

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 28, 2018 – Sunday of Pharisee & Publican (Tone 1)

Today's Saints

Synaxis of Three Hierarchs [transferred from Jan. 30th]; New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia; St. Ephraem the Syrian; St. Isaac the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh; St. Palladius the Hermit, of Antioch; St. Theodosius, Abbot of Totma; Martyr Flavian; St. Valerius, Bishop of Saragossa; St. John of Reomay; St. Odo of Beauvais; Martyrs Brigid and Maura; St. Antimus, Abbot of Brantôme; St. Glastian of Scotland

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Valentina Benda, offered by Lorraine Korello, in memory of Domenica Cusano, offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer, and in memory of Stephanie Economidis, offered by Eva Benda.

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of Joseph Macinsky (anniversary of birth). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Domenica Cusano.

Announcements & Events

- The “R” Club is having an ice-skating excursion at the Kospi Ice Rink (at Bayonne High School) on Sunday, February 11, 2018, with a “social” to follow in our parish hall. Price for skating, skate rental and social is \$12/adult and \$10/child. Social only is \$7/adult and \$5/child. Reservations required by February 4th. Contact Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765 or mjkovach@aol.com.
- A gentle reminder to all parishioners and friends of our parish of the pledge drive to raise funds for the replacement of the church's air-conditioning system. Any donation, regardless of size, will help towards our goal and will be truly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity!
- The Memorial Saturdays of the Lenten season this year are February 10th, March 3rd, March 10th, and March 17th. Fr. Sophrony will also say the Litany of the Departed at Divine Liturgy on St. Theodore Saturday (February 24th). Given the date of the first of these Memorial Saturdays, please confirm any changes to your lists of the faithful departed by Sunday, February 3rd.

Upcoming Services

February 1-2, 2018 (Presentation of Christ)

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

February 3-4, 2018 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables for January 28, 2018 Tone 1 / Sunday of Pharisee and Publican

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 THREE HIERARCHS IN TONE ONE

Let us who love their words gather together / and honor with hymns the three great torch-bearers of the triune Godhead: / Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. / These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. /

They are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom / filling all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge. // Ceaselessly they intercede for us before the Holy Trinity!

- *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 age of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF PHARISEE & PUBLICAN IN TONE FOUR

Let us flee the Pharisee's conceited vaunting; let us learn the Publican's humility, and cry with groans unto the Savior: Thou Who alone art swiftly reconciled, be gracious unto us.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Prokeimenon in Tone Eight: "Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; and their words to the ends of the universe."

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with

himself, „God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.“ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, „God, be merciful to me a sinner!“ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION HYMN

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