

Saints Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church

(A parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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Today's Services - January 5, 2014 Sunday Before, and Eve of, Theophany (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Martyrs Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and Theonas (the former magician), Holy Prophet Micah, Virgin-martyr Apollonia of Egypt, St. Syncretica of Alexandria, New-martyr Romanus of Mt. Athos

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy - Parastas in memory of Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, offered by Tais Fedetz

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Timothy 4:5-8 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Donations

St. John's Cross donated by Elizabeth Zuber in memory of Henry Zuber

St. Nicholas Cross donated by Tais Fedetz in memory of Fr. Nicholas Fedetz

Upcoming Services

January 5-6, 2014

6:00 PM (Sunday) - Vigil w. Lity

9:30 AM (Monday) - Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water

January 11-12, 2014

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! A sign-up sheet for January house blessings is now in the church vestibule. A schedule of the house blessings this year is posted in the church vestibule. All blessings in Bayonne are scheduled for January 18th and 19th. House blessings in other locations are by special appointment. January 1st was the ninth anniversary of Fr. Nicholas Fedetz's repose - please join us in prayerful remembrance of Fr. Nicholas at the Parastas after today's Divine Liturgy. Fr. Sophrony's travel plans this week have been CANCELED. On December 31st Wilfred Royer was admitted into St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson, N.J. Starting this month, your offering envelopes packets will contain a new "Building Fund" envelope. Please use the "Building Fund" envelopes so that the intent of the Building Fund might be successfully met, and may God's grace be with you for your generosity. The next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The next meeting of the Carpathian Club is Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

Diocesan Events: The "Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors" appreciation dinner for the N.J. Deanery is scheduled for January 26, 2014 at Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church in Clifton, N.J.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION FOR THE EVE OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

The River Jordan receded of old by the mantle of Elisha when Elijah ascended into heaven; and the water was separated to this side and that, the wet element turning into a dry path for Him, being truly a symbol of Baptism, by which we cross the path of transient age. Christ appeared in the Jordan to sanctify its waters.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

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

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O merciful one, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices. With the prophets and patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power!

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan, crying to John and saying, Be not dismayed at my Baptism; for I have verily come to save Adam, the first to be created.

THE PROKEIMENON

For Sunday Before Theophany, in Tone 6: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

For Eve of Theophany, in Tone 3: The Lord is my Light and my Savior, whom shall I fear!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:5-8)

My child Timothy, be watchful in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the season of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, and I have guarded the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will reward me at that day, and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved His appearing.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. O God be bountiful to us, and bless us; show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us!

v. That we may know Thy ways upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

v. My heart flows with a goodly theme: I address my verses to the king!

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

COMMUNION HYMN

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