

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.

October 1, 2017 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 8)

Today's Saints

Protection of the All-holy Virgin Mary. St. Romanus the Melodist; Apostle Ananias of the Seventy; St. John Koukouzelis the Hymnographer, of Mount Athos; Martyr Michael the Abbot and 36 Martyred Fathers of Armenia; Martyr Domninus of Thessalonica; St. Gregory Domesticus of Mount Athos; Translation of the Relics of St. Remigius, Apostle to the Franks; Ss. Mirian and Nana, Equals-to-the-Apostles, King and Queen of Iberia; St. Melchizedek, Catholicos of All Georgia; St. Sidonia of Georgia; Martyr Aretas of Rome & Companions; Martyr Piaton of Tournai; Martyrs Verissimus, Maxima and Julia of Portugal; St. Bavo of Ghent; St. Melorius; St. Dodo, Abbot of Wallers-en-Faigne; St. Virila of Navarre, Abbot of San Salvador de Leyre

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Omer J. Royer, offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Omer Joseph Royer.

Announcements & Events

- There shall be a Parastas after Liturgy next Sunday in memory of Fr. John Kopystansky.
- 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 (contact Stephen Wasilewski at (201) 960-4352 or stephen12375@aol.com, or Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765 or mjkovach@aol.com). Make checks 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 today, 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.
- Our newest mission parish, St. Simon of Cyrene, New Brunswick, N.J., will host an Akathistos to the African Saints with prayers for racial reconciliation today at 6:00 PM. Following the service Archbishop Michael give offer a brief address on the themes of racism, prejudice, and reconciliation.

Upcoming Services

October 7-8, 2017 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables for October 1, 2017 Tone 8 / Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF VIRGIN MARY'S PROTECTION IN TONE FOUR

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy / illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. / Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you: / "Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; / deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, / your Son and our God that He may save our souls."

TROPARION OF ST. ROMANUS IN TONE FOUR

You gladdened Christ's Church by your melodies / like an inspired heavenly trumpet. / You were enlightened by the Mother of God / and shone on the world as God's poet. / We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanus.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE EIGHT

Having arisen from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve also dances at Thy Resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Thy rising from the dead, O Greatly-merciful One.

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

KONTAKION OF VIRGIN MARY'S PROTECTION IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops worship, Apostles and Prophets rejoice together, since for your sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Prokeimenon in Tone Three: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)
Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:28-42, 11:27-28)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!