

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 31, 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Lent: Veneration of the Holy Cross (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of America; St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra; St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia; Righteous Joseph the Patriarch; St. Hypatius the Healer, of the Kiev-Caves; St. Apollonius the Ascetic, of Egypt; Hieromartyr Audas, Bishop of Persia, and Martyr Benjamin the Deacon; St. Hypatius, Abbot of Rufinus in Chalcedon; St. Acacius the Confessor, Bishop of Melitene; Virgin-martyr Balbina of Rome; Martyrs Theodulus, Anesius, Felix, Cornelia and Companions; St. Renovatus, Bishop of Merida; St. Aldo, Abbot of Hasnon (in Belgium); St. Guido, Abbot of St. Severus Monastery in Ravenna

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.

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 to register. A flyer is posted on the church bulletin board.
- Today's Lenten Vespers is at Assumption of Holy Virgin Orthodox Church, 35 Orange Ave., Clifton, N.J. at 4:00 PM. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 170 Lexington Ave., Passaic, 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. 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.
- All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday evening Akathistos or any Saturday evening Vespers. Those who legitimately cannot attend services on Friday or Saturday evenings may call the Rectory to make arrangements for confession at another time.

Upcoming Services

April 3 & 5, 2019 (3rd Week of Lent)

6:30 PM (Wednesday) – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos of the Divine Passion

April 6-7, 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 31, 2019

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 THE CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

TROPARION OF ST. INNOCENT IN TONE FOUR

O holy father Innocent / in obedience to the will of God / you accepted dangers and tribulations / bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth. / You showed us the way, // now by your prayers help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.

- *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 OF THE CROSS IN TONE SEVEN

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: // "Enter again into Paradise!"

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

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!