

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 8, 2013 24th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

Forefeast of the Conception of the All-holy Virgin Mary, St. Patapius of Thebes, Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Tychicus, Cephas, Epaphroditus, Caesar, and Onesiphorus of the Seventy, Martyr Anthusa of Rome

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the

foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple of the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Upcoming Services: December 14-15, 2013

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: "Coffee Hour" today after Liturgy - all parishioners and visitors are welcome! Parishioners are gently reminded of their obligation to go to confession during Advent. A sign-up sheet for January house blessings is now in the church vestibule. Mr. Wilfred Royer is now undergoing physical therapy at Doctors Subacute Care Center in Paterson, New Jersey.

Local Events: "Noel: A Christmas Organ Recital," featuring organist Dr. James Sanderson, is scheduled for Sunday, December 22nd at 3 PM, Trinity Episcopal Church, at Broadway & W. 5th St. in Bayonne. Parking is available in the church lot on W. 5th St. Admission is free; donations will be gratefully accepted.

Special Donations: Last Sunday's Triple Candelabra and St. Nicholas Cross were offered by Theodore & Valentina Benda and Benda Family in memory of Maryanne Benda (on anniversary of her repose). Today's Sanctuary Lamp was offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Concetta Gloria Royer (on her namesday).

**DIVINE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2013
(TONE 7)**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VENERABLE PATAPIUS OF THEBES; FOREFEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE ALL-HOLY VIRGIN MARY; APOSTLES SOSTHENES, APOLLOS, TYCHICUS, CEPHAS, EPAPHRODITUS, CAESAR, AND ONESIPHORUS OF THE SEVENTY; MARTYR ANTHUSA OF ROME

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

- *Now sing the Troparion to Ss. Peter & Paul*

TROPARION TO ST. PATAPIUS IN TONE EIGHT

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father, for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. By so doing you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away, but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. Therefore, your spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the angels.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave where she will give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word Who is before all the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest it heralded: Glorify Him, with the angels and the shepherds, Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe, the God Who is before all the ages.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
v. Bring unto the Lord, ye sons of God, bring young rams unto the Lord.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:14-22

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to confess to the Lord, and to sing psalms to Thy name, O Most High.

v. To proclaim Thy mercy in the morning and Thy truth in the night.

GOSPEL: Luke 17:12-19

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!