

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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March 15, 2015 – 3rd Sunday of Lent / Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

Martyr Agapius of Caesarea & Companions; Hieromartyr Alexander of Side;
Martyr Nicander of Egypt

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John & Helen Wanko in honor of Lauren Canova's birthday. **St. John's Cross** offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of Mary Ann Yendrey (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

Lenten Vespers: Today's Lenten Vespers (at **4:00 PM**) is at Holy Resurrection Church, 285 French Hill Rd., Wayne, N.J. The schedule of the N.J. Deanery (North)'s Lenten Vespers for the following Sundays is posted on the church bulletin board.

Parish Events: The Parish Council is meeting on Thursday, March 19th, at 7:00 PM. The Carpathian Club is meeting on Thursday, March 26th, at 7:30 PM.

Area Events: There is a dinner with a presentation on the Shroud of Turin at St. Anthony's in Bergenfield on today at 5:30 PM. The Lenten Retreat at St. Stephen's in South Plainfield is this Saturday starting at 9:30 AM. A "town hall" meeting is being held at Ss. Peter & Paul's in Jersey City tomorrow at 7:00 PM. See event flyers on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Services

March 16-20, 2015 (Fourth Week of Lent)

7:00 PM (Wednesday) – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts at St. Mary's

6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos to the Divine Passion & General Parastas

March 21-22, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, March 15, 2015 (Tone 7)
Third Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving

Cross

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Nicander of Egypt

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT****

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

- *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 FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE SEVEN

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. The sting of death and victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: Enter again into Paradise!

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

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!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee"; as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” And Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power.”

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual with the following variables.*

INSTEAD OF “IT IS TRULY MEET”

In thee rejoices, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoices, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifies thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest! The light of Thy countenance is marked upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Post-Communion Hymn: Instead of “We have seen the true light”, sing the Troparion of the Holy Cross.*