

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 23, 2018 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 8)

Today's Saints

Conception of St. John the Baptist; Ss. Xanthippe and Polyxene of Spain (disciples of Apostle Paul); Virgin-Martyr Irais of Alexandria; Martyrs Andrew, John, Peter, and Antoninus of Syracuse; St. Paternus, Bishop of Avranches; St. Adamnan, Abbot of Iona; St. Constantius of Ancona

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
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 John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- Our parish's Oktoberfest – a buffet of Rusyn and German foods with beer and wine – will take place on next 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 29-30, 2018 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for September 23, 2018 / Tone 8

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CONCEPTION IN TONE FOUR

Rejoice, O barren one, who formerly didst not bear a child, for thou hast conceived the Lamp of the Sun, Who is to illumine the whole universe darkened by blindness! Rejoice, O Zachariah, and cry out with boldness: // "The Prophet of the Most High desires to be born!"

- *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 EIGHT

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, // O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren: What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse

ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-31)

Brethren: For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar – for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children – but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless, what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

So, it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fishes, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them.

And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (1:5-25)

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.

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!

The best friend is the man who in wishing me well wishes it for my sake.

- Aristotle (384-322 B.C.)