

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.

November 25, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Advent (Tone 1)

Today's Saints

Leavetaking of the Presentation of the BVM into the Temple. Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome; Hieromartyr Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria; St. Clement, Bishop of Ochrid, Enlightener of the Bulgarians; St. Peter of Galatia; Martyr Peter, Presbyter of Rome; St. Jucunda of Reggio; St. Alanus, Abbot and Founder of Lavaur Abbey; St. Imma, Abbess of Karlburg; St. Bernold of Ottobeuren, Wonderworker of Bavaria

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

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Gregory Grudinoff (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- St. Mary's "St. Nicholas" Dinner shall be on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. For information, see Emily Fencik or call St. Mary's at (201) 436-5549.
- All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast, which may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend a Vespers ought to call the Rectory at (201) 436-3244 to make an appointment.
- The next meeting of the Parish Council is Sunday, December 9, 2018 after Divine Liturgy.
- "Souper Bowl" Project: Starting in December, our parish will be collecting cans of soup for donation to a local soup kitchen. A bin for the soup cans will be in the church until February 3, 2019. Thank you for co-operating in this project!
- In Memoriam: Yaser Nesheiwat, of Bayonne, New Jersey, passed into blessed repose on November 18, 2018. Memory Eternal!

Upcoming Services

December 1-2, 2018 (Next Weekend)

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

The "Saint Andrew" Christmas Prayer

"Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."

- *The St. Andrew Christmas Prayer is a European tradition of the Advent season. In hopes of obtaining what you ask for, the prayer is recited 15 times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (11/30) until Christmas Day.*

Divine Liturgy Variables for November 25, 2018 / Tone 1

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!"

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: "Rejoice, O Fulfillment // of the Creator's dispensation!"

TROPARION OF HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT OF ROME IN TONE FOUR

O holy athlete, thou didst gloriously amaze the ends of the earth with the miracles of God. On the day of thy honored memorial, beyond nature, thou didst cause the waters of the sea to withdraw for those who came earnestly to the divinely-built church holding thy precious relics. After the people left, thou didst wondrously cause the sea to return to the shore. // All-wondrous Clement, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

- 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 ONE

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

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

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the Angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Prokeimenon in Tone Three: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:9-19)

Brethren: For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore, He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren: Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

FESTAL MEGALYNARION (instead of "It is Truly Meet")

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed. // How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel's song: // "Truly, thou art more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

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!