

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.

January 3, 2016 – Sunday before Theophany (Tone 6)

Today's Saints

St. Genevieve of Paris; Prophet Malachi; Martyr Gordius of Cappadocia

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz offered by the Fedetz Family and Ronald Bygonaise offered by Christopher Bygonaise

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Triple Candelabra offered by the Fedetz Family in memory of Very Rev. Nicholas Fedetz (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Please take notice of the schedule for house blessings on January 9-10, 2016 in the January issue of "Quo Vadis." For changes in the schedule, or cancellations/additions, please call the Rectory by Jan. 6, 2016. We are collecting the front covers of Christmas cards for recycling by the nuns of the Monastery of the Transfiguration. The deadline for bringing your card covers to church is January 31, 2016. The installation of the Parish Council is taking place today at the end of Divine Liturgy. Thank you to the Parish Council members for your service to the Church. The next Parish Council meeting is Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016 after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

Jan. 5-6, 2016 (Holy Theophany)

6:00 PM (Tuesday) – Vigil w. Lity

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water

January 9-10, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 03, 2016
Tone 6 / Forefeast of & Sunday before Theophany of Christ

St. Genevieve of Paris; Holy Prophet Malachi; Martyr Gordius of Cappadocia

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

Be thou ready, Zabulon; prepare thyself, O Nephthalim. * River Jordan, stay thy course and skip for gladness to receive * the Sovereign Master, Who cometh now to be baptized. * O Adam, be thou glad with our first mother, Eve; * hide not as ye did of old in Paradise. * Seeing you naked, He hath appeared now * to clothe you in the first robe again. * Christ hath appeared, for He truly wills to renew all creation.

TROPARION OF ST. GENEVIEVE IN TONE ONE

Shepherds who tended their flocks once beheld Christ our Savior; and thou, O godly maiden, as a shepherdess pure of heart, didst worship the Great Shepherd of the reason-endowed sheep. Fend off the wolves that come in sheep's clothing to devour us, and in thy love lead us to the pastures of heaven, O venerable mother Geneviève.

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grace, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not

being tempted by it. Thou did come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY IN TONE FOUR

Today hath the Lord appeared in the courses of the Jordan, crying to John and saying, Be not dismayed at my Baptism; for I have verily come to save Adam, the first to be created.

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!

Prokeimenon in Tone Four: Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (4:5-8)

Timothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-29)

Brethren, before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterward be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us!

v. That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.

v. With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me, and He hearkened unto my supplication.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! In everlasting remembrance shall the righteous be; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

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

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes He Who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:1-13)

The Lord spake this parable: "The kingdom of heaven shall be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made: 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.' Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise: 'Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.' But the wise answered, saying: 'Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying: 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he answered and said: 'Verily I say unto you, I know you not.' Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

COMMUNION HYMNS