

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 29, 2018 – Sunday of the Paralytic

Today's Saints

Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus; St. Memnon the Wonderworker; Martyrs Diodorus and Rhodopianus the Deacons, of Aphrodisias; St. Basil, Bishop of Ostrog; St. Nectarius of Optina; Martyr Torpes of Pisa; Martyr Agapius and Companions; St. Severus, Bishop of Naples; St. Paulinus, Bishop of Brescia; St. Dictinus of Ulster; St. Endellion of Cornwall; St. Senan of Wales; St. Wilfred the Younger; St. Ava, Abbess of Denain; Martyr Daniel of Spain

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 special parish meeting for the adoption of revised parish by-laws is today 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. The cost \$20 per person – please sign the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule and see Marge Kovach or Russ Wyskanycz for payment.
- Our parish will soon be signing a contract for the installation of new air-conditioning in the church. If you would like to offer a donation towards this project, please do so as soon as possible. Any donation, regardless of size, would be welcome.
- Fr. Sophrony shall be leaving for Puerto Rico on the evening of Thursday, May 17th. He will be back on the morning of Friday, May 25th. A substitute priest, Fr. Stephen Krivonak, shall celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 20th. Emergencies should be directed to Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604 while Fr. Sophrony is away.
- This year's summer schedule of morning services starting at 9:00 AM will begin on Memorial Day weekend and will last until Labor Day weekend.

Upcoming Services

May 5-6, 2018 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for Fourth Sunday of Pascha Sunday, April 29, 2018 / Tone 3 Sunday of the Paralytic

- *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! (twice). Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death ...*
- *The Choir then sings: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!*

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hell, granting the world the Great Mercy.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul.*

KONTAKION OF THE PARALYTIC IN TONE THREE

By Thy divine intercession, O Lord, as Thou raised up the paralytic of old, so raise up my soul paralyzed by sins and thoughtless acts; so that being saved I may sing to Thee: "Glory to Thy power, O compassionate Christ!"

- *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 Hell; 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 ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the upright.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus

Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments, which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Thy mercies, O Lord, I shall sing forever, from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: "Mercy shall be built up forever."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now

the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.

Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the Fountain of immortality. 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.*

There is a new book by actress Candace Cameron Bure called "Kind is the New Classy: The Power of Living Graciously." From the reviews, it seems like a worthy book for reading by Christians. It is published by Zondervan, a major Christian book publisher.