

Saints Peter and Paul
Orthodox Catholic Church
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Today's Services - March 9, 2014
1st Sunday of Lent (Tone 4)
Sunday of Orthodoxy

Today's Saints

Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste, St. Caesarius (brother of St. Gregory the Theologian), Albasin Icon of the All-holy Virgin Mary

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) - Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) - Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2 & Hebrews 12:1-10 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: John 1:43-51 & Matthew 6:14-21 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Upcoming Services

March 12, 2014

9:30 AM (Wednesday) - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

March 14, 2014

6:00 PM (Friday) - Akathistos Hymn to the Divine Passion

March 15-16, 2014

9:30 AM (Saturday) - General Panichida

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! Lenten confessions may be heard after any Friday evening Akathistos or Saturday evening Great Vespers services. Confessions at other times are by appointment. The next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

Joint Pre-Sanctified Liturgy Update: The Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts at our church that was to be jointly celebrated with St. Mary's on March 19th has been postponed. The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts on March 19th is now scheduled for 9:30 AM.

Deanery Lenten Vespers: Today's Lenten Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy is at Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, 109 Grand St., Jersey City, N.J. at 4:00 PM. Bishop Mark of Baltimore is the homilist. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers will be at St. Gregory Palamas Church, 5 Church St., Glen Gardner, N.J. at **6:00 PM**. Bishop Michael of New York will be the homilist.

Carpathian Club: The next meeting is Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

TROPARION OF THE FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE IN TONE ONE

Be Thou entreated for the sake of the sufferings of Thy Saints which they endured for Thee, O Lord, and do Thou heal all our pains, we pray, O Lover of mankind.

- *Now sing the Troparion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE EIGHT

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from Thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by united it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

THE PROKIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!

The Second Prokeimenon in Tone 5: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us from this generation forever!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews (11:24-26, 11:32-12:2)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, because valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise. God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (12:1-10)

Brethren, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely; and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus: the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons? "My son: do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage when you are punished by Him; for the Lord disciplines him whom He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father?

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel was among those who called on His Name.

v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.

v. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give to Him glorious praise!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (20:1-16)

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I

wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.

*** *Liturgy of St. Basil: "All Creation Rejoices in Thee ..."* replaces *"It is Truly Meet ..."*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!