

# Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

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

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## December 28, 2014 – Sunday After Nativity (Tone 4)

### Today's Saints

Ss. Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the “Brother of the Lord”;  
20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia; Apostle Nicanor the Deacon (of the Seventy); St.  
Simeon the Myrrh-gusher of Mount Athos

### Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)*

*Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)*

### Today's Special Donations

**Seven-Day Altar Vigils** offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of June Bianchini (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the Suchowacki Family in memory of Antonia Rotko (anniversary of repose).

### Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* Please take notice of the schedule for house blessings on January 10-11, 2015 in the January issue of “Quo Vadis.” For changes in the schedule, or cancellations/additions, please call the Rectory by Jan. 6, 2015. January 1, 2015 marks the tenth anniversary of the repose of Very Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz. Memory Eternal!

## Upcoming Services

### December 31, 2014-January 1, 2015 (Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil)

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

9:30 AM (Thursday) – Divine Liturgy

### January 3-4, 2015 (Sunday Before Theophany)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

## Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 28, 2014

### Tone 4 / Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

Ss. Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the “Brother of the Lord”

#### 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 OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

#### TROPARION OF SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

- *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.*

#### KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Transcendent in essence; the earth offers the cave to the unapproachable One; the angels with the shepherds glorify Him; and the Magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child hath been born for our sakes, God before the ages.

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works, in wisdom hast Thou made them all!

*v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great!*

***Second Prokeimenon in Tone Four: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel!***

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)**

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man’s gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness, and truth!*

*v. For Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity.*

*v. Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness!*

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:13-23)**

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him.” And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt have I called My Son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

### INSTEAD OF “IT IS TRULY MEET”

*Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.*

I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: heaven—the cave; the cherubic throne—the Virgin; the manger—the place where Christ lay: the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The Lord hast sent redemption to His people. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!