

# 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.*

### January 5, 2020 – Sunday Before Theophany (Tone 4)

#### Today's Saints

Hieromartyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and Martyr Theonas; Prophet Micah; St. Syncletica of Alexandria; Virgin-martyr Apollinaria of Egypt; St. Phosterius the Hermit; St. Menas of Sinai; St. Gregory of Crete; St. Telesphorus, Pope of Rome; New-Martyr Romanus of Karpenisi; St. Emiliana of Rome; St. Ciara, Abbess of Kilkeary; St. Gaudentius of Gnesen

#### Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession  
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy  
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Helen Pirniak, offered by Olga DeMay

#### Today's Special Offerings

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Gregory Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Olga DeMay in memory of Helen Pirniak (anniversary of birth). **St. John's Cross** and **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Robert Pierce in memory of Evelyn Taraszkiwicz, who recently entered into blessed repose. Memory Eternal!

#### Announcements & Events

- A sign-up sheet for the annual blessing of homes is in the church vestibule.
- “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 co-operating in this project!
- FOCA N.J. District Beefsteak Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The event will be held at The Russian Hall, 46 Woodhull Avenue Little Falls, NJ. Tickets are \$50/adult, \$40/junior (under 16). Contact Danielle Kovach for reservations, or Daria Miskiv at 908-460-0243. For more information, see flyer on bulletin board.
- The Novogodny Ball is back for its 83rd year, hosted by St. Stephen's OCF, FOCA Chapter #82, on January 19, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Trevoise, Pennsylvania. This year’s featured entertainment is the Kauriga Orchestra, with its diverse selections of folk, ballroom, pop, and rock music. Regular Pricing: Age 23+: \$95, Ages 13-22: \$85, Age 12 & under: \$55 (Dinner & Dancing); Age 23+: \$55, Ages 13-22: \$45, Age 12 & under: \$40 (Dancing & Treats Only). Contact Marge Kovach at [mjkovach@aol.com](mailto:mjkovach@aol.com) if you plan to attend.
- Fr. Sophrony will be away January 7-15, 2020. A substitute priest shall say Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 12, 2020. In the event of an emergency while Fr. Sophrony is away, please call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-6604 or the nearest Orthodox priest.

### Upcoming Services

#### January 5-6, 2020 (Theophany)

5:00 PM (Sunday) – Vigil w. Lity  
9:30 AM (Monday) – Divine Liturgy

#### January 12, 2020 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

## Divine Liturgy Variables for January 5, 2020

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

### TROPARION OF THEOPHANY EVE IN TONE FOUR

The River Jordan receded of old by the mantle of Elisha when Elijah ascended into heaven; and the water was separated to this side and that, the wet element turning into a dry path for Him, being truly a symbol of Baptism, by which we cross the path of transient age. Christ appeared in the Jordan to sanctify its waters.

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day.

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

### KONTAKION OF FOREFEAST IN TONE THREE

Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan, crying to John and saying, "Be not dismayed at my Baptism; for I have verily come to save Adam, the first to be created."

### 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!*

### THE EPISTLE

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (4:5-8)**

My son Timothy, be watchful in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the season of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, and I have guarded the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will reward me at that day, and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved His appearing.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. O God be bountiful to us, and bless us; show the light of Thy face upon us, and have mercy on us!*

*v. That we may know Thy ways upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!*

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)**

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### COMMUNION HYMN

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

"To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June."  
— Jean-Paul Sartre (1905-1980)