

Saints Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church

(A parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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Today's Services – September 15, 2013 12th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Great-martyr Nicetas the Goth, Martyrs Theodotus, Asclepiodote, & Maximus of Adrianople, Martyr Porphyrius the Actor, St. Philotheus the Presbyter, of Bithynia, New Martyr John of Crete, St. Joseph the New, Metropolitan of Timisoara, Uncovering of the relics of St. Acacius, Bishop of Mitylene, Uncovering of the relics of Protomartyr & Archdeacon Stephen.

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I, through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and the He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, he said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible”

Upcoming Services: September 21-22, 2013

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Join us for *coffee hour* after Liturgy. All parishioners and visitors are welcome! General Confession is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st after Vespers. The next Parish Council meeting has been changed to Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Bayonne "R" Club: The "R" Club is having its flea market on Saturday, September 28th and Saturday, October 5th. Donations of items will be gratefully accepted. If necessary, please contact any club member to arrange for pick up.

Carpathian Club: The Carpathian Club's next meeting is Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30 PM. The club's picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Contact Stephen Wasilewski for tickets -- \$15 each for advance purchase, \$17 each at the door.

Local Area Events: ShopRite of Bayonne's "Partners in Care" initiative is Wednesday, September 18th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If interested in volunteering, contact Stephen Wasilewski.

Diocesan Events: A conference on "Sharing Orthodoxy with the World" is being held at Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, 35 Orange Ave., Clifton, N.J. on October 19, 2013, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Lunch is included). The conference is FREE. To register, e-mail Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff at frjonathan@hotmail.com – please include your name, parish, and the number of persons being registered. More information is available at www.nynjoca.org. The diocese's "Operation Princeton" is taking place on September 20-21 and October 25-26. For information, call 609-306-4168. Volunteers are needed, but donations will also be accepted.