

# 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.*

### December 1, 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (Tone 7)

#### Today's Saints

Prophet Nahum; St. Philaret the Merciful; Martyr Ananias of Persia; St. Eligius, Bishop of Noyon; St. Castritian, Bishop of Milan; Martyrs Diodorus and Marianus of Rome, and Companions; Martyr Ansanus the Baptizer, Apostle of Siena; St. Agericus, Bishop of Verdun; Martyr Olympiades of Rome; St. Evasius, Bishop of Asti; St. Ursicinus, Bishop of Brescia; St. Leontius, Bishop of Fréjus (disciple of St. John Cassian); St. Constantine, Founder of Javron Abbey; Hieromartyr Proculus, Bishop of Terni

#### 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

- The next meeting of the parish council is Sunday, December 15, 2019 after Liturgy.
- “Souper Bowl” Project: Starting today, our parish will be collecting cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to St. Mary’s food pantry. A bin for placing the donated food items will be in the church until February 2, 2020. Thank you for co-operating in this project!
- 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.
- Christmas decorations will be put up today after Liturgy – volunteers who’ll stay and help out will be greatly appreciated!
- Order forms for St. Mary’s bread sale are available in the church vestibule.
- Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Rahway, N.J. is having a special lecture this Saturday evening, December 7th, at 7:00 p.m. on iconography. All are welcome to attend.
- FOCA N.J. District’s annual St. Andrew-St. Nicholas Vespers is at St. John’s Orthodox Church, 170 Lexington Ave., Passaic, N.J., next Sunday at 4:30 PM, with Archbishop Michael presiding. Refreshments will be served after the service.

#### **Upcoming Services**

##### December 5-6, 2019 (St. Nicholas)

6:00 PM (Thursday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Friday) – Divine Liturgy

##### December 7-8, 2019 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

<p>“The bond between friends cannot be broken by chance; no interval of time or space can destroy it. Not even death itself can part true friends.” — St. John Cassian (360-435)</p>
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## Divine Liturgy Variables for December 1, 2019

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

### TROPARION OF PROPHET NAHUM IN TONE TWO

We celebrate the memory / of Thy Prophet Nahum, O Lord; / through him we beseech Thee: //  
“save our souls!”

- *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 SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.  
*v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

### THE EPISTLE

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)**

Brethren, For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but

you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.  
v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.*

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:18-27)**

A ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

### COMMUNION HYMN

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