

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

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

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**Today's Services – February 2, 2014**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 7)**

**Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
in the Temple (also known as the Purification of  
the Virgin Mary)**

### Today's Divine Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 & Hebrews 7:7-17 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)*

*Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 & Luke 2:22-40 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)*

## **Upcoming Services**

### February 8-9, 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!

*Carpathian Club:* The Carpathian Club is hosting a Super Bowl Sunday “social” today starting at 3:30 PM. Club members and friends are welcome. The club’s next meeting is Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

*“R” Club Event:* The N.J. District “R” Club is sponsoring an ice-skating event at the Korpi Ice Rink located in Bayonne High School (intersection of Avenue A & W. 29<sup>th</sup> St.), with a “social” to follow in our church hall, on Sunday, February 9, 2014. Ice-skating will be 2:00-3:15 PM. The price for ice-skating, skate rental, and “social” is \$12/adult, \$10/child; “social” only is \$7/adult, \$5 child. Reservations required by February 3, 2014 – contact Marge Kovach at [mjkovach@aol.com](mailto:mjkovach@aol.com) or (732) 815-9765.

*Local Events:* The Knights of Columbus Council #371, 669 Avenue C, Bayonne, N.J. is hosting an “American Pride” Family Style Dinner, for the benefit of the Wounded Warrior Project, on Sunday, February 16, 2014. Dinners served from 1:00 PM until 4:30 PM. \$20/adults; \$15/active & retired military; \$12/children under 12. Call (201) 436-1492. For more information, see the flyer in the church vestibule.

*Memorial Saturdays:* The first Memorial Saturday of this year’s Lenten season is Saturday, February 22, 2014. You will need to give Fr. Sophrony the names of the faithful departed to be commemorated by Sunday, February 16, 2014.

## **Today's Special Donations**

St. John’s Cross offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of John Yendrey (anniversary of repose).

St. Nicholas’ Cross offered by Jasmine De Santa for the health and salvation of Jasmine Petrosian Hammond.

## 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.

### TROPARION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

- *Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

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

## RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection!”

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

### KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

### PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

v. *Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

**In Tone Three:** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

### THE EPISTLE

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to Titus. (4:9-15)**

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially those who believe. These things command and teach. Let no one despise your

youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:17-17)**

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.*

v. *To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.*

**In Tone Eight:** v. *Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation!*

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (19:1-10)**

Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was short of stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false

accusation, I restore fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:22-40)**

In those days, the parents of Jesus brought Him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, “Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel.” And His father and his mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

MEGALYNARION OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE THREE

*O Theotokos, thou hope of all Christians; keep and shelter and preserve them that set their hope in thee.*

In the shadow and letter of the Law, let us, the faithful discern a figure: every male child that opens the womb is holy to God. Therefore, we magnify the first-born Word of a Father Who has no beginning.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!