

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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April 1, 2015 – Palm Sunday: The Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Today's Saints

Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader, and Companions, at Thessalonica; St. Publius of Egypt; St. Mark the Anchorite of Athens; St. Plato the Confessor, of Studion Monastery; St. Theodora of Thessalonica; St. Ethelburga, Queen of Northumbria, Abbess of Lyminge; Translation of the Relics of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

Today's Services

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Gospel: John 12:1-18 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp, in honor of Lauren Petronko's birthday, and **St. John's Cross**, in honor of Mia Canova's birthday, offered by John & Helen Wanko.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Blessing of Easter Baskets will be on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 4:00 PM in the church hall. A Paschal repast will be held in the Carpathian Club hall after Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday—all parishioners and visitors are welcome! Graves at Bay View Cemetery in Jersey City shall be blessed on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM (other cemeteries by appointment). Our annual "Spaghetti & Meatball" dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11:30 AM. Tickets are \$20 per person—see Stephen Wasilewski or Marge Kovach (ticket sales will begin after Pascha).

"R" Club: Today's service will be a "Bridegroom" Matins at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 76 Whitehead Ave., South River, N.J. *Diocesan Events:* Archbishop Michael's fifth anniversary of episcopate will be observed on Saturday, May 9, 2015. See flyer posted on the church bulletin board.

Upcoming Services

April 8-12, 2015 (Holy Week & Easter Sunday)

7:00 PM (Wednesday) – Sacrament of Holy Unction (at St. Mary's)

9:30 AM (Thursday) – "Vesperal" Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM (Thursday) – Matins w. Reading of Twelve Passion Gospels

3:00 PM (Friday) – Vespers w. Placing of the *Epitaphios* in the Tomb

6:00 PM (Friday) – Matins w. Reading of the Lamentations

9:30 AM (Saturday) – "Vesperal" Divine Liturgy

11:30 PM (Saturday) – Midnight Office & Paschal Matins

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Paschal Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for Feast of Palm Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

THE FIRST ANTIPHON -- I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. The anguish of death encompassed me, the perils of hell beset me. Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living. Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. Glory... Both now... Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

THE SECOND ANTIPHON I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated. Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me? Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people. Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia. Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endures forever. (Refrain: Troparion of Lazarus Saturday.) Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endures forever. (Refrain: Troparion of Lazarus Saturday.) Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endures forever. (Refrain: Troparion of Lazarus Saturday.) Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endures forever. (Refrain: Troparion of Lazarus Saturday.) Glory ... Both now ... (Refrain: Troparion of Lazarus Saturday.)

ENTRANCE HYMN OF PALM SUNDAY: Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: the Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

TROPARION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

TROPARION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Do NOT sing the Troparion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.

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 PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

PROKEIMENON OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! v. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

THE EPISTLE The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9) Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! v. O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! v. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE GOSPEL The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18) Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR God the Lord hath appeared unto us; let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and magnify Christ. With palms and branches let us raise our voices unto Him with praise, saying: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

COMMUNION HYMN FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT DISMISSAL Priest: May He Who accepted to make the foal of a donkey His throne for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles Peter and Paul (the patrons of this church), and the other holy, glorious, and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and Godbearing Fathers; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loves mankind.