

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.

March 15, 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Lent (Tone 6)

Today's Saints

St. Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica; Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, first Bishop in Britain; Martyr Agapius and Companions, of Caesarea-in-Palestine; Hieromartyr Alexander of Side, in Pamphylia; Martyr Nicander of Egypt; St. Zachary, Pope of Rome; Virgin-martyr Leocritia of Cordoba; Synaxis of the Holy Fathers of the Kiev-Caves

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rena Robichaud.

Announcements & Events

- Today's Lenten Vespers is 4:00 PM at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Ave., South River, N.J. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is 4:00 PM at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 812 Grand St., Trenton, N.J.
- The parish council is meeting today after Divine Liturgy.
- Please see flyer on bulletin board in church vestibule about Archbishop Michael's tenth anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 9, 2020.
- All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday evening Akathistos or any Saturday evening Vespers. Those who legitimately cannot attend services on Friday or Saturday evenings may call the Rectory to make arrangements for confession at another time.
- Summer 2020 programs at St. Andrew's Camp, our diocesan youth camp in Jewell, N.Y., have been scheduled. If interested, see www.standrewscamp.org or flyer on the church bulletin board.
- In Memoriam: Anna Yendrey, age 85, of Bayonne, New Jersey, passed into blessed repose on March 12, 2020. Memory Eternal!

Upcoming Services

March 18, 2020

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Presanctified Liturgy

March 20-22, 2020 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos & General Panichida

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“How monotonously alike all the great tyrants and conquerors have been: how gloriously different are the saints.”

Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963), *Mere Christianity*, Bk. IV, ch. 11

Divine Liturgy Variables for March 15, 2020

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. / Thou hast captured Hell, not being tempted by it. / Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. / O Lord Who rose from the dead: // Glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS IN TONE EIGHT

O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, / O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, / O wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved.

- *Choir sings 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.*

KONTAKION FROM TRIODION IN TONE FOUR

Now is the time for action! / Judgment is at the doors! / So let us rise and fast, / offering alms with tears of compunction and crying: / “Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea; / but forgive us, O Master of All, // so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns.”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FIVE

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever.
v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (1:10-2:3)

Brethren, in the beginning, Thou, O Lord, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they will perish, but Thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle Thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years will never end.” But to what angel has He ever said, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies a stool for thy feet”? Are they

not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore, we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message, declared by angels, was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard Him.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, for such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v. He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.”

v. The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (2:1-12)

At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and He was preaching the Word to them. And they came, bringing to Jesus a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now, some of the scribes were sitting there, reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God

alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus reasoned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” –He said to the paralytic – “I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all. So that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (10:9-16)

The Lord said, “I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear my voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the human race.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child –our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in ever-lasting remembrance. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!