

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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February 8, 2015 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son & the Afterfeast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ (Tone 2)

Today's Saints

Great-martyr Theodore the General; Prophet Zechariah

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Offerings

St. John's Cross offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of John Yendrey (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Anne Pacheco in memory of Margaret Dellabella (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: If your list of the faithful departed needs updating, please call the rectory by Friday. The next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The installation ceremony for the Club's officers is Sunday, February 15th. The 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) is today. A "social" will follow in our church hall. Participants will meet at 1:30 PM in our church hall.

Upcoming Services

February 14-15, 2015 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, February 08, 2015

Tone 2 / Sunday of the Prodigal Son & Afterfeast of the Presentation of Christ

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

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 LENTEN TRIODION

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to thee as the Prodigal: I have sinner before Thee, O merciful Father; receive me as a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants.

- *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 TWO

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.
v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!
v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

- *The typical communion hymn (“Praise the Lord from the heavens...”) is sung.*