

# Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

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

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## Sunday, June 29, 2014 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 2)

### Today's Saints

Holy Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul

### Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas offered by R.B.O. Lodge #100 in memory of its reposed members.

### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 & 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)*

*Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33 & Matthew 16:13-19 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)*

### Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* Today's indoor picnic after Divine Liturgy is sponsored by our parish's chapter (lodge #100) of the Russian Brotherhood Organization. On Sunday, July 20, 2014 there shall be a brunch buffet (in honor of Wilfred Royer's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Philip Benda's tonsure to the rank of reader) after Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. You are requested to sign the list in the church vestibule if you plan to attend.

*R.B.O. Lodge #100 Events:* The lodge's annual meeting will take place today after the indoor picnic.

*Local Events:* St. Vladimir's Orthodox Church, 812 Grand St., Trenton, N.J. is celebrating its patronal feast with a banquet on Sunday, July 13, 2014 following Divine Liturgy. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. For information, contact Fr. John Diamantis at (609) 393-1234.

*All Saints Icon:* Our church has just acquired an icon of All Saints for use on All Saints Sunday starting next year. If anyone is interested in donating the icon, please speak with Stephen Wasilewski. The cost of the icon is \$31.50.

## Upcoming Services

### July 5-6, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

**Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, June 29, 2014 (Tone 2)**  
**The Holy, Glorious Apostles Peter and Paul**

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF SS. PETER AND PAUL IN TONE FOUR

O foremost in the ranks of Apostles, and teachers of the universe, Peter and Paul, intercede with the Master of all to grant safety to the world, and to our souls the Great Mercy.

KONTAKION OF SS. PETER AND PAUL IN TONE TWO

O Lord, Thou hast taken up to eternal rest and to the enjoyment of Thy blessings the two divinely inspired preachers, the leaders of the Apostles, for Thou hast accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet-smelling sacrifice, for Thou alone knowest what lies in the hearts of men.

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, and the world, O my Savior, praises Thee forever.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE TWO

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.  
*v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.*

***Second Prokimenon in Tone Eight:*** *Thy proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words of the ends of the universe!*

THE EPISTLE

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)**

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us; in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (11:21-12:9)**

Brethren, whatever any one dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from

my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He Who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!*

*v. Save thy King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!*

*v. The heavens will praise Thy wonders, O Lord; and Thy truth in the congregation of the saints.*

#### THE GOSPEL

##### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)**

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

##### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (16:13-19)**

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His Disciples, “Who do men say that the Son of man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in Heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom

of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!