

# 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.*

### February 2, 2020 – Feast of the Presentation of Christ and Sunday of Zacchaeus (Tone 8)

#### Today's Saints

Martyr Agathadorus of Tyana; Martyr Apronian of Rome; St. Lawrence, Archbishop of Canterbury; St. Columbanus; St. Flosculus, Bishop of Orleans; St. Adeloga, First Abbess of Kitzingen; St. Adalbert I of Ostrevent, Founder of Marchiennes Abbey; New Martyr Jordan of Trebizond, at Constantinople; St. Anthimus of Chios

#### Today's Services

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

#### Today's Liturgy Variables

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

#### 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 today. Thank you for co-operating in this project!

- The Bayonne Alpha “R” Club will be holding its annual Chinese New Year dinner on Saturday, February 8th, in the church hall following Vespers. Please let Marge Kovach know if you plan to attend.
- The Memorial Saturdays of the Lenten season this year are February 22, March 14, March 21, and March 28. Fr. Sophrony will also say the Litany of the Departed at Divine Liturgy on St. Theodore Saturday (March 7). If you need to update the names on your memorial list(s), contact Fr. Sophrony by February 16, 2020.
- General Confession shall be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 after Vespers.
- Please see flyer copied on the reverse side of the second page of the bulletin insert about Archbishop Michael’s tenth anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 9, 2020.
- The Orthodox Church in America has consecrated two new bishops: Bishop Alexis (Trader) of Bethesda, auxiliary to Metropolitan Tikhon, consecrated on January 25, 2020 in Washington, D.C.; and Bishop Andrei (Hoarște), auxiliary to Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate, consecrated on February 1, 2020 in Southfield, Michigan. Axios!
- Welcome to Marco Andarous and Bissam Megaly, who are new to our parish!

### Upcoming Services

#### February 8-9, 2020 (Next Weekend)

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

*“If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, Winter will have another flight. If Candlemas Day be clouds and rain, Winter is gone and will not come again.”*  
– Old English Proverb

*“No matter how long the Winter, Spring is sure to follow.”*  
– Old English Proverb

## Divine Liturgy Variables for February 2, 2020

*NOTE: At the Small Entrance, "O Come let us worship ..." is not sung today unless it is a hierarchal service. In its place the Priest exclaims the Entrance Verse: **The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness before the nations.***

### 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!

### FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, // Who grants us the Resurrection!

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

### 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!

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

### FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE ONE

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb and didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, // O only Lover of Man!

### 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 prokeimenon in the third tone.** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

## THE EPISTLE

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:7-17)**

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (4:9-15)**

My son Timothy, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

### 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!*

*v. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word!*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:22-40)**

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel.” And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (19:1-10)**

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today

salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

### FESTAL MEGALYNARION IN TONE THREE

*O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians, protect, preserve, and save those who hope in thee!*

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us the faithful discern a figure: every male child that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore, we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, // the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

### COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!