

Saints Peter and Paul
Orthodox Catholic Church
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Today's Services - March 2, 2014
36th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)
Sunday of Forgiveness

Today's Saints

Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene in Cyprus, Virgin-martyr Euthalia of Sicily, St. Agathon of Egypt, St. Arsenius, Bishop of Tver, St. Chad, Bishop of the Mercians, St. Sabbatius of Tver

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy - Vespers w. Rite of Forgiveness

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Upcoming Services

March 3-7, 2014

6:00 PM (Monday) – Compline w. Great Canon of Repentance
6:00 PM (Tuesday) – Compline w. Great Canon of Repentance
6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Compline w. Great Canon of Repentance
6:00 PM (Thursday) – Compline w. Great Canon of Repentance
6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos Hymn to the Divine Passion

March 8-9, 2014

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy
6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: “Coffee Hour” after today’s divine services – all parishioners and visitors are welcome! On March 19th, our parish shall be hosting a joint celebration of the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts with St. Mary’s. Starting next week, a sign-up sheet will be available in the church vestibule for the potluck supper following the service. It is the obligation of all Orthodox, age seven and older, to go to confession during Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday evening Akathistos or Saturday evening Vespers services. Confessions at other times are by appointment.

Orthodox Missions Sunday: Today is “Orthodox Missions Sunday.” All Orthodox parishes throughout North and Central America are asked to raise funds, by means of a special collection, for the benefit of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.

Deanery Lenten Vespers: Next Sunday’s Lenten Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy will be at Ss. Peter & Paul’s Church, 109 Grand St., Jersey City, N.J. at 4:00 PM. Bishop Mark of Baltimore is to be the homilist.

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.

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION FOR FORGIVENESS SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

O Thou Who guidest to wisdom, and givest understanding and intelligence, the Instructor of the ignorant, and Helper of the poor, strengthen my heart and grant it understanding, O Master. Give me word, O Word of the Father; for behold, I shall not refrain my lips from crying to Thee, O merciful One, have mercy upon me who am fallen.

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v. In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

ALLELUIA IN TONE THREE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High.

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

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise him in the highest!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!