

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 16, 2020 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Tone 2)

Today's Saints

Martyrs Pamphilius the Presbyter, Valens the Deacon, and Companions, at Caesarea-in-Palestine; St. Maruthas, Bishop of Martyropolis; St. Flavian, Archbishop of Antioch; St. Nicholas, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Japan; St. Honestus of Nîmes; St. Faustinus the Confessor, Bishop of Brescia

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of V. Rev. Archpriest Michael Chanda

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 Ernest Alexander Royer. **St. John's Cross** and **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Robert Pierce for the recovery and return to health of Dominick Maak.

Announcements & Events

- 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 as soon as possible.
- Please see flyer on bulletin board in church vestibule about Archbishop Michael's tenth anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 9, 2020.
- Parishioners planning to attend the DDB appreciation dinner at Holy Resurrection Church hall in Wayne on next Sunday, please tell Fr. Sophrony or Robert Pierce before leaving church today.
- Next Sunday there shall be a parastas in memory of Julia Wasilewski after Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Services

February 22-23, 2020 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

"Sometimes Japanese Protestants come to me and ask me to clarify some place in the Holy Scriptures. "You have your own missionary teachers," I tell them, "Go ask them. What do they say?" "We have asked them. They say: understand as you know how. But I need to know the real thought of God, not my own personal opinion." ... It's not like that with us. Everything is clear, trustworthy and simple, since we accept Holy Tradition in addition to the Holy Scriptures. And Holy Tradition is a living, unbroken voice of our Church from the time of Christ and His Apostles until now, and which will exist until the end of the world. In it all the meaning of the Holy Scriptures are preserved."
– St. Nicholas of Japan (1836-1912), Diary, January 15, 1897

Divine Liturgy Variables for February 16, 2020

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

- *Choir sings the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION FROM TRIODION IN TONE THREE

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: “I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me as a penitent, // and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE TWO

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, for it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your

sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore, his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as

soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'

COMMUNION HYMN

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