

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 10, 2016 – Sunday after Theophany (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; St. Theosebia the Deaconess; St. Marcian the Presbyter, of Constantinople; St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene; St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov; Ss. Paul of Obnora and Macarius of Pisma; St. Antipas of Valaam; St. Agatho, Pope of Rome; St. Peter Orseolo, Doge of Venice

Today's Divine Services

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Gregory Grudinoff

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 the Suchowacki Family in memory of Pelagia Szewczyk (anniversary of repose). **Sanctuary Lamp** and **St. John's Cross** offered by Valentina Benda in memory of Mary Ann Benda (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Lauren, Nick, and Lindsay in honor of Deborah Wanko's birthday.

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: 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 next Parish Council meeting is Sunday, January 17, 2016 after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

January 16-17, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 10, 2016

Tone 7 / Sunday after Theophany of Christ

St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; St. Theosebia the Deaconess (sister of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa); St. Marcian the Prebyter of Constantinople; St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene; Ss. Paul of Obnora and Macarius of Pisma; St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov; St. Antipas of Valaam; St. Agatho, Pope of Rome; St. Peter Orseolo, Doge of Venice

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove, confirmed the truth of His word. O Christ our God, Who has appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith!

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

KONTAKION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast appeared to the universe, O Lord, and Thy light hath been shed upon us, who praise Thee with knowledge, saying, Thou hast come and appeared, O unapproachable Light.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from

generation to generation.

v. Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy Truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS FROM THE FESTAL CANON IN TONE TWO

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even the Angels are overcome with awe praising thee! But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God. Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!