

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.

September 24, 2017 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

Synaxis of All Martyrs of Alaska. Protomartyr Thecla, Equal-to-the-Apostles; St. Gerard Sagredo, Apostle of Hungary; St. Copres of Palestine; St. Vladislav, King of Serbia; St. Silouan of Mount Athos; St. Dorothy of Kashin; St. Anathalon, 1st Bishop of Milan; Martyrs Andochius, Thyrsus and Felix of Autun; St. Rusticus, Bishop of Clermont; St. Germer, Founder of Saint-Germer Abbey; St. Isarnus of Toulouse, Abbot of Saint-Victor (in Marseilles); Ss. Abramius, Abbot of Pskov, and Nicander, Hermit of Pskov; Monk-martyr Galacteon of Vologda

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Soufi Saba, offered by Leila Nesheiwat, and Stephen Pirniak Jr., offered by the Pirniak Family

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 John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of repose). **St. John's Cross** offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Stephen Pirniak Jr. (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

- The Bayonne Alpha "R" Club's annual flea market continues on Saturday, September 30th.
- There shall be a Parastas after Liturgy next Sunday in memory of Omer J. Royer.
- There shall be a special collection on the first three Sundays of October for the benefit of International Orthodox Christian Charities' Hurricane Relief. Thank you in advance for your generosity!
- Our parish's Oktoberfest – a buffet of Slavic and German foods with beer and wine – will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$30 per person, advance purchase only. For tickets, 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."
- Christ the Savior Church, 365 Paramus Road, Paramus, N.J., is having its annual parish picnic on Sunday, October 1, 2017, 12:00-8:00 PM. Tickets for food and beverages are sold on site.
- Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, 35 Orange Avenue, Clifton, N.J., is having its annual Beefsteak Dinner on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM. For information contact Fr. Terence Baz at 973-777-2906.

Upcoming Services

September 30-October 1, 2017 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables for September 24, 2017 Tone 7 / Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death! To the thief Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

TROPARION OF ALL ALASKAN MARTYRS IN TONE FOUR

Today Alaska rejoices and America celebrates, / For the new world has been sanctified by martyrdom / Kodiak echoes with songs of thanksgiving, / Iliamna and Kenai observe the festival of faith. / The Apostle and martyr Juvenaly is glorified, / And Peter the Aleut is exalted by his voluntary sacrifice, / In their devotion and love for the Lord / They willingly endured persecution and death for the Truth, / Now in the Kingdom of Heaven they intercede for our souls!

TROPARION OF ST. THECLA IN TONE FOUR

You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O Bride of God, Thecla, / And your faith was confirmed by Peter, O Chosen One of God. / You became the first sufferer and martyr among women, / By entering into the flames as into a place of gladness. / For when you accepted the Cross of Christ, / The demonic powers were frightened away. / O all-praised One, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved.

- *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.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

he 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, you 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. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (8:28-39)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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. (5:1-11)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (21:12-19)

But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But not a hair of your head shall be lost. By your patience possess your souls.

COMMUNION HYMN

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