

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.

December 3, 2017 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 1)

Today's Saints

Prophet Zephaniah; St. Theodulus the Eparch, of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria; St. John the Silent, of St. Sabbas Monastery; St. Sabbas, Abbot of Zvenigorod (disciple of St. Sergius of Radonezh); St. George of Cernica; New Martyr Angelos of Chios; St. Lucius of Britain; Martyr Cassian of Tangier; St. Mirocles, Archbishop of Milan; Martyr Agricola of Pannonia; St. Eloque, Abbot of Lagny; St. Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester, "Apostle of Wessex"; St. Attalia, Abbess in Strasbourg; St. Sola of Fulda; St. Abbo, Bishop of Auxerre

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

- The annual FOCA St. Andrew/St. Nicholas Vespers will be at St. John the Baptist R.O. Church in Singac, N.J. today at 3:00 PM. After Vespers, Dr. Albert Rossi of St. Vladimir's Seminary will give a lecture. See flyer on the church bulletin board.
- A pledge drive to raise funds for replacing the church's air-conditioning system is commencing immediately. Our objective is to raise at least \$7,500 in pledges before entering into a contract – a letter about this will soon be sent to all parishioners.
- *Local Events:* Flyers about a Christmas concert in Bergenfield, N.J. and a Holiday Cookie Sale in Wayne, N.J. are posted on the church bulletin board.
- The nuns from St. Elizabeth's Convent in Minsk, Belarus are selling holiday gifts and icons at their booth set up on Columbus Circle in Manhattan. See flyer on church bulletin board.
- There shall be a Panichida at 9:30 AM tomorrow in memory of Raymond Omer Royer.

Upcoming Services

December 5-6, 2017 (St. Nicholas)

6:00 PM (Tuesday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy

December 9-10, 2017 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for December 3, 2017

Tone 1 / Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

TROPARION OF PROPHET ZEPHANIAH IN TONE TWO

We celebrate the memory / of Thy prophet Zephaniah, O Lord; / through him we beseech Thee: / “Save our souls.”

- *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 ONE

As God Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God / for Death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master, as Eve rejoices, / for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee; // Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!

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!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:9-19)

Brethren, for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because

the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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