

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 12, 2020 – Sunday After Theophany (Tone 5)

Today's Saints

Martyr Tatiana of Rome and Companions; St. Sava, First Archbishop of Serbia; St. Caesaria, Abbess of Arles; St. Probus, Bishop of Verona; Virgin-martyr Euthasia; Martyr Mertius of Mauretania; Martyr Arcadius of Numidia; St. John, Bishop of Ravenna; St. Benedict Biscop; St. Victorian of Asan; St. Salvius, Bishop of Amiens; St. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk

Today's Services

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Variables

See Bulletin Insert for today's Bible readings and other Liturgy variables.

Today's Special Offerings

Altar Vigils offered by the Suchowacki Family in memory of Pelagia Szewczyk (anniversary of repose). **St. John's Cross** offered by Olga DeMay in memory of Helen Pirniak (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- A sign-up sheet for the annual blessing of homes is in the church vestibule. Today is the final deadline for sign up for house blessing this year.
- “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!
- 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 if you plan to attend.
- Fr. Sophrony is returning the morning of January 15th. In the event of an emergency before Fr. Sophrony returns, please call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-6604 or the nearest Orthodox priest.

Upcoming Services

January 18-19, 2020 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“Christians, have we understood the great responsibility that we have taken on before God through baptism? Have we come to know that we must conduct ourselves as children of God, that we must align our will with the will of God, that we must remain free from sin, that we must love God with all our hearts and always patiently await union with Him? Have we thought about the fact that our heart should be so filled with love that it should overflow to our neighbor? Do we have the feeling that we must become holy and perfect, children of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven? We must struggle for this, so that we may not be shown unworthy and rejected. Let none of us lose our boldness, nor neglect our duties, nor be afraid of the difficulties of spiritual struggle. For we have God as a helper, who strengthens us in the difficult path of virtue.”
-- St. Nectarius of Pentapolis (1846-1920)

Divine Liturgy Variables for January 12, 2020

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

TROPARION OF THEOPHANY IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul in Tone Four*

TROPARION OF MARTYR TATIANA OF ROME IN TONE FOUR

In your sufferings you shone brightly, in the royal purple of your blood, and like a beautiful dove you flew to heaven, passion-bearer Tatiana, therefore always pray for those who honor you.

TROPARION OF ST. SAVA, ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA IN TONE EIGHT

The Church glorifies you as its first great hierarch and the Apostles' companion, O venerable one. Since you have boldness before Christ God, save us by your prayers from every tribulation, so that we may cry out to you: Rejoice, O divinely-wise Father Sava.

- *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 THEOPHANY IN TONE FIVE

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, but grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, "When he ascended on high, he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. O Lord, I will sing of Thy mercies forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: mercy will be established forever. Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

COMMUNION HYMN

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