

# 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 22, 2018 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7)

#### Today's Saints

St. Mary Magdalene, Myrrh-bearer and Equal-to-the-Apostles; Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope; Martyr Marcella of Chios; St. Pancharius, Bishop of Besançon; St. Wandrille, Founder of Fontenelle Abbey; St. Dabius, Confessor of Ireland; St. Meneleus, Abbot of Ménat; St. Cornelius of Pereyaslavl

#### Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) Great Vespers

9:00 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

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Rose Brelinsky (anniversary of repose).

#### Announcements & Events

- The next parish council meeting is Monday, July 30, 2018 at 7:00 PM.
- Reader Stephen Wasilewski will be representing our parish at the 19th All-American Council meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on July 23-27, 2018.
- Next Sunday there shall be a Parastas in memory of Matushka Geraldine Fedetz after Divine Liturgy.

### Upcoming Services

#### July 28-29, 2018 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

St. Mary Magdalene was a Jewish woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles. Mary's epithet Magdalene most likely means that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The Gospel of Luke 8:2-3 lists Mary as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was relatively wealthy. The same passage also states that seven demons had been driven out of her, a statement which is repeated in the longer ending of Mark. In all four canonical gospels, she is a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus and, in the Synoptic Gospels, she is also present at his burial. All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women, as the first witness to the empty tomb, and the first to testify to Jesus's resurrection.

During the Middle Ages, Mary Magdalene was conflated in western tradition with Mary of Bethany and the unnamed "sinful woman" who anoints Jesus's feet in Luke 7:36-50, resulting in a widespread but inaccurate belief that she was a repentant prostitute. The Orthodox Church has never identified Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany or the "sinful woman" who anoints Jesus in Luke 7:36-50 and has always taught that Mary was a virtuous woman her entire life, even before her conversion. The Church Fathers held that she retired to Ephesus with the Blessed Virgin and there died and that her relics were transferred to Constantinople in 886. St. Gregory of Tours (*De miraculis*, I, xxx) supports the belief that she went to Ephesus.

## Divine Liturgy Variables for July 21, 2018 / Tone 7

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

### TROPARION OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE IN TONE ONE

By keeping His commandments and laws, holy Mary Magdalene, thou didst follow Christ, Who for our sake was born of the Virgin, and in celebrating thy most holy memory today, // we receive forgiveness of sins by thy prayers.

### TROPARION OF HIEROMARTYR PHOCAS IN TONE FOUR

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, thou didst become a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith, even to the shedding of thy blood. // Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

- *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 SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace  
*v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

## THE EPISTLE

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:10-18)**

Brethren: Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe’s household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.*

*v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)**

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.” But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

COMMUNION HYMN

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