

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.

March 20, 2016 – First Sunday of Lent (Tone 1)

Today's Saints

Holy Fathers slain at the Monastery of St. Sabbas; Martyr Photina (the Samaritan Woman) and her sons, Martyrs Victor and Joses, and Companions; Seven Virgin-martyrs of Amisus; St. Nicetas the Confessor, Archbishop of Apollonias; St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, Wonderworker of Britain; St. Martin, Archbishop of Braga; St. Wulfram, Archbishop of Sens; St. Tetricus, Bishop of Langres (uncle of St. Gregory of Tours); St. Urbitius, Bishop of Metz; St. Remigius, Bishop of Strasbourg

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Archimandrite Athanasy Mastalski, Archpriest John Udics, and Rena Robichaud

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 Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Rena Robichaud. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by DeMay Family in memory of Simeon DeMay (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by DeMay Family in memory of Deanna DeMay (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Parish Council meeting today after Divine Liturgy.

"Sunday of Orthodoxy" Vespers: Today at St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral, 355 State Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. at 5:00 PM. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at Mother of God "Joy of All Who Sorrow" Orthodox Church, 904 Cherry Hill Rd., Princeton, N.J. at 4:00 PM.

Upcoming Services

March 23, 2016 (Second Week of Lent)

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

March 24-25, 2016 (Holy Annunciation)

6:00 PM (Thursday) – Vigil w. Lity

9:30 AM (Friday) – "Vesperal" Divine Liturgy

March 26-27, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, March 20, 2016

Tone 1 / First Sunday of Lent (Sunday of Orthodoxy)

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****Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great****

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT IN TONE TWO

Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

- *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.*

KONTAKION FROM THE LENTEN TRIODION IN TONE EIGHT

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former

state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

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!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual with the following variables.*

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET"

In thee rejoices, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoices, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifies thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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