

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 10, 2017 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 2)

Today's Saints

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus of Alexandria; St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod; Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia; St. Thomas of Bithynia; Virgin-martyrs Eulalia and Julia of Merida; Martyr Mercurius of Sicily and Companions; Martyrs Carpophorus and Abundius; St. Miltiades, Pope of Rome, St. Gregory III, Pope of Rome; St. Deusdedit, Bishop of Brescia; St. Guitmarus, Abbot of Saint-Riquier; St. Hildemar, Bishop of Beauvais; St. Sindulphus, Bishop of Vienne; Ss. John, King of Serbia, and Stephen & Angelina, Prince and Princess of Serbia

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Salvador & Alberto Nasri, offered by Cibebe Nasri-Heir

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Announcements & Events

- 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.
- The Parish Council is meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
- The church wall calendar for 2018 is now available in the vestibule.
- Christmas is only fifteen days weeks away – please use your Christmas Flowers envelope (or offer a cash donation) – for the flowers decorating the church for Christmas.
- Confession during the Nativity Fast is an obligation of all parishioners. Confessions may be heard after any Vespers; those unable to attend a Vespers will need to contact Fr. Sophrony to make an appointment.
- This month the Diocese of New York & New Jersey is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the restoration of the Moscow Patriarchate, and the election of Metropolitan Tikhon, the former Archbishop of New York who served in America from 1898-1907, to the office of Patriarch. In the New Jersey Deanery an Akathistos is scheduled for 4:00 PM next Sunday at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, 365 Paramus Rd., Paramus, N.J. to commemorate this centennial.
- Sincere sympathy to John Yendrey on the recent repose of his wife, Louise. Memory Eternal!

Upcoming Services

December 16-17, 2017 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for December 10, 2017 Tone 2 / Twenty-seventh Sunday After Pentecost

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou descended to death, O Life Immortal, Thou destroyed hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

TROPARION OF THE MARTYRS IN TONE EIGHT

Since they had slain through their abstinence and struggles / the fiery ragings and fierce motions of the passions, / the staunch Martyrs of Christ God laid hold on the graces / to drive off the pains and illnesses of the sick / and work wonders both while living and after death. / Strange indeed is the miracle: / that these bare bones should pour forth / such overflowing streams of cures. // Glory be to our only God.

- *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 TWO

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, / and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE TWO

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord hath chastened me sorely, but He hath not given me over to death.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be

able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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