

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.

January 6, 2019 – Holy Theophany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Today's Saints

St. Peter of Canterbury; Martyr Anastasius of Sirmium and Companions; Virgin-martyr Macra of Rome; St. Melanius, Bishop of Rennes; St. Eigrad of Wales; St. Wiltrude, Duchess of Bavaria, Founder and Abbess of Bergen-Neuburg Convent; St. Macarius of Mount Athos

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Vigil w. Lity

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Altar Vigils offered by Suchowacki Family in memory of Pelagia Szewczyk.

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Gregory Grudinoff.

Announcements & Events

- “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!
- We are collecting the front sides of used Christmas cards for recycling by the nuns of Holy Transfiguration Monastery.
- Fr. Sophrony will bless homes in Bayonne on Saturday, January 19, 2019, and in Clark on Sunday, January 20, 2019. A sign-up sheet for house blessings is in the church vestibule – please sign up by no later than January 13, 2019.
- Fr. Sophrony will be away January 7-15, 2019. A substitute priest shall say Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 13, 2018. Should there be an emergency while he is away, call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-6604 or the nearest Orthodox priest.

Upcoming Services

January 13, 2019 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for January 6, 2019

FESTAL ANTIPHONS

The First Antiphon

v. When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

v. Judah became his sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

v. What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou didst flee? Thou Jordan, that thou didst turn back?

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The Second Antiphon

v. I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplication.

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia.

v. Because He inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia.

v. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the name of the Lord.

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia.

v. Gracious and righteous is the Lord; our God is merciful.

Refrain: O Son of God, baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to thee: Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *“O only-begotten Son ...”*

The Third Antiphon

v. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion of the Feast (Tone 1):

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself // and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

v. Let the house of Israel now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion of the Feast

v. Let the house of Aaron now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion of the Feast

v. Let those who fear the Lord now confess that the Lord is good; for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion of the Feast

ENTRANCE VERSE

Priest: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord; God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us.

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

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- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises. Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, // O unapproachable Light.

ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

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v. O give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus. (2:11-14, 3:4-7)

My son Titus: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior

toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Bring to the Lord, O ye sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams.

v. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (3:13-17)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

FESTAL MEGALYNARION

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts.

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even Angels are overcome with awe praising thee. But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God. Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

FESTAL COMMUNION HYMN

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"And because of the transgression of the first man, the whole stock of the human race was tainted; no one can be set free from the state of the old Adam save through Christ's sacrament of baptism, in which there are no distinctions between the reborn, as the apostle [Paul] says, 'For as many of you as were baptized in Christ did put on Christ; there is neither Jew nor Greek . . . ' [Gal. 3:27-28]"

- St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome

"There are three ways in which sins are forgiven: in baptism, in prayer, and in the greater humility of penance; yet God does not forgive sins except to the baptized."

- St. Augustine of Hippo

"It is not possible to receive forgiveness of sins without baptism."

- Origen of Alexandria