

# **Saints Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church**

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

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## **Today's Services – November 24, 2013 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 5)**

### Today's Saints

Great-martyr Catherine of Alexandria, Great-martyr Mercurius of Casesarea-in-Cappadocia, Martyrs Augusta the Empress, Porphyrius the General, and 200 Soldiers (martyred with St. Catherine), Martyr Mercurius of Smolensk, St. Mercurius the Faster, of the Kiev-Caves, Virgin-martyr Mastridia of Alexandria

### Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18*

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor

uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

*Gospel: Luke 13:10-17*

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame, and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Upcoming Services: November 30-December 1, 2013

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* The Annual Parish Meeting is today after the Divine Liturgy. Pictures from the Akathistos Service to St. Nectarios on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> may now be viewed on our parish website and the diocesan website. Please remember in your prayers: Wilfred Royer, who was recently hospitalized. Our church's Christmas decorations will be set up next Sunday after Liturgy. Parishioners are gently reminded of their obligation to go to confession during Advent.

*Today's Special Donations:* Sanctuary Lamp offered by John & Helen Wanko in honor of Stephen Wanko's birthday. Sacramental Wine offered by Mrs. Terry Cimboric in memory of Joseph Cimboric.

*Local Events:* "Noel: A Christmas Organ Recital," featuring organist Dr. James Sanderson, is scheduled for 3:00 PM, Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013 at Trinity Episcopal Church, at W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway in Bayonne. The program will include works by French composers and an improvisation on *Adeste Fidelis*. Admission is free; donations will be gratefully accepted. Parking is available in the church lot on W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Tone 5      Troparion    *(Resurrection)***

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead//  
by His glorious Resurrection.

**Troparion    Tone 4      *(Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple)***

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,  
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.  
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,  
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.  
Let us rejoice  
and sing to her://  
"Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!"

**\* Sing Troparion to Ss. Peter & Paul**

**Tone 4      Troparion    *(Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria)***

By your virtues as by rays of the sun you enlightened the  
unbelieving  
philosophers,  
and like the most bright moon you drove away the darkness of  
disbelief

from those walking in the night;  
you convinced the queen, and also chastised the tyrant,  
God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine.  
You hastened with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the  
fairest

Bridegroom of Christ,  
and you were crowned by Him with a royal crown; //  
Standing before Him with the Angels, pray for us who keep your  
most  
sacred memory!

**Tone 4**      **Troparion**    *(Great Martyr Mercurius of  
Cæsarea)*

Your holy martyr Mercurius, O Lord,  
through his sufferings has received an incorruptible crown from  
You, O      God.  
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. //  
Through his intercessions, save our souls!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 5**      **Kontakion**    *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,

shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, //  
and we cry to You: "O Lord, save us!"

*Now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 4      Kontakion** *(Entry of the Theotokos into  
the Temple)*

The most pure Temple of the Savior;  
the precious Chamber and Virgin;  
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,  
is presented today to the house of the Lord.  
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,  
therefore, the Angels of God praise her:  
"Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

**Tone 5      Prokeimenon**

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this  
generation forever.

*v. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!*

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon** *(Song of the Theotokos)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my  
Savior.

**Epistle:** Galatians 6:11-18

**Tone 5      Alleluia**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.*

*v. For You have said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."*

*v. Harken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear!*

**Gospel:** Luke 13:10-17

*(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)*

#### **Tone 4**

The Angels beheld the Entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.

How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

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:

"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

#### **Communion Hymns**

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

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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