

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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September 7, 2014 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 4)

Today's Saints

Forefeast of the Nativity of the All-holy Virgin Mary; Martyr Sozon of Cilicia; Apostles Evodius & Onesiphorus (of the Seventy); St. Cloud, Abbot of Nogent-sur-Seine; St. John, Archbishop of Novgorod; Martyr Euphychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Joseph Acito offered by the Carpathian Club

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-19 & 1 Corinthians 16:13-24 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: John 3:13-17 & Matthew 21:33-42 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: The next Parish Council meeting is 7:00 PM on Monday, September 15, 2014.

Carpathian Club: The Club's annual picnic will be on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Tickets: \$16 per person (advance purchase); \$20 per person (at the door). See Stephen Wasilewski for tickets.

Carpatho-Rusyn Society (N.J. Chapter): The N.J. Chapter's annual meeting is taking place on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 4:30 PM, at the Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Road, Wayne, N.J. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

Local Events: The Bayonne Interfaith Clergy Association's annual prayer service of remembrance, sponsored by "Bayonne Remembers September 11th Committee," is taking place on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM, at Harborview Park, Bayonne Harbor. See the press release posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church of Wayne, N.J., is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, October 11, 2014. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

Upcoming Services

September 7-8, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

September 13-14, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, September 07, 2014

Tone 4 / Sunday before Exaltation of the Cross

Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Martyr Sozon of Cilicia; Apostles Evodius & Onesiphorus of the Seventy;
St. John, Archbishop of Novgorod; St. Cloud, Abbot of Nogent-sur-Seine;
Martyr Eupychius of Caesarea-in-Cappadocia

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 FOR FOREFEAST OF NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

From the root of Jesse and the loins of David the great king, Mary, the child of God is born for our sake on this day. Hence, all creation exulteth on its renewal. Both Heaven and the earth rejoice together now. Praise her, O ye tribes of nations here below. The righteous Joachim rejoiceth, and Anna keepeth feast, crying out: The barren beareth the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

TROPARION OF MARTYR SOZON IN TONE FOUR

Thy holy martyr Sozon, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions save our souls!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

KONTAKION FOR FOREFEAST OF NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin Maid, Mary the pure Theotokos, the unentered bride-chamber of the great Heavenly Bridegroom, now is born of barren Anna by the divine will, to be made ready for God the Word as His chariot: for which she was ordained as the gate of God and the very Mother of Life.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of Hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this

rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

**The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians
(16:13-24)**

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints—that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand—Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

v. For My hand shall defend him, and My arm shall strengthen him.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His

Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
(21:33-42)**

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

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

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Today’s Special Donations

Seven-Day Altar Vigils and the Sanctuary Lamp donated in honor of Helen Wanko’s birthday by her grandchildren, Larissa, Lauren, Lindsay, Kenneth John, and Nicholas, and her great-grandchildren, Kiara and Mia.

