

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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September 21, 2014 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost Apodosis of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Today's Saints

Apostle Quadratus (of the Seventy); Uncovering of the Relics of St. Demetrius, Metropolitan of Rostov; Hieromartyr Hypatius, Bishop of Ephesus & Martyr Andrew the Presbyter; St. Cosmas the Bulgarian, of Zographou Monastery (Mt. Athos); Twenty-six Monk-martyrs of Zographou Monastery (Mt. Athos)

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Wilfred Royer offered by Edward Fedush

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 & 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 & Matthew 22:35-46 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Donations

Seven-day Altar Vigils offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of repose). Sanctuary Lamp offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of birth).

In Memoriam

Wilfred Royer, age 90, passed into blessed repose on September 13, 2014. Memory Eternal!

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: The Parish Council is meeting tomorrow at 7:00 PM. Our parish's Slavic Oktoberfest will be on Sunday, October 26, 2014 – see the flyer on bulletin board in vestibule. See Marge Kovach or Stephen Wasilewski to buy tickets. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Carpathian Club & "R" Club: The Carpathian Club's annual picnic is today, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Tickets: \$20 per person (at the door). The Bayonne "R" Club's annual flea market will be on Saturday, Oct. 4th and Saturday, Oct. 11th.

Carpatho-Rusyn Society (N.J. Chapter): The Kecera Folk Ensemble is coming to N.J. on Sept. 26 & 27—see flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Upcoming Services

September 27-28, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, September 21, 2014

Tone 6 / Leave-taking (Apodosis) of Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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.

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SIX

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

- *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.

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!

Second Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of the St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15)

Brethren, for it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory in the face of

Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

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

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (22:35-46)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment of the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool?' If David then calls Him, 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

MEGALYNARION OF THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

Magnify, O my soul, the Exaltation of the life-giving Cross of the Lord.

Verily, death which befell the human race by eating from the tree, hath been abolished today by the Cross; for the curse of the first mother and all her descendants hath been undone by Him Who was born of the undefiled Theotokos, whom all the powers of Heaven do magnify.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! 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*