECOSTARION IN TONE THREE

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou didst raise 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!”

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal, Thou didst destroy the power of death. In victory Thou didst arise, O Christ God, proclaiming, “Rejoice!” to the Myrrhbearing Women//granting peace to Thine Apostles, and bestowing Resurrection on the 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 just!

Second Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Sainly 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.

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

But I make known to you, brethren, 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 Him 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 FIVE

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v. *I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth will I proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.*

v. *For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens."*

v. *Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.*

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 38 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.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (10:1-9)

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them. Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All

who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

- *Instead of "It is truly meet," the choir sings "The angel cried to the Lady" and "Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem."*
- **Communion Hymns:** Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- *Instead of "We have seen the true light," the choir sings "Christ is Risen" ONCE*

<p><i>At Liturgy Dismissal: When priest says "Glory to Thee, O Christ . . ." the Choir responds with "Christ is Risen" THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used</i></p>
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