

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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November 16, 2014 – 1st Sunday of Advent (Tone 6)

Today's Saints

Holy Apostle & Evangelist Matthew; St. Fulvianus, Prince of Ethiopia; St. Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra

Today's Services

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Brenda Royer, offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer, and in memory of Wilfred Royer, offered by John and Barbara Kary, and in memory of Benedict Benda, offered by Eva Benda and the Benda Family

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 & 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 & Matthew 9:9-13 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Donations

Seven-Day Altar Vigils offered by the Carpathian Club in memory of Wilfred Royer. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Brenda Royer (fifth anniversary of repose). **St. John's Cross** and **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Theresa Cimboic in memory of Joseph Cimboic.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: The next parish council meeting is Monday, November 17th at 7:00 PM. The Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, November 23rd after Divine Liturgy. All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast. Confessions may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend a Vespers will need to call the Rectory to arrange an appointment.

Carpathian Club: The club's next meeting is Wednesday, November 19th at 7:30 PM.

"R" Club: This year our parish is the host of the "R" Club N.J. District's annual Ss. Andrew & Nicholas Service. Orthros for the two saints is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 30th, which is the actual feast of the Holy Apostle Andrew. Refreshments will be served in our church hall after the service. His Grace, Bishop Michael shall be the homilist.

Upcoming Services

November 20-21, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

November 22-23, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers
9:30 PM – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, November 16, 2014

Tone 6 / Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew

St. Fulvianus, Prince of Ethiopia; St. Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra

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 ST. MATTHEW THE EVANGELIST IN TONE THREE

With zeal didst thou follow Christ the Master, Who, in His goodness, appeared on earth to mankind. Summoning thee from the customs house, He revealed thee as the chosen apostle: the proclaimer of the Gospel to the whole world. Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew, we honor thy precious memory.// Entreat the merciful God that He may grant our souls remission of transgressions.

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

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 Eight: *Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe!*

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)

Brethren, But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

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. 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. Luke (10:25-37)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:9-13)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him. And as He sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

COMMUNION HYMNS

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