

# Saints Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church

*(A parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)*

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## Today's Services – October 13, 2013

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7)

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council/Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonike of Pergamon

#### Today's Saints

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathodorus, & Agathonike of Pergamon, Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica, Martyr Benjamin the Deacon, of Persia, New Martyr Chryse of Bulgaria, St. Nicetas the Confessor, of Paphlagonia

#### Today's Divine Services

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

**Tone 7      Troparion    *(Resurrection)***

By Your Cross You destroyed death.

To the thief You opened Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.

And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,

to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 8      Troparion    (*Fathers*)**

You are most glorious, O Christ our God!  
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth.  
Through them You have guided us to the true Faith.//  
O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

**Tone 7      Kontakion    (*Resurrection*)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

**Tone 6      Kontakion    (*Fathers*)**

The Son who shone forth from the Father  
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.  
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,  
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.  
Thus, keeping the True Faith,//  
the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.

**Tone 7      Prokeimenon**

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless  
His  
    people with peace.

*v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is

Your Name forever!

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Hebrews 13:7-16

**Tone 7**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High*

*v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.*

*v: The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

**Gospel:** Luke 8:5-15, John 17:1-13

**Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

We then, as workers together in Him who also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: In an acceptable time I have heard you. And in the day of salvation I have helped you. Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be

blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

*Second Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16*

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

*Gospel: Luke 8:5-15*

A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold. When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they

hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

*Second Gospel: John 17:1-13*

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had given You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

## **Upcoming Services: October 19-20, 2013**

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

## **Announcements & Events**

*Parish Events:* "Coffee Hour" after today's Divine Liturgy - all parishioners and visitors are welcome. Today we welcome Fr. Yaroslav Stebelsky, who is substituting for Fr. Sophrony. Fr. Sophrony is returning on October 16<sup>th</sup> - in the event of an emergency before his return, call Fr. John Fencik at 201-779-6604. The next Parish Council meeting is Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. This month's General Confession is scheduled for Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> after Vespers - attendance at Vespers is required. Sandwich making for the Cluster Soup Kitchen will take place again in the church hall on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM - volunteers are needed, and will be appreciated!

*Bayonne "R" Club:* The next meeting of the Bayonne "R" Club is scheduled for Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> after Divine Liturgy.

*Carpathian Club:* The next monthly meeting of the Carpathian Club is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

*Diocesan Events:* A conference on Evangelism is being held at Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church, 35 Orange Ave., Clifton, N.J. on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The conference is free, but please register by emailing Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff at [frjonathan@hotmail.com](mailto:frjonathan@hotmail.com) - include your name, parish affiliation, and number of persons attending. "Operation Princeton continues on October 25-26, 2013. While volunteers are needed, donations will also be gratefully accepted. Please call Fr. John Cassar at 609-306-4168 for information.

## **Special Donation**

Last Sunday's Sanctuary Lamp was offered by Dede & Babi in honor of Keira Canova's birthday.