

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.

February 4, 2018 – Sunday of Prodigal Son (Tone 2)

Today's Saints

Afterfeast of the Presentation of Christ. St. Isidore of Pelusium; Martyrs Jadorus and Isidore; Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela; St. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion; Martyrs Aquilinus, Geminus, Gelasius, Magnus and Donatus; Martyr Eutychius of Rome; St. Aventinus, Bishop of Chartres; St. Aventinus of Troyes; St. Vincent, Bishop of Troyes; Hieromartyr Aldate of Gloucester; St. Modan, Abbot of Stirling; Hieromartyr Liephard of Cambrai; St. Vulgis, Bishop and Abbot of Lobbes Abbey; Martyr Nithard of Sweden; St. Rembert, Bishop of Hamburg; New Martyr Joseph of Aleppo; St. Cyril, Abbot and Wonderworker of Novoezersk; Ss. Abraham and Coprius of Pechenga; St. George the Great, Prince of Vladimir; Martyr Anthony of Supraśl

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.

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 deadline is TODAY. 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). Please confirm any changes to your lists of the faithful departed as soon as possible.
- Next Sunday there shall be a Parastas in memory of Stephen Cimboic and Ann Verona.

Upcoming Services

February 10-11, 2018 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables for February 4, 2018
Tone 2 / Sunday of the Prodigal; Afterfeast of the Presentation of Christ

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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who grants us Resurrection!

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

KONTAKION OF PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou hast given me. / Therefore, I cry to Thee like the Prodigal: / “I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; / receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants.”

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

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

By Thy nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, / And didst bless Simeon’s hands, O Christ God. / Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. / Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

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 First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

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. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.” And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I

am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants'." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

MEGALYNARION OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE THREE

O Theotokos, thou hope of all Christians; keep and shelter and preserve them that set their hope in thee.

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us, the faithful, discern a figure: every male child that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore, we magnify the first-born Word of a Father Who has no beginning, the Son first-born of a Mother who had not known man.

COMMUNION HYMN

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