

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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September 14, 2014 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross (*Strict Fast*)

Today's Saints

Repose of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; *Lesna Icon of the All-holy Virgin Mary*

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Donations

Seven-day Altar Vigils offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Andrew Wanko (anniversary of repose).

St. John's Cross offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Peter DeMay (anniversary of repose).

St. Nicholas' Cross offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Mary Pirniak (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: The Parish Council is meeting tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

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.

Local Events: 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 vestibule. The Kecera Folk Ensemble is coming to N.J. on Sept. 26 & 27—see flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule. C.R.S.-N.J. is sponsoring the ensemble's concerts.

Upcoming Services

September 20-21, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on September 14 Exaltation (Elevation) of the Holy Cross

Rest of John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; Lesna Icon of the All-holy Virgin
Mary

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me?

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

The words of my transgressions are far from my salvation. (*Refrain*)

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not. (*Refrain*)

But Thou, the praise of Israel, dwellest in the sanctuary. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever?

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who was crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee.
Alleluia.

Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old. (*Refrain*)

This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. (*Refrain*)

God is our King before the ages: working salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... Only-begotten Son and Immortal Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

Refrain: Sing the Troparion of the Holy Cross below

He sits upon the cherubim, let the earth be moved. (*Refrain*)

The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all the people. (*Refrain*)

Let them give thanks to Thy great Name, for it is holy. (*Refrain*)

THE ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE FEAST

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy. Save us, O
Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- Now sing these troparia in the following order:

TROPARION OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory
over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy
commonwealth.

- Do NOT sing the apolytikion 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 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our
God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make
glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to

victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection. (THRICE)

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

And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!

v. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:18-24)

Brethren, the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)

At that time, the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And they came to Pontius Pilate saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no crime in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die, because He has made Himself the Son of God." When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where art Thou from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to Him, "Wilt Thou not speak to me? Knowest Thou not that I have power to release Thee, and power to crucify Thee?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above.

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called "The Pavement", and in Hebrew, "Gabbatha." Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus and led him away, and He went out, bearing His own Cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew "Golgotha." There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the Cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

Now standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother, and the Disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the Disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the Disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now fulfilled, said, "It is finished"; and He bowed His head and gave up the spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true.

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord.

Thou art the mystical paradise, O Theotokos; for that thou, being untilled, didst bud forth Christ, by Whom was planted on earth the life-giving tree of the Cross. Wherefore, as we adore it being elevated, we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMN OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

The light of Thy countenance hath been impressed on us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

- *Instead of singing "We have seen the true light", sing the Troparion of the Holy Cross.*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross—the Exaltation of which we now celebrate—by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles Peter and Paul, and all the other holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anne, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.