

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.

April 15, 2018 – Sunday of the Apostle Thomas

Today's Saints

Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus of the Seventy; Martyrs Basilissa and Anastasia of Rome (disciples of Ss. Peter and Paul); Martyrs Maro, Eutyches and Victorinus of Rome; Martyr Laurentinus of Vicenza; St. Paternus, Bishop of Vannes; St. Ruadhan, Founder of Lorrha Abbey; St. Sylvester, Abbot of Moutier-Saint-Jean (Réome); St. Hunna of Alsace; St. Nidger, Bishop of Augsburg; St. Mundus of Argyle

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Fr. Alexis Nikolin and Mary Macinsky (40th Day), offered by John and Helen Wanko

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Seven-day Altar Vigils offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Andrew Wanko (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

- Blessing of graves at Kenilworth's Graceland Cemetery and other cemeteries are by appointment.
- The Parish Council is meeting today after Divine Liturgy.
- The Parish Council has scheduled a special parish meeting for the adoption of revised parish by-laws on Sunday, April 29, 2018 after Divine Liturgy.
- A Pasta & Meatball Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 11:30 AM. The menu consists of salad, Italian bread, pasta, meatballs, wine, coffee or tea, and dessert. Tickets are \$20 per person; for information and tickets, contact Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765.

Upcoming Services

April 21-22, 2018 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, April 15, 2018 Antipascha: Sunday of the Apostle Thomas

- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with "Blessed is the Kingdom" and the choir responds "Amen." The Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Troparion.*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (2½ times)

The Choir then sings: "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"

- *After the Little Entrance, sing these troparia and kontakia in the following order:*

TROPARION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! / Through closed doors Thou didst come of Thy Disciples, O Christ God. / Renew in us through them an upright spirit, // by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

- *Do NOT sing the troparion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*
- *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 PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.
v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (5:12-20)

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

v. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all the earth.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

- *Instead of "It is truly meet," the choir sings "The angel cried to the Lady" and "Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem"*

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing "Christ is Risen" ONCE.*
- *At Liturgy Dismissal: When priest says "Glory to Thee, O Christ . . ." the Choir responds with "Christ is Risen" THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*

