

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 26, 2020 – 32nd Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

Synaxis of Three Hierarchs [transferred from 1/30]; Ss. Xenophon, Mary, and their sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople; New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia; Martyrs Ananias the Presbyter, Peter and seven soldiers, of Phoenicia; St. Xenophon of Robeika (disciple of St. Barlaam of Khutyn); St. Simeon "the Ancient," of Mount Sinai; St. Paula of Rome; Translation of Relics of St. Theodore the Studite; St. Joseph, Bishop of Thessalonica (brother of St. Theodore the Studite); St. Athanasius, Bishop of Sorrento; St. Conan of Iona, Bishop of the Isle of Man; St. Theofrid, Abbot and Bishop of Corbie; St. Alphonsus of Astorga; St. Ansurius, Bishop of Orense

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Laura Marie Royer, offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer

Today's Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Laura Marie Royer (45th anniversary of repose). **St. John's Cross** and **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Elizabeth Zuber in memory, respectively, of her father's repose and her mother's birthday.

Announcements & Events

- "Souper Bowl" Project: Our parish's collection of cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to St. Mary's food pantry concludes next Sunday. Thank you for co-operating in this project!
- The parish council is meeting today after Divine Liturgy.
- Candles shall be blessed at Divine Liturgy next Sunday, according to the custom for the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple ("Candlemas"), also known as the Purification of the Virgin Mary.

Upcoming Services

February 1-2, 2020 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

*"Brethren and fathers, God, who fashioned us and brought us out of non-existence into being, has placed us in this life as in a schoolroom to learn to gospel of his kingdom."
– St. Theodore the Studite*

Divine Liturgy Variables for January 26, 2020

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 THREE HIERARCHS IN TONE ONE

Let us who love their words gather together / and honor with hymns the three great torch-bearers of the triune Godhead: / Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. / These men have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines. / They are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom / filling all creation with springs of heavenly knowledge. / Ceaselessly they intercede for us before the Holy Trinity!

TROPARION OF ST. XENOPHON & FAMILY IN TONE FOUR

O God of our Fathers, / always act with kindness towards us; / take not Thy mercy from us, / but guide our lives in peace / through the prayers of Venerable Xenophon and his family.

- *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 will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone. Their sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

v. To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.

v. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (15:21-28)

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Their sound has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!