

# Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

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*Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul's Church of Bayonne, N.J. Our church was founded in 1922 and is a parish of the Orthodox Church in America. We hope that you enjoyed your visit today and, if you are searching for a new spiritual home, we would love for you to become a member of our parish family. To our parishioners here today, thank you for your ongoing participation in our church's worship and ministry.*

## October 25, 2015 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 4)

### Today's Saints

Great-martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher, of Thessalonica and Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople (transferred from Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>); Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople; Martyr Anastasius the Fuller, of Salona; St. Tabitha the Widow (raised from the dead by Apostle Peter)

### Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Helen Grudinoff, offered by John and Helen Wanko

### Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

*See the Bulletin Insert for today's Bible readings and other Liturgy variables.*

### Today's Special Offerings

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Helen Grudinoff (anniversary of repose). **St. John's Cross, St. Nicholas' Cross,** and **Triple Candelabra** offered by Evelyn and John Casey in memory of Marilyn Markowski.

### Announcements & Events

*Parish Events:* Our parish's Slavic Oktoberfest is taking place today after the Divine Liturgy. Our parish's Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled on Sunday, November 22, 2015 after the Divine Liturgy—all parish members in “good-standing” are encouraged to attend the meeting.

*“R” Club:* The New Jersey District's annual convention is taking place at our church on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Registration starts at 2:00 PM.

*Area Events:* St. Mary's Orthodox Catholic Church, 89 W. 29<sup>th</sup> St., Bayonne, N.J., is having its annual “Card Party” and Pasta Dinner on Sunday, November 1, 2015—see Olga DeMay for information. The Chamber Choir of St. Tikhon's Monastery will be in concert on November 12, 2015 in New York City. For information, see the flyer posted on the church bulletin board.

## Upcoming Services

### October 31-November 1, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

## Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, October 25, 2015

### Tone 4 / Great-Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica (transferred from 10/26)

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople in 740 (transferred from 10/26);  
Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius the Notaries, of Constantinople; Martyr Anastasius the Fuller,  
of Salona; St. Tabitha the Widow (raised from the dead by the Apostle Peter)

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the glad tidings of the Resurrection and cast off the ancestral curse, they exultingly told the Apostles: “Death is over-thrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

#### TROPARION FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN TONE EIGHT

O Thou Who didst look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the fearful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God, and send upon us Thy rich mercies through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

#### TROPARION OF ST. DEMETRIUS IN TONE THREE

Verily, the inhabited world found thee a great help in tribulations and a vanquisher of nations, O passion-bearer. Wherefore, as thou didst demolish the arrogance of Lahosh, and on the battlefield didst hearten Nestor, O Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us the Great Mercy.

- *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.*

#### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He shattered the gates of Hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all!

*v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!*

*Second Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.*

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)**

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

##### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)**

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. Spread out, prosper, and reign; because of truth, meekness, and righteousness!*

*v. You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity.*

*v. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.*

#### THE GOSPEL

COMMUNION HYMNS

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)**

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried, and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (15:17-16:2)**

These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' But when the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!