

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.

December 6, 2015 – 4th Sunday of Advent (Tone 2)

Today's Saints

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra-in-Lycia; St. Maximus "the Greek," Metropolitan of Kiev; St. Gertrude the Elder, Abbess of Hamage; St. Asella, Abbess at Rome

Today's Divine Services

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

See 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 Lydia Wanko (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Confession during the Nativity Fast is an obligation of all parishioners. Confessions may be heard after any Vespers; those unable to attend a Vespers will need to contact Fr. Sophrony to make an appointment. The time of the Christmas Eve Vigil is erroneously shown as 5:00 PM, instead of 4:30 PM, in *Quo Vadis*.

"R" Club: The annual Ss. Andrew and Nicholas Vespers is today at 4:00 PM, at Holy Apostles Church, 17 Platt Ave., Saddle Brook, N.J.

Local Events: St. Mary's Church, at 89 W. 29th Street, is having its annual "St. Nicholas Dinner" today at 12:00 PM. For information, see Olga DeMay. The National Catholic Choir & Orchestra is performing a Christmas concert at *St. Aedan's: St. Peter's University Church*, 800 Bergen Ave., Jersey City, N.J., on Dec. 15th (\$30/ticket)—see flyer on the bulletin board.

In Memoriam: Gregory Grudinoff, of Avon Park, Florida, passed into blessed repose on November 29, 2015. Memory Eternal!

Upcoming Services

December 12-13, 2015 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Sat.) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sun.) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 06, 2015

Tone 2 / Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra-in-Lycia; St. Maximus “the Greek,” Metropolitan of Kiev; St. Gertrude the Elder, Abbess of Hamage; St. Asella of Rome

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 ST. NICHOLAS IN TONE FOUR

Thy work of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and the teacher of abstinence, O thou Father and great Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, intercede with Christ that He will save our souls.

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter and 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 TWO

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with thee, and the world, O My Savior, praises Thee forever.

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.

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (6:10-17)

Brethren, finally be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v. Save thy King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

v. Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:17-23)

And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, praise befits the upright! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!