

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 25, 2018 – Sunday of Orthodoxy (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople; St. Ethelbert (Albert), King of Kent; St. Adeltrude, Abbess of Maubeuge; St. Walburga, Abbess of Heidenheim; Martyrs Donatus, Justus, Herena of North Africa & Companions; St. Victor of St. Gall Abbey (in Switzerland).

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Julia Wasilewski offered by the Wasilewski Family.

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 the Wasilewski Family in memory of Julia Wasilewski (15th anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Deanna DeMay.

Announcements & Events

- Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers will be celebrated today at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Ave., South River, N.J. at 4:00 p.m. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage, N.J. at 4:00 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Parish Council is Sunday, March 11, 2018 after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

February 28 & March 2, 2018 (2st Week of Lent)

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos of the Divine Passion

March 3-4, 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 25, 2018 Tone 5 / Sunday of Orthodoxy

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 ORTHODOXY SUNDAY IN TONE TWO

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. / Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / to deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. / Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to Thee: / Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, / by coming to save the world.

TROPARION OF ST. TARASIIUS IN TONE THREE

You shone forth as a light of the Spirit, / adorned with an exemplary life and clothed in hierarchical vesture. / You stilled the turbulence of heresy / and became a pillar and foundation of the Church, / which praises your struggles, holy Father Tarasius.

- *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 ORTHODOXY SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His name.

v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig

tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

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!