

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.

September 16, 2018 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

Afterfeast of Elevation of the Holy Cross. Great-martyr Euphemia the All-Praised; St. Ludmila (mother of St. Wenceslaus); Martyr Sebastiana of Heraclea (disciple of Apostle Paul); St. Dorotheus, Hermit of Egypt; Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis; Martyrs Victor & Sosthenes of Chalcedon; St. Cornelius, Pope of Rome; Martyrs Lucy and Geminian of Rome; Martyrs Abundius, Abundantius, Marcian, & John of Rome; Virgin-martyr Dulcissima; St. Cyprian, Metropolitan of Moscow & All Russia; St. Eugenia, Abbess of Hohenburg; St. Edith of Wilton; St. Cunibert, Abbot of Maroilles; St. Stephen of Perugia; Martyrs Rogelius & Servus of Cordoba

Today's Services

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Wilfred Royer, Donald Royer, and Anastasia Sahonchik, offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer

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 John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **Sanctuary Lamp, St. John's Cross, and St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of, respectively, Wilfred Royer (4th anniversary of repose), Donald Royer (5th anniversary of repose), and Anastasia Sahonchik (15th anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- Our parish's Oktoberfest – a buffet of Rusyn and German foods with beer and wine – will take place on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$30 per person, advance purchase only. Contact Reader Stephen Wasilewski at (201) 960-4352 or stephen12375@aol.com or Margaret Kovach at (732) 815-9765 or mjkovach@aol.com for information and tickets. Checks should be payable to "Ss. Peter and Paul R.O.G.C. Church."
- Orthodox Education Day at St. Vladimir's Seminary is being held on Saturday, October 6, 2018. This year marks Orthodox Education Day's 50th anniversary. Events include a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, public lectures, children and teen's activities, food, music, book sales, and a keynote address by John Maddex of Ancient Faith Ministries.
- The Carpatho-Rusyn Society (N.J. Chapter) is meeting at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne, N.J. on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 1:30 PM. The presented speaker will be Pat Papawick Beronio, whose book won the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission's award for Preservation of History. The meeting is open to all, free, and refreshments will be served. See flyer on the church bulletin board for information.

Upcoming Services

September 15-16, 2018 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for September 16, 2018 / Tone 7

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrh-bearers 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.

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

TROPARION OF ST. EUPHEMIA IN TONE FOUR

Thy lamb Euphemia calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: “I love Thee, my Bridegroom and in seeking Thee, I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love!” Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

- *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 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!”

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by

thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries // by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!
v. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16:20)

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren: We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:14-30)

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And, likewise, he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ He also who had received two talents came and said, ‘Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’ But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore, take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And

cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE EIGHT

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untilled, hast brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

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