

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.

November 24, 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Advent (Tone 6)

Today's Saints

Afterfeast of the Entry of the Virgin Mary into the Temple; Great-martyr Catherine of Alexandria; Great-martyr Mercurius of Caesarea-in-Cappadocia; Martyrs Empress Augusta, Porphyrius the General, 50 philosophers and 200 Soldiers (martyred with St. Catherine); Nun-martyr Mastridia of Alexandria; Martyrs Felicissimus of Perugia, Chrysogonus of Aquileia, and Crescentian of Rome; Virgin-martyr Firmina of Amelia; St. Romanus of Le Mans; St. Protasius, Bishop of Milan; St. Cianán, Bishop of Duleek; St. Colman, Bishop of Cloyne; St. Portianus, Abbot of Miranda; Martyr Marinus the Hermit; St. Leopardinus, Abbot of Saint-Symphorian of Vivaris; Virgin-martyrs Flora and Mary of Cordoba; St. Eanfleda, Queen of Northumbria, Abbess of Whitby; Martyr Mercurius of Smolensk; St. Mercurius the Faster, of Kiev-Caves

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

- Annual Parish Meeting is today after 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Your attendance is important, so all parishioners eligible to vote are asked to stay for the meeting.
- Today is IOCC Sunday – there is a special collection today for the benefit of the International Orthodox Christian Charities. Thank you for your generosity!
- All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast, which may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend a Vespers ought to call the Rectory at (201) 436-3244 to make an appointment.
- Order forms for St. Mary's bread sale are available in the church vestibule.

Upcoming Services

November 30-December 1, 2019 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O Heavenly Father,

We praise You and thank You for the abundant blessings and mercies You have poured forth upon us. You have blessed America as a refuge of pilgrims from all corners of the earth and from every era. You have strengthened us in times of trial and held us up in the face of adversity.

You have granted us this beautiful and bountiful refuge. You have granted us the fruits of freedom, of worship, and hard work. Remind us to be humble in our abundance and to remember the sacrifice of those who came before us and who so trusted in You. Let their example remind us to renew that trust, to always be thankful, to always be obedient to Your will and to be no less strong in our values.

In this harvest time, we give thanks to You, O Lord, for Your gift of Yourself, for our faith, family, and friends, for health and country, and for the gift of life.

As we gather around our family tables on this Thanksgiving, we ask Your blessing, O Lord, in all that we do. We ask this blessing for each other, for our nation, for our Holy Church, and for our dear friends in Christ.

Amen.

Divine Liturgy Variables for November 24, 2019

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, / of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. / The Virgin appears in the temple of God, / in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. / Let us rejoice / and sing to her: // "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

TROPARION OF ST. CATHERINE IN TONE FOUR

By your virtues as by rays of the sun you enlightened the unbelieving philosophers, / and like the most bright moon you drove away the darkness of disbelief from those walking in the night; / you convinced the queen, and also chastised the tyrant, / God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine. / You hastened with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the fairest Bride-groom Christ, / and you were crowned by Him with a royal crown; // standing before Him with the angels, pray for us who keep your most sacred memory.

- *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 SIX

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

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

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

The most pure Temple of the Savior; / the precious Chamber and Virgin; / the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, / is presented today to the house of the Lord. / She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, / therefore, the angels of God praise her: // "Truly this woman is the abode of heaven."

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!

Prokeimenon in Tone Three: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:4-10)

Brethren, but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God — not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the

synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET"

The angels, beholding the entrance of the all-immaculate one, were overtaken by surprise: how hath the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since thou art the living temple of God, O Theotokos, no impure hand shall touch thee, but let the lips of believers praise thee, and cry joyfully unto thee forevermore with the voice of the angel: "O undefiled Virgin, thou art more exalted than all creatures!"

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!