

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 15, 2019 – 5th Sunday of Advent (Tone 1)

Today's Saints

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Evanthia; St. Paul of Latros; St. Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Sourozh; Martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople; St. Pardus the Hermit, of Palestine; Hieromartyr Valerian, Bishop of Abbenza; St. Maximinus, 1st Abbot of Saint-Mesmin; St. Florentius, Abbot of Bangor; St. Offa, King of Essex; St. Urbitius, Hermit of Huesca; St. Adelbero, Bishop of Verdun; St. Tryphon, Abbot of Pechenga, and his disciple, Martyr Jonah; St. Nectarius of Bitel; Hieromartyr Hilarion, Archbishop of Vereiya

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.

Today's Special Offerings

Altar Vigils, Sanctuary Lamp, and Triple Candelabra offered by Russell and Andrea Wyskanycz in memory of Andrew and Juliana Bacsik.

Announcements & Events

- The parish council is meeting today after Divine Liturgy.
- “Souper Bowl” Project: Our parish is 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 cooperating 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.
- The Carpathian Club invites all our parishioners and visitors to its annual Christmas Social, which shall be held after Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day in the club hall behind the church building.
- There shall be a Parastas in memory of Fr. John Chepeleff and Fr. Damian Krehel next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.
- We are deeply saddened by the horrific shootings that took place Tuesday on the south side of Jersey City. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of fallen Jersey City police detective Joseph Seals, the friends and families of the other victims who were affected by this senseless act of violence.

Upcoming Services

December 21-22, 2019 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for December 15, 2019

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest mankind!”

TROPARION OF HOLY FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers, / betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. / These saints exult in glory, / for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: / she who bore Thee without seed. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

- *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.*

KONTAKION OF HOLY FOREFATHERS IN TONE SIX

Ye did not worship the graven image, / O thrice-blessed ones, / but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, / ye were glorified in a trial by fire. / From the midst of unbearable flames ye called on God, crying: / “Hasten, O compassionate One! / Speedily come to our aid, // for Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou dost will!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, if then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things

that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you once walked, when you lived in them. ⁸ But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.

v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; ¹⁷ and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ ¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ ²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ ²² And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“Everything is hard before it is easy.”
— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)