

# 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 13, 2015 – Sunday of the Forefathers (Tone 3)

### Today's Saints

St. Herman, Wonderworker of Alaska; Martyrs Eustathius, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius, and Orestes of Sebaste; Virgin-martyr Lucy of Syracuse; Hieromartyr Gabriel, Patriarch of Serbia; St. Arsenius of Latros; Martyr Antiochus of Sardinia; St. Aubert, Bishop of Cambrai; St. Odile of Alsace; St. Judoc the Hermit, of Ponthieu

### Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

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

**Seven-day Altar Vigils** offered by Andrea and Russ Wyskanycz in memory of Andrew and Juliana Bacsik (anniversary of births). **St. John's Cross** offered by Theresa Cimbolic in memory of Alexi and Anna Nahosh. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Theresa Cimbolic in memory of Joseph Cimbolic.

### 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*.

*Rector's Absence:* Fr. Sophrony shall be leaving for Puerto Rico on the evening of December 16<sup>th</sup> and is returning early morning on December 24<sup>th</sup>. A substitute priest shall celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 20, 2015. If an emergency arises, call Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604.

## Upcoming Services

### December 20, 2015 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Sun.) – Divine Liturgy

## Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, December 13, 2015

### Tone 3 / Sunday of the Holy Forefathers of Christ

St. Herman, Wonderworker of Alaska; Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius, and Orestes at Sebaste; Virgin-martyr Lucy of Syracuse; Hieromartyr Gabriel, Patriarch of Serbia; St. Arsenius of Latros; Martyr Antiochus of Sardinia; St. Aubert, Bishop of Cambrai; St. Odile of Alsace; St. Judoc the Hermit (of Ponthieu)

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

#### TROPARION OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

#### TROPARION OF ST. HERMAN IN TONE ONE

Joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all people to the Heavenly Kingdom; teacher and apostle of the True Faith; intercessor and defender of the oppressed; adornment of the Orthodox Church in America: Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, // pray to our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls!

- *Now sing the troparion of the Ss. Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

#### RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

On this day, Thou risest from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day, Adam exults as Eve rejoices, with the Prophets and the Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

#### PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

*v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us!*

***Prokeimenon in Tone Seven:*** *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 Colossians. (3:4-11)**

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freedman, but Christ is all, and in all.

##### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (5:22-6:2)**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.*

*v. They called to the Lord and He answered them.*

*v. His seed shall be mighty in the land.*

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)**

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

#### **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.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!