

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 31, 2017 – Sunday After Nativity (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

Prophet King David, St. Joseph the Betrothed, and St. James "Brother of the Lord"; St. Melania the Younger, of Rome; St. Sylvester, Pope of Rome; St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Ochrid; St. Columba of Sens; Ss. Sabinian and Potentian, Bishops of Sens; Martyrs Donata, Paulina, Rustica, Nominanda, Serotina, Hilaria of Rome and Companions; Martyrs Stephen, Pontian, Attalus, Fabian, Cornelius, Sextus, Flos, Quintian, Minervinus, and Simplician of Catania; St. Barbatian of Ravenna; St. Peter of Subiaco; St. Dositheus the Confessor, of Serbia; St. Cyriacus of Bisericani

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of V. Rev. Nicholas Fedetz, offered by Tais Fedeta, and Raymond O. 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

St. Nicholas' Cross offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of V. Rev. Nicholas Fedetz.
St. John's Cross offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Raymond O. Royer.

Announcements & Events

- We are collecting the front sides of used Christmas cards for recycling by the nuns of Holy Transfiguration Monastery. So please bring your Christmas cards to church rather than tossing them in the trash.
- Blessing of Homes: All Bayonne addresses (except 95 W. 28th St.) on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 12:00 – 4:00 PM. Outside Bayonne on Sunday, Jan. 7th, 12:00 – 4:00 PM. Please call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 in the event you require changes in the schedule.
- Fr. Sophrony will be away Jan. 9-15, 2018. A substitute priest shall say Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018. In the event of an emergency while Fr. Sophrony is away, please call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-6604.
- Mrs. Valentina Benda, age 98, formerly of Staten Island, New York, passed into blessed repose on Dec. 21, 2017. Fr. Sophrony's aunt, Mrs. Domenica Cusano, passed into blessed repose on Dec. 23, 2017. Memory Eternal!

Upcoming Services

January 1, 2018 (St. Basil/Circumcision of Christ)

9:30 AM (Monday) – Divine Liturgy

January 5-6, 2018 (Holy Theophany)

6:00 PM (Friday) – Vigil w. Lity
9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water

January 6-7, 2018 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables for December 31, 2017 Tone 5 / Sunday After Christ's Nativity

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, / to David, the ancestor of God: / you saw a Virgin great with Child, / you gave glory with the shepherds, / you worshipped with the Magi, / you received the news from the angel. / Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

TROPARION OF NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, / Has shone the Light of wisdom to all the world! / For by it, those who worshipped the stars, / Were taught by a Star to adore Thee, / The Sun of Righteousness, / And to know Thee, the Orient from on High. / O Lord, glory to Thee!

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

KONTAKION OF SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today godly David is filled with joy; / Joseph and James offer praise. / The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. / They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, / and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor Thee!"

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

KONTAKION OF NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, / And the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! / Angels with shepherds glorify Him! / The wise men journey with a star! / Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a Little Child!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; and My truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:13-23)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was

exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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!