

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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January 11, 2015 – Sunday After Theophany (Tone 6)

Today's Saints

St. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch; St. Theodosius of Antioch; St. Theodosius, Metropolitan of Trebizond; St. Michael of the Klops Monastery (in Novgorod), "Fool-for-Christ"

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Pelagia Szewczyk, offered by the Suchowacki Family

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13 & 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 & Matthew 11:27-30 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Offerings

Seven-Day Altar Vigils offered by Theodore and Valentina Benda in memory of Marianne Benda (anniversary of birth). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Lindsay, Lauren, and Nick in honor of Deborah Wanko's birthday. **Triple Candelabra** offered by the Suchowacki Family in memory of Pelagia Szewczyk (1st anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: The next meeting of the Parish Council is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The Carpathian Club's next meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 8:00 PM.

"R" Club: The Bayonne Alpha "R" Club's annual Chinese New Year Supper is Saturday, January 31, 2015 after Great Vespers.

Deanery Events: January 20, 2015 is the new deadline for reserving a seat on the N.J. Deanery's charter bus trip to Washington, DC for the March for Life on January 22nd. See flyer on church bulletin board.

Upcoming Services

January 17-18, 2015 (32nd Sunday After Pentecost)

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 11, 2015

Tone 6 / Sunday after the Theophany of Christ

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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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who hath appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF ST. THEODOSIOS IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundredfold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Theodosios, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

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

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grace, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou did come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

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

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!

v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

Second Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying

of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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

For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God 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 us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth will I proclaim Thy Truth from generation to generation.

v. For Thou hast said: "Mercy will be established forever; My truth will be prepared in the heavens."

v. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (11:27-30)

All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET"

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even the Angels are overcome with awe praising thee. But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God! Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

