

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 17, 2017 – Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Holy Forefathers of Christ; Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths, Ananias, Azarias, and Misael; St. Daniel the Confessor; St. Dionysius of Zakynthos, Bishop of Aegina; New Martyr Paisius of Serbia; St. Maxentius (disciple of St. Martin of Tours); St. Judicäel, King of Brittany; St. Begga, Abbess of Andenne; St. Sturm, Founder and Abbot of Fulda; St. Aegilus, Abbot of Fulda.

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Fr. John Chepeleff, Fr. Damian Krehel, and Andrew and Juliana Bascik, offered by Russell and Andrea Wyskanycz

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 today after Divine Liturgy.
- The church wall calendar for 2018 is now available in the vestibule.
- Christmas is only eight 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.
- The Akathistos to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the restoration of the Moscow Patriarchate and St. Tikhon the Confessor's election as Patriarch is today at 4:00 PM at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, 365 Paramus Rd., Paramus, N.J.
- The Carpathian Club invites all parishioners and visitors to a social gathering in the Club Hall after Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day.

Upcoming Services

December 23-24, 2017 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for December 17, 2017

Tone 3 / Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

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 OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore Thee without seed. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

- *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.*

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE SIX

Ye did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, ye were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames ye called on God, crying: "Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, // for Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou dost will!"

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the

wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.

v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for all is now ready." But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused." And another said, "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused." And another said, "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, "Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame." And the servant said, "Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room." And the master said to the servant, "Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet." For many are called, but few are chosen."

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O
ye righteous! Praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!