

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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February 1, 2015 – Sunday of the Pharisee & the Publican/ Transfer of the Presentation of Jesus Christ (Tone 1)

Today's Saints

Martyr Tryphon of Campsada; Martyrs Perpetua and Felicitas of Carthage and their Companions; St. Bridget of Ireland; St. Peter the Hermit, of Galatia; St. Bendemianus the Hermit, of Bithynia

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Today is the deadline for bringing your card covers to church. The next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The Club's "Super Bowl Sunday" social is today at 3:00 PM. The installation ceremony for the Club's officers is Sunday, February 15th. The Club's next meeting is Wednesday, February 18th at 8:00 PM.

"R" Club: The N.J. District's Youth Ice-Skating Event at the Korpi Ice Rink (located on the Bayonne High School campus) will be on Sunday, February 8, 2015, 2:00-3:15 PM. A "social" will follow in our church hall. Contact Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765 or mjkovach@aol.com by *tomorrow* for price information and reservations.

Deanery Events: The DDB Appreciation Dinner (N.J. Deanery) is 5:00 PM, Sunday, February 8, 2015 at the church hall of Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, 35 Orange Ave., Clifton, N.J. Today is the deadline for RSVP!

Upcoming Services

February 7-8, 2015 (Next Sunday)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, February 01, 2015

Tone 1 / Sunday of the Pharisee and Publican

Transfer of the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Martyr Tryphon of Campsada; Martyrs Perpetua & Felicitas of Carthage and Companions; St. Bridget of Ireland; St. Peter the Hermit of Galatia; St. Bendemianus the Hermit of Bithynia

THE RESURRECTIONAL ENTRANCE HYMN

The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- *After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below.*

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

- *Do NOT sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

KONTAKION FROM THE TRIODION IN TONE FOUR

Let us flee from the pride of Pharisee, and let us learn humility from the publican's tears. Let us cry to our Savior: Have mercy on us, O only merciful One.

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

KONTAKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

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 Four: *My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.*

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (3:10-15)

My son Timothy: you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my sufferings; and what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. What persecutions I endured; yet from them all, the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:7-17)

Brethren, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, “Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King, and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and His seed forever.

v. Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:10-14)

The Lord spoke this parable: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men, extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. 2:22-40)

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; For mine eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.” And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

MEGALYNARION OF THE PRESENTATION IN TONE THREE

O Theotokos, thou hope of all Christians; keep and shelter and preserve them that set their hope in thee.

Let us magnify, O believers, the first-born Son, the eternal Word of the Father, First-born of a Mother who knew no man; for we have beheld in the shadow of the law and the Scriptures a sign, that every first-born male that openeth the womb is called holy to God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation,
and call upon the Name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

- *Post-Communion Hymn: "We have seen the true light."*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who deigned to be carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous for our salvation, and rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; 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, *of Saints . . . whom we commemorate today*; 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 loveth mankind.