

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 9, 2014

**33rd Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 8)/Leave-taking
of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the
Temple & Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: 1 Timothy 3:10-15 & Hebrews 7:7-17 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14 & Luke 2:22-40 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Upcoming Services

February 15-16, 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! The next Parish Council Meeting is Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The club's next meeting is Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

"R" Club Event: Today's ice-skating at the Korpi Ice Rink will be 2:00-3:15 PM, followed by a "social" in our church hall.

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 in memory of Margaret Gellobella (anniversary of repose) by Elizabeth Zuber.

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 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.

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

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

KONTAKION FROM THE LENTEN TRIODION IN TONE ONE

Let us fess from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: Have mercy on us, O only merciful One!

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.

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great is Israel!

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

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (3:10-15)

Timothy my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be

persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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

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 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."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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 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 the glory of 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 and 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.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

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

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, the Son first-born of a Mother who had not known man.

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!