

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.

August 19, 2018 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Afterfeast of Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Martyr Andrew the General, and Companions, in Cilicia; St. Pitirim, Bishop of Perm; Martyrs Agapius, Timothy, and Thecla of Caesarea; St. Theophanes the New, of Mount Athos; Martyr Julius of Rome; Martyrs Leovigild and Christopher of Cordoba; St. Donatus, Hermit of Mount Jura; St. Marianus, Hermit of Berry; Ss. Calminius and Namadia of Marsat; St. Guenninus, Bishop of Vannes; St. Rufinus of Mantua; St. Sebald of Vicenza; St. Magnus of Lérins; St. Elaphius, Bishop of Châlons-sur-Marne; St. Credan, Abbot of Evesham; St. Bertulf, Abbot of Bobbio; St. Marinus of Besalu

Today's Services

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

- Confessions may be heard after any Vespers during the month of August or call the Rectory for an appointment.
- Fr. Sophrony shall return on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018. Emergencies before his return should be directed to Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604. Thanks to Fr. Michael Dudas for substituting today!
- There shall be a Parastas in memory of Fr. Michael Perhach next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

August 25-26, 2018 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Little is known about St. Andrew the General's early life except that he was a Syrian by birth and a military commander in the Roman army during the reign of emperor Maximian (284–305). When a large Persian army invaded the Syrian territories, the governor Antiochus entrusted St. Andrew with the command of the Roman army, giving him the title of "Stratelates" ("Commander"). Invoking Christ to aid him and a small detachment of pagan soldiers in battle, St. Andrew proceeded against the adversary and routed the numerous host of Persians. Although he gloriously returned to Antioch, having gained a total victory, certain men denounced him to the governor Antiochus, saying that he was a Christian who had converted the soldiers under his command to his faith. Andrew was summoned to trial and then tortured. Some of his soldiers were crucified while others were locked in prison. Antiochus sent the report of charges to the emperor to decide whether to impose the death sentence upon the imprisoned commander. The emperor, who knew how the army loved St. Andrew, feared a rebellion, thus freeing them, while secretly ordering their execution on different pretexts. St. Andrew went with his faithful soldiers to Tarsus to be baptized by the local bishop Peter and Bishop Nonos of Beroea but later fled towards Mount Taurus after local persecutions in the Cilician city. In a deep gorge inside the mountains, the Roman army ambushed them, slaughtering St. Andrew and all of the 2,593 soldiers that were with him on that day.

Divine Liturgy Variables for August 19, 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 DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity. In falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, Theotokos. Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by thy prayers thou dost deliver our souls from death.

TROPARION OF MARTYR ANDREW THE GENERAL IN TONE FIVE

Thou didst renounce the glory of earthly rank and didst inherit the Kingdom of Heaven; thou didst adorn thine incorruptible crown as with beautiful stones. Thou didst lead an army of martyrs to Christ, and with the Angels in the never-fading light thou didst find Christ the never-setting Sun. Together with those who suffered with thee, holy General Andrew, // ever pray to Him that He may 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:*

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.*

FEASTAL KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, // she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

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 Three: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Brethren: Moreover, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

ALLELUIA IN TONE THREE

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. Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place: Thou and the Ark of Thy sanctification!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE ONE

The Angels, as they looked upon the Dormition of the Virgin, were struck with wonder, seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

The limits of nature are overcome in thee, O Pure Virgin: for birth-giving remains virginal, and life is united to death; a virgin after childbearing and alive after death, thou dost ever save thine inheritance, O Theotokos.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!