

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.

January 7, 2018 – Sunday After Theophany (Tone 6)

Today's Saints

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist. St. Valentine of Rhaetia; St. Crispin, Bishop of Pavia; St. Tillo of Solignac; St. Brannock, Abbot of Braunton; St. Kentigerna, Anchoress of Loch Lomond (in Scotland); St. Emilian of Saujon; St. Alderic, Bishop of LeMans; St. Anastasius, Archbishop of Sens; St. Reinhold of Cologne; St. Wittikund, Duke of Westphalia

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.

Today's Special Offerings

Altar Vigils offered by Maria Suchowacki in memory of Pelagia Szewczyk (anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Gregory Grudinoff (anniversary of birth).

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: Homes outside Bayonne will be blessed today, 12:00 – 4:00 PM. Call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 in the event you require a special appointment.
- 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.
- The Parish Council's installation ceremony, and next monthly meeting, is scheduled for Sunday, January 21, 2018. All parish council members ought to be present.

Upcoming Services

January 14, 2018 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for January 7, 2018 Tone 6 / Sunday After Theophany

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou hast captured Hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord Who rose from the dead: Glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THEOPHANY IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord was baptized in the Jordan / The worship of the Trinity was made manifest / For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee / And called Thee His beloved Son. / And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, / Confirmed the truthfulness of His word. / O Christ, our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and enlightened the world, / glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE TWO

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, / but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner. / You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets, / for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold. / Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, / you proclaimed to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh, / who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy!

- *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 SIX

Christ God the Giver of Life, with His enlivening hand, raised all the dead from the dark abyss, He granted resurrection to the human race; for He is the Savior of all, The Resurrection and the Life, and the God of all.

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

KONTAKION OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast shown forth to the world, O Lord, / and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. / Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises. / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, / O unapproachable Light.

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 upright!

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: The righteous shall in the Lord and he shall hope in Him.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (19:1-8)

In those days, it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

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; Thy Truth will be prepared in the heavens. v. Hear my prayer, O God, when I pray unto Thee.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:29-34)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.” And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

MEGALYNARION TO THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE TWO

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even the Angels are overcome with awe praising thee! But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God. Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMN