

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.

July 28, 2019 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

Apostles Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas of the Seventy; St. Pitirim, Bishop of Tambov; Martyr Julian of Dalmatia; Martyr Eustathius of Apamea; St. Paul the Athonite, Founder of Xeropotamou Monastery; St. Moses, Wonderworker of the Kiev-Caves; St. Victor I, Pope of Rome; St. Innocent I, Pope of Rome; Martyrs Nazarius and Celsus of Rome; St. Peregrinus; St. Samson of Wales; St. Camelian, Bishop of Troyes; St. Arduin of Trepino

Today's Services

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Rose Brelinsky (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of Matushka Geraldine Fedetz (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- See bulletin board for information on the pilgrimage to Alaska with Archbishop Michael in July 2020.
- Fr. Sophrony returns on Saturday morning. Thank you to Fr. John Kluchko for celebrating Divine Liturgy for us today. In the event of an emergency before Fr. Sophrony's return, call Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604.
- Grapes and other fruits with edible skins shall be blessed at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy on Holy Transfiguration (August 6th). grant Herbs and Flowers shall be blessed at Divine Liturgy on August 15th for the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.
- All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Virgin Mary's Fast. Confessions may be heard following any Vespers during the month of August or call the Rectory for an appointment.

Upcoming Services

August 3-4, 2019 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

*"We live in the best of all possible worlds."
– Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz (1646–1716)*

Voltaire's famous novel *Candide* satirizes this optimistic view. And looking around you right now you may wonder how anyone could actually believe it. But Leibniz believed that before creation God contemplated every possible way the universe could be and chose to create the one in which we live because it's the best.

The principle of sufficient reason holds that for everything, there must be sufficient reason why it exists. According to Leibniz the only sufficient reason for the world we live in is that God created it as the best possible universe. God could have created a universe in which no one ever sins, in which there was no human evil, but that would require humans to be deprived of the gift of free wills and thus would not be the best possible world.

Divine Liturgy Variables for July 28, 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.

TROPARION OF APOSTLES IN TONE THREE

Holy Apostles Próchorus, Nícanor, Tímon, and Parménas, entreat the merciful God, // to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

- *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 FIVE

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

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 Romans. (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in

prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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. Matthew. (9:1-8)

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

COMMUNION HYMN

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