

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.

July 8, 2018 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

Sitka Icon of the Virgin Mary; Great-martyr Procopius of Caesarea-in-Palestine; Ss. Aquila and Priscilla; St. Edgar the Peaceful, King of England; Martyrs Sostratus, Spirus, Eraclius, Eperentius and Cecilia of Pannonia; Martyrs Epictetus the Presbyter and Astion the Monk of Halmyris; St. Theophilus the Myrrh-gusher, of Macedonia; St. Procopius, Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker of Vologda; St. Auspicius, Bishop of Trier; St. Apollonius, Bishop of Benevento; St. Landrada, Abbess of Munsterbilsen (in Belgium); Nun-martyr Urith of Chittlehampton; St. Withburga, Anchoress of Norfolk; St. Morwenna of Cornwall; St. Sunniva of Bergen; Ss. Kilian, Bishop of Wurzburg, Colman, and Totnan, Enlighteners of Franconia; St. Grimbald, Abbot of Winchester; St. Arnold of Jülich; St. Edgar the Peaceful, King of England

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

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 Reader Stephen Wasilewski in memory of Julia Wasilewski (anniversary of birth). **Sanctuary Lamp** and **Triple Candelabra** offered by Reader Stephen Wasilewski in memory of Sherry Lichtman.

Announcements & Events

- There shall be a Parastas after Divine Liturgy next Sunday in memory of Basil Kraftician.

Upcoming Services

July 14-15, 2018 (Next Weekend)

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

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy



Sitka Icon of the Virgin Mary

The Sitka Icon of the Virgin Mary in Sitka, Alaska is one of the most revered icons in North America. It is attributed to the famous iconographer, Vladimir Lukich Borovikovsky – a protégé of Empress Catherine II who was instructed at the Academy of Arts in St. Petersburg, Russia. Painted in the style of the Kazan Mother of God Icon, on canvas, the Sitka Mother of God Icon is 36" by 17½" in size. An exceptionally beautiful and detailed silver riza covers the images of the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child, and of God the Father blessing from above.

The Cathedral received the Icon as a gift from the workers at the Russian American Company in 1850, two years after the Cathedral was completed. Miracles have been attributed to the Sitka Mother of God Icon over the years. It is believed that the gaze of the eyes of the Virgin Mary have led to the restored health of those who prayed before the Icon. Originally part of the main iconostasis at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel in Sitka, Alaska, it is now permanently located on the iconostasis' far left side in a special place of honor.

Divine Liturgy Variables for July 8, 2018 / Tone 5

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 ST. PROCOPIUS IN TONE FOUR

Thy holy martyr Procopius, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through his intercessions save our souls!

TROPARION OF OUR LADY OF SITKA IN TONE FOUR

Today, like the morning sun rising over us, / Thine all-honored icon enlightens the world with rays of mercy / And our land reverently receives it / as a divine gift from on high, / Glorifying thee, O Birth-giver of God, Our Lady of Sitka, / With joy magnifying Christ our God Who was born of thee. / Pray to Him, O Lady Mary, Queen and Theotokos / That all cities and lands be protected from our enemies, / And that they will be saved who in faith venerate thy most pure icon / That has come to dwell with us, O Virgin Mother, // who shows us the way to Christ.

- *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.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)

Brethren: Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

