

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.

May 8, 2016 – Second Sunday of Pascha: St. Thomas Sunday

Today's Saints

Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian; St. Arsenius the Great; St. Tamara, Queen of Georgia; St. Ida of Nivelles; Martyr Victor of Mauretania; St. Dionysius, Bishop of Vienne; St. Boniface IV, Pope of Rome; St. Benedict II, Pope of Rome; St. Wiro, Bishop of Utrecht and Apostle of Frisia; St. Helladius, Bishop of Auxerre

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

St. John's Cross offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Joseph Pirniak (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Teodosia DeMay (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Fr. Sophrony will be away on vacation May 18-27, 2016. A substitute priest shall celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 22nd. In the event of an emergency, call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-5549 or 201-779-6604. The Parish Council is meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM instead of next Sunday. ***Happy Mother's Day!***

Upcoming Services

May 14-15, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, May 08, 2016

Anti-Pascha: Sunday of the Apostle Thomas, called "The Twin"

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- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with "Blessed is the Kingdom" and the choir responds "Amen." The Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Troparion:*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (2½ times)

- *The Choir then sings "and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!"*
- *After the Little Entrance, sing these troparia and kontakia in the following order:*

TROPARION FOR THOMAS SUNDAY IN TONE SEVEN

From the sealed tomb, Thou didst shine forth, O Life! / Through closed doors Thou didst come to Thy Disciples, O Christ God. / Renew in us through them an upright spirit, // by the greatness of Thy mercy, O Resurrection of all!

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN IN TONE TWO

O beloved Apostle of Christ our God, / Come quickly to deliver your helpless people. / He on whose breast you leaned, will accept you as intercessor. / Entreat Him, O Theologian, to disperse the clouds of darkness, // Granting us peace and great mercy!

- *Do NOT sing the troparion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God!

Second Prokeimenon in Tone Eight: *Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.*

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (5:12-20)

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. John. (1:1-7)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands,

concerning the word of life – the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all the earth.

v. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of the Saints.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (20:19-31)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the Disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other Disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe.” Eight days later, His Disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.” Thomas answered Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the Disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name.

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (19:25-27, 21:24-25)

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

- *Instead of “It is truly meet,” the choir sings “The angel cried to the Lady” and “Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem”*

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing “Christ is Risen” ONCE.*
- *At Liturgy Dismissal: When priest says “Glory to Thee, O Christ . . .” the Choir responds with “Christ is Risen” THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*