

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 8, 2019 – 4th Sunday of Advent (Tone 8)

Today's Saints

St. Patapius of Thebes; Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Caesar, and Onesiphorus of the Seventy; Martyr Anthusa of Rome; 362 Martyrs of Africa, martyred by Arians; St. Eucharius, 1st Bishop of Trier; Hieromartyr Eutychian, Pope of Rome; St. Romaricus, Abbot of Remiremont; St. Gunthild, Abbess of Ohrdruf

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Salvador Nasri, Alberto Nasri, and Ida Ramos, offered by Cibele Nasri-Heir.

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 Lydia Wanko (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

- The next meeting of the parish council is next Sunday after Divine 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.
- Order forms for St. Mary’s bread sale are available in the church vestibule.
- FOCA N.J. District’s annual St. Andrew-St. Nicholas Vespers is today at St. John’s Orthodox Church, 170 Lexington Ave., Passaic, N.J., at 4:30 PM, with Archbishop Michael presiding. Refreshments will be served after the service. A meeting of the N.J. District at 3:00 PM shall precede the service. All are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Upcoming Services

December 14-15, 2019 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“Let us not believe that an external fast from visible food alone can possibly be sufficient for perfection of heart and purity of body unless, with it, there has also been united a fast of the soul.”
— St. John Cassian (360-435)

Divine Liturgy Variables for December 8, 2019

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ST. PATAPIUS IN TONE EIGHT

In thee, O father, the image of God was preserved, / for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow after Christ; / by activity thou didst learn to disdain the flesh, as something transient, / but to care for thy soul as something immortal. // Wherefore, with the angels thy spirit doth rejoice, O venerable Patapius.

- *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 EIGHT

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, / and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, // O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-6)

Brethren, I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

As he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

COMMUNION HYMN

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