

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.

June 24, 2018 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) Great Vespers w. Lity
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

- There is a brunch in the church hall after today's Divine Liturgy. All in attendance at today's Divine Liturgy are welcome.
- The parish council would like to once again thank all those who generously donated to the air-conditioning fund as well as those who are participating in the BCB Pay It Forward program.

- Our Diocese's annual Parish Council Conference is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, 2018, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM (w. lunch included), at Christ the Savior Church, 365 Paramus Rd., Paramus, N.J. The conference's theme is "Breathing New Life into Established Parishes" and the presenter is Fr. Thomas Soroka. Attendance is open to everyone interested in attending, not just parish council members. See flyer on bulletin board in the church vestibule.

Upcoming Services

June 28-29, 2018 (Ss. Peter & Paul)

6:00 PM (Thursday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:00 AM (Friday) – Divine Liturgy

June 30-July 1, 2018 (Next Weekend)

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



Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Missale Romanum, 1920)

Divine Liturgy Variables for June 24, 2018 / Tone 3

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

TROPARION OF NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE FOUR

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, although we cannot praise thee worthily, we honor thee in love at thy nativity, for by it thou hast ended thy father's silence and thy mother's barrenness, // proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

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

KONTAKION OF NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN TONE THREE

Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ's Forerunner, who is the fulfillment of every prophecy; for in the Jordan, when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the Prophets, // he was revealed as Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the Word.

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. The clergy now sing "Steadfast Protectress"*

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
v. *Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren: And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Brethren: And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. *In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!*

v. *Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me !*

v. *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.*

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80)

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well advanced in years. So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to

turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time." And the people waited for Zacharias, and marveled that he lingered so long in the temple. But when he came out, he could not speak to them; and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple, for he beckoned to them and remained speechless. So it was, as soon as the days of his service were completed, that he departed to his own house. Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people. Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, "No; he shall be called John." But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name." So they made signs to his father – what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, "His name is John." So they all marveled. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, "What kind of child will this be?" And the hand of the Lord was with him. Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people, And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!