

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

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

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## **Today's Services - December 1, 2013 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 6)**

### Today's Saints

Holy Prophet Nahum, St. Philaretus the Merciful, Martyr Ananias of Persia

### Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy - Parastas in memory of Maryanne Benda, offered by Theodore & Valentina Benda

### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

*Gospel: Luke 18:18-27*

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Upcoming Services: December 5-6, 2013

6:00 PM (Thursday) - Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Friday) - Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Services: December 7-8, 2013

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* "Coffee Hours" today after Liturgy - all parishioners and visitors are welcome! Our church's Christmas decorations will be set up today after Liturgy. Parishioners are gently reminded of their obligation to go to confession during Advent.

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

## Today's Special Donations

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John & Helen Wanko in honor of Kenneth Bianchini's birthday.

### **Tone 6      Troparion    (*Resurrection*)**

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You took hell captive, //  
not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life. //  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

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

### **Tone 2      Troparion    (*Prophet Nahum*)**

We celebrate the memory  
of Your Prophet Nāhum, O Lord;  
through him we beseech You:  
“save our souls!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

### **Tone 6      Kontakion    (*Resurrection*)**

When Christ God the Giver of Life,

raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty  
hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of  
all.

**Tone 6      Prokeimenon**

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

*v. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:4-10

**Tone 6      Alleluia**

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."*

**Gospel:** Luke 18:18-27

**Communion Hymn**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!