

# 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 18, 2018 – Sunday of Forgiveness (Tone 4)

#### Today's Saints

St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome; St. Agapetus the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada; St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople; Martyrs Agapetus, Victor, Dorotheus, Theodulus, and Agrippa of Phrygia; St. Colman of Lindisfarne; St. Angilbert (Engelbert), Abbot of St. Riquier; St. Helladius, Archbishop of Toledo; Maximus, Claudius, Praepedigna, Alexander and Cutias of Rome; Lucius, Silvanus, Rutulus, Classicus, Secundinus, Fructulus and Maximus of North Africa; St. Ethelina of Little Sodbury

#### Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy w. Rite of Forgiveness  
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Fr. Michael Chanda and Ernest Alexander 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

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Ernest Alexander Royer.

#### Announcements & Events

- The remaining Memorial Saturdays of the Lenten season this year are 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 Archpriest Michael Chanda and Ernest Alexander Royer.
- Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers will be celebrated at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Ave., South River, N.J. at 4:00pm on Sunday, February 25th.

### Upcoming Services

#### February 19-22, 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent)

6:00 PM (Monday) – Great Canon of Repentance  
6:00 PM (Tuesday) – Great Canon of Repentance  
6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Great Canon of Repentance  
6:00 PM (Thursday) – Great Canon of Repentance

#### February 24-25, 2018 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy w. Blessing of Kolyva  
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

## **Divine Liturgy Variables for February 18, 2018**

### **Tone 4 / Sunday of Forgiveness**

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

#### TROPARION OF ST. LEO IN TONE EIGHT

O Champion of Orthodoxy, and teacher of holiness, / The enlightenment of the universe and the inspired glory of true believers. / O most wise Father Leo, your teachings are as music of the Holy Spirit for us! / Pray that Christ our God may save our souls!

- *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 FORGIVENESS SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

Master, Teacher of wisdom, / Bestower of virtue, / you teach the thoughtless and protect the poor: / Strengthen and enlighten my heart. / Word of the Father, / let me not restrain my mouth from crying to you: / Have mercy on me, a transgressor, // O merciful Lord!

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

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

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on

the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!*

*v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth by night.*

#### THE GOSPEL

##### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)**

The Lord said, to His Disciples: "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

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

- *The Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness shall be done after “Blessed be the Name of the Lord ...” (Thrice). It is customary for the choir to softly sing the Irmosy of the Paschal Canon during the ceremony.*