



Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

A parish of the Orthodox Church in America

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MARCH 26, 2023 / 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (TONE 8)

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 FOUR

Today is the beginning of our salvation, / the revelation of the eternal mystery! / The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin / as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. / Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: / “Rejoice, O Full of Grace, // the Lord is with thee!”

TROPARION OF ARCHANGEL GABRIEL IN TONE FOUR

Gabriel, Commander of the heavenly hosts, / we who are unworthy beseech thee: / by thy prayers encompass us beneath the wings of thine immaterial glory, / and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to thee: // “Deliver us from all harm, for thou art the Commander of the Powers on high!

- *Choir sings troparion of Apostles Peter & Paul*
- *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 resurrect 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 EIGHT

O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! / We, thy servants delivered from evil / sing our grateful thanks to thee, O Theotokos. / As thou dost possess invincible might set us free from every calamity // so that we may sing: “Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

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.

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: From day to day proclaim the salvation of our God!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)

Brethren, for when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (2:11-18)

Brethren, for both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

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. He descends like rain upon the fleece, like raindrops that water the earth.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (9:17-31)

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not." He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me." Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth. So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, “Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in the days when He looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.” Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?” And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible.” Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

FESTAL MEGALYNARION

O earth, announce good tidings of great joy: O heavens, praise the glory of God!

Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel’s song: “Rejoice, O Lady, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Festal troparion replaces “We have seen the true light ...”*

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on March 26th: ***Leave-taking of Holy Annunciation***. Archangel Gabriel; Hieromartyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Sirmium; St. Malchus of Chalcis (Syria); Martyrs Montanus, Presbyter of Singidunum, and Maxima (his wife); St. Basil the Younger, Anchorite; 26 Martyrs of Crimea; Martyr Castulus of Rome; St. Felix, Bishop of Trier; St. Govan, Hermit of Pembrokeshire; St. Braulio the Confessor, Bishop of Zaragoza; St. Ludger, 1st Bishop of Münster; St. Felicitas of Padua; New Martyr George of Sofia.

TODAY’S PARASTAS

Parastas offered by Igor & Yana Tserkun in memory of Iryna Kusiak (9th day).

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Stephen & Deborah Wanko for the health of Nicholas Petronko. **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Olga DeMay in memory of Stephen Pirniak (anniversary of birth).

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Thursday) – Great Canon of Repentance [Entire]
6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos to the Virgin Mary
9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

- (1) Today's Deanery Lenten Vespers is at Holy Virgin Assumption Church in Clifton, N.J. at 5:00 PM.
- (2) Next Sunday's Deanery Lenten Vespers is at Annunciation Church in Brick, N.J. at 4 PM.
- (3) St. Mary's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church (89 W. 29th Street, Bayonne, N.J.) is having its annual bake sale of Easter breads. Order forms are available in our church vestibule.
- (4) All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday or Saturday evening service. Those who are unable attend services on Friday or Saturday evenings may call the Rectory to make arrangements for confession at another time.
- (5) Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church's annual Easter Bazaar is being held on Saturday, April 1st from 10 AM to 3 PM. The event will take place in the church hall located at 9 Jeffrie Ave., South River, N.J. The bazaar will feature ethnic Lenten and Paschal foods for sale as well as arts and crafts for the upcoming holiday, and Gift Basket Raffles. For more information, please contact Deb at (609) 918-0249.
- (6) The Diocesan Young Adult Retreat is being held on Friday-Sunday, May 19-21, 2023, at St. Andrew's Camp, Jewell, New York. To register, visit the webpage at https://nynjoca.org/news_230320_1.html and click on the words, **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.
- (7) Ms. Iryna Kusiak, age 59, of Brooklyn, New York, passed into blessed repose on March 17, 2023. Вічна ПАМ'ЯТЬ! Memory Eternal!

Meatball & Pasta Dinner

Menu

*Salad, Italian Bread, and Antipasto
Pasta and Meatballs in Meat Sauce
Wine, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea
Dessert*

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Hall
98 West 28th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey
Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Donation: \$30 per person (\$15, children up to 12)
Contact: sppbay1922nj@outlook.com or 201-436-3244

Featuring a Tricky Tray and Raffle

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parish every time you shop!**



*ShopRite, Stop & Shop, and Acme gifts cards
available for purchase in the church vestibule.*

*"There are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth; not going
all the way, and not starting."*

~ Siddhartha Gautama Buddha (563-483 BC)