

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.

December 9, 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Conception of the All-holy Virgin Mary by St. Anne. Prophetess Hannah (mother of Prophet Samuel); St. Sophronius, Archbishop of Cyprus; St. Stephen the "New Light", of Constantinople; Martyrs Peter, Successus, Bassian, Primitivus and Companions; St. Syrus, Bishop of Pavia; Virgin-martyr Leocadia of Toledo; Virgin-martyr Valeria of Limoges; St. Proculus, Bishop of Verona; St. Restitutus, Bishop of Carthage; St. Ethelgiva, 1st Abbess of Shaftesbury (daughter of King Alfred the Great); St. Cyprian of Dordogne; St. Budoc, Bishop of Dol (in Brittany); St. Balda, Abbess of Jouarre; St. Angilram "the Wise," Abbot of Saint-Riquier; St. Wolfeius of Norfolk

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Rose Minarick, offered by Margaret Cimbolic, and in memory of Salvador and Alberto Nasri, offered by Cibebe Nasri-Heir

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

See Bulletin Insert for today's Bible readings and other Liturgy variables.

Announcements & Events

- All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast, which may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend a Vespers may call the Rectory at (201) 436-3244 to make an appointment.
- The Parish Council is meeting today 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 hall until February 3, 2019. Thank you for co-operating in this project!
- A Free Christmas Concert by "The Spirit of Orthodoxy" Choir and the Community Greek Orthodox Choir is at Ss. Peter & Paul R.O. Cathedral, 200 3rd Street, Passaic, N.J. at 4:30 PM today. A reception shall follow in the Cathedral Cultural Center.
- A Parastas in memory of V. Rev. John Chepeleff and V. Rev. Damian Krehel is scheduled for next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

December 15-16, 2018 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

"Then the tribes of Israel heard that Anne had conceived the immaculate one. So everyone took part in the rejoicing. Joachim gave a banquet, and great was the merriment in the garden. He invited the priests and Levites to prayer; then he called Mary into the center of the crowd, that she might be magnified."

St. Romanus the Melodist

Divine Liturgy Variables for December 9, 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 CONCEPTION OF BVM IN TONE FOUR

Today the bonds of barrenness are broken: God has heard the prayers of Joachim and Anne. He has promised them beyond all their hopes to bear the Maiden of God, by whom the Uncircumscribed One was born as a mortal Man; He commanded an angel to cry to her: "Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, // the Lord is with thee!"

- *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.*

KONTAKION OF THE CONCEPTION OF BVM IN TONE FOUR

Today the universe rejoices, for Anne has conceived the Theotokos through God's dispensation, // for she has brought forth the one who is to bear the ineffable Word.

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!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (1:12-18)

Brethren: Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

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 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. The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord, and He is their protector in time of affliction.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So, when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so, it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So, Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:16-21)

No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore, take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You." But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!