

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 15, 2013 25th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 8)

Today's Saints

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, & his mother, Martyr Evanthia, St. Paul of Latros, St. Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh, Martyr Eleutherius of Constantinople, St. Pardus the Hermit, of Palestine, Hieromartyr Hilarion, Archbishop of Vereya

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

When in Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived with them. But now you yourselves are to put off these things: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in

knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

Upcoming Services: December 21-22, 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. The Parish Council is meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The Carpathian Club's monthly meeting is Wednesday, December 18th at 7:30 PM.

Diocesan Events: Please remember the Diocese's Christmas charity project for the benefit of the Bethany School for Girls in the Occupied West Bank, which is run by the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem. For information, see Marge Kovach.

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 Street, Bayonne. Parking is available in the church lot on W. 5th Street. Admission is free; but donations will be gratefully accepted.

TODAY’S SPECIAL DONATIONS

Seven-Day Altar Vigils were offered by Russell & Andrea Wyskanycz in memory of Andrew & Juliana Bacsik (birthdays).

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

*** Sing Troparion of Saints Peter & Paul**

TROPARION OF ST. ELEUTHERIUS IN TONE FIVE

Being comely adorned in thy sacred priestly robes and newly drenched with the streams of thy pure and sanctified blood, thou didst soar aloft to stand before Thy Master, Christ; hence never cease to intercede for those honoring with faith thy mighty and blessed contest, thou overthrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherius.

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

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.

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray ye, and render unto the Lord our God.
v. In Judaea, is God known; in Israel, great is His name.

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:4-11

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
v. O come, let us rejoice unto the Lord; let us shout unto God our Savior.
v. Let us come before His presence in confession, and in psalms let us shout unto Him.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:16-24

COMMUNION HYMN

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