

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.

February 17, 2019 – Sunday of Publican and Pharisee (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

Great-martyr Theodore of Tyre; Hieromartyr Hermogenes, Patriarch of Moscow, Wonderworker of All Russia; St. Mariamne (sister of Apostle Philip); St. Auxibius, Bishop of Soli (in Cyprus); St. Finan of Lindisfarne; Ss. Theodosius and Romanus the Bulgarians; New-martyr Theodore; Martyr Faustinus of Rome and Companions; Martyrs Donatus, Secundian, Romulus, and Companions; St. Fintan of Clonenagh (disciple of St. Columba); St. Loman, Bishop of Trim (nephew of St. Patrick); St. Silvinus of Th rouanne

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Valentina Travis, offered by the Wasilewski Family, and Archpriest Michael Chanda

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Altar Vigils, Sanctuary Lamp, Triple Candelabra, and St. John's & St. Nicholas' Crosses offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Julia Wasilewski (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- FOCA New Jersey District's annual beefsteak dinner is February 22, 2019 at the Russian Hall, 46 Woodhull Ave., Little Falls, N.J., starting at 7:00 PM.
- The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Appreciation Dinner is being hosted by our parish on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM.
- Holy Trinity Church in Rahway is having a Chicken & Fish Fry at the American Legion Post, 581 Maple Ave., Rahway, N.J. on March 2, 2019, 5:00-7:00 PM. Call 732-388-5107 for reservations. See flyer on church bulletin board.
- A Parastas in memory of Helen Pirniak and Julia Wasilewski is scheduled for next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. Social Hour to follow in the church hall.
- Next meeting of the Parish Council is Sunday, March 3, 2019 after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

February 23-24, 2019 (Next Weekend)

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

"I urge my sisters to 'keep the holy days of Lent with a special purity of life, and also at this holy season to make reparation for the failings of other times' (RB 49:3). I try to order Lent in my monastery with 'discretion, the mother of virtues' (RB 54:19) in such a way that 'the strong may desire to carry more, and the weak are not afraid' (RB 54:19) ... My venerable brother says that we are to 'guard ourselves from faults' during this holy time. To do this, one must 'always remember all God's commandments, and constantly turn over in one's heart how hell will burn those who despise him by their sins and how eternal life has been prepared for those who fear him' (RB 7:11). My brother calls this the first step of humility."

- St. Scholastica (c. 480-543)

Divine Liturgy Variables for February 17, 2019

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul in Tone Four*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION FROM LENTEN TRIODION IN TONE FOUR

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: “Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: “Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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