

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.

April 7, 2019 – 4th Sunday of Lent: St. John Climacus (Tone 4)

Today's Saints

St. Tikhon the Confessor, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Enlightener of North America; St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mytilene; Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina and 200 Soldiers, of Sinope; Martyr Calliopius of Pompeiopolis; St. Serapion of Egypt; St. Saturninus, Bishop of Verona; St. Hegesippus; Martyrs Epiphanius, Donatus, Rufinus and Companions; St. Finan, Founder of Kinnitty Abbey (disciple of St. Brendan); Ss. Llewellyn and Gwrnerth of Wales; St. Gibardus, Abbot of Luxeuil; St. Daniel the Abbot, of Pereslavl

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Fr. Alexis Nikolin

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

St. Nicholas' Cross offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Helen Pirniak (anniversary of birth).

Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays ... The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.
- Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

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.
- Today's Lenten Vespers is at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 170 Lexington Ave., Passaic, N.J. at 4:00 PM. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 830 Jefferson Ave., Rahway, N.J. at 4:00 PM.
- 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.
- Welcome to the Orthodox Church: Yesterday evening Dylan Thomas Wisniewski, of Bayonne, New Jersey, was received into the Holy Orthodox Church by Rite of Conversion and Sacrament of Chrismation. Many Years!
- The Parish Council is meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

April 10 & 12, 2019 (3rd Week of Lent)

6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Great Canon of Repentance
6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos to the Virgin Mary

April 13-14, 2019 (Next Weekend)

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

Divine Liturgy Variables for April 7, 2019

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown!

Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS IN TONE ONE

O dweller of the wilderness and angel in the body, thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing Father John. Thou didst receive heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer, healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith. Glory to Him Who gave thee strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! // Glory to Him Who grants healing to all!

TROPARION OF ST. TIKHON IN TONE ONE

Let us praise Tikhon, the Patriarch of All Russia, / And enlightener of North America / An ardent follower of the Apostolic traditions, / And good pastor of the Church of Christ. / Who was elected by Divine Providence, / And laid down his life for his sheep. / Let us sing to him with faith and hope, / And ask for his hierarchical intercessions: / Keep the Church in Russia in tranquility, / And the Church in North America in peace. / Gather her scattered children into one flock, / Bring to repentance those who have renounced the True Faith, / Preserve our lands from civil strife, / And entreat God’s peace for all people!

- *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.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.
v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: Let the saints exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, for when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.” And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, for once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

v. For Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest iniquity.

v. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)

And one of the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:25-5:12)

And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan. Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

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! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!