

# 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.

## March 24, 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Lent: Forefeast of Holy Annunciation (Tone 2)

### Today's Saints

St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica; St. Zechariah the Recluse; St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia; St. Zechariah the Ascetic, of Kiev-Caves; St. Latinus, Bishop of Brescia; Martyr Pigmenius of Rome; Martyrs Romulus and Secundus; St. Hidelith, Abbess of Barking; St. Macartan, Bishop of Clogher; St. Donard of Maghera; St. Caimin, Abbot of Inniskeltra; St. Cairlon, Archbishop of Cashel

### 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.

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."  
~ St. Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome (c. 540-604)

### Announcements & Events

- Our parish shall be collecting non-perishable foods for donation to St. Vincent's Food Pantry as a Lenten charitable project. There will be bins in the church hall from March 3rd to April 21st for you to deposit the items you donate.
- Holy Cross Orthodox Church, 11 Wilkins Station Rd., Medford, N.J. is hosting a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Contact [holycrossmedford@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossmedford@gmail.com) to register. A flyer is posted on the church bulletin board.
- No Lenten Vespers today. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at Assumption of Holy Virgin Orthodox Church, 35 Orange Ave., Clifton, N.J. at 4:00 PM.
- The N.J. Chapter of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society is meeting at Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne, NJ., on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 1:30 PM. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. See flyer on church bulletin board.
- Archbishop Michael shall visit our parish for Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Service starts at 6:30 PM. Fr. John Fencik and his parishioners shall be joining us as well. A Lenten repast will follow in the church hall.

### Upcoming Services

#### March 24-25, 2019 (Holy Annunciation)

5:00 PM (Sunday) - Great Vespers w. Lity  
9:30 AM (Monday) - Vesperal Divine Liturgy

#### March 27 & 29, 2019 (2nd Week of Lent)

7:00 PM (Wednesday) - Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts @ St. Mary's  
6:00 PM (Friday) - Akathistos of the Divine Passion

#### March 30-31, 2019 (Next Weekend)

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

## Divine Liturgy Variables for March 24, 2019

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

### TROPARION OF FOREFEAST IN TONE FOUR

Today is the prelude of joy for the universe. Let us anticipate the feast and celebrate with exultation: “Gabriel is on his way to announce the glad tidings to the Virgin; he is ready to cry out in fear and wonder: // ‘Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee!’”

- 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:

### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, // and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

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

### KONTAKION OF FOREFEAST IN TONE EIGHT

Thou art the beginning of salvation for all of us on earth, Virgin Mother of God. For the great Archangel Gabriel, God’s minister, was sent from heaven to stand before thee to bring thee joy: Therefore, we all cry to thee: “Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!”

### 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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

Brethren, “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.” But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore, we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!  
v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)**

And again, He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So, when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” – He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

### ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

### COMMUNION HYMN

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