

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.

September 11, 2016 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Afterfeast of Nativity of the Virgin Mary. St. Theodora of Alexandria; Translation of relics of Ss. Sergius & Herman of Valaam; St. Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria; Martyrs Demetrius, Evanthea, & Demetrian of Skepsis; Martyr Ia of Persia & 9,000 Companions; Martyrs Diodorus, Didymus, & Diomedes of Laodicea; Martyrs Protus & Hyacinth of Rome; St. Patiens, Archbishop of Lyons; Martyrs Felix & Regula of Zurich; Monk-Martyr Vincent of Leon; St. Emilian, Bishop of Vercelli; St. Daniel, first Bishop of Bangor; St. Almirus; St. Bodo, Bishop of Toul; St. Adelphus, Abbot of Remiremont

Today's Divine Services

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of the September 11th Victims

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 John and Helen Wanko in memory of Andrew Wanko (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday, September 19th at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The club's annual picnic is Sunday, September 25th from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Tickets are \$17 (advance purchase) and \$20 (at the door). See Stephen Wasilewski for information and tickets.

Education Day: St. Vladimir's Seminary invites the faithful to their annual open house and fall festival, to be held on the campus on Saturday, October 1, 2016 – the feast of the Protection of the Virgin Mary. Admission is free. St. Vladimir's Seminary is located at 575 Scarsdale Road, Yonkers, N.Y. See flyer on the church bulletin board.

Upcoming Services

September 13-14, 2016 (Elevation of the Holy Cross)

6:00 PM (Tuesday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy

September 17-18, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11,
2016**

**TONE 3 / SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY
CROSS**

AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

ST. THEODORA OF ALEXANDRIA; TRANSLATION OF RELICS OF SS. SERGIUS AND HERMAN OF VALAAM; ST. EUPHROSYNUS THE COOK, OF ALEXANDRIA; MARTYRS DEMETRIUS, EVANTHEA, AND DEMETRIAN OF SKEPSIS; MARTYR IA OF PERSIA AND COMPANIONS; MARTYRS DIODORUS, DIDYMUS, AND DIOMEDES OF LAODICEA; MARTYRS PROTUS AND HYACINTH OF ROME; ST. PATIENS, ARCHBISHOP OF LYONS; MARTYRS FELIX AND REGULA OF ZURICH; MONK-MARTYR VINCENT OF LEON; ST. EMILIAN, BISHOP OF VERCELLI; ST. DANIEL, 1ST BISHOP OF BANGOR; ST. ALMIRUS; ST. BODO, BISHOP OF TOUL; ST. ADELPHUS, ABBOT OF REMIREMONT

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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Thy Nativity, O Virgin, / Has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! / The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / Has shone from Thee, O Theotokos! / By annulling the curse, / He bestowed a blessing. / By destroying death, He has granted us eternal Life.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

On this day Thou didst rise 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 Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

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

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

By thy Nativity, O Most Pure Virgin, / Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; / Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death. / And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to thee: / The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!

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!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was

seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v. He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God in Whom I trust."

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

- *The typical communion hymn ("Praise the Lord from the heavens . . .") is sung.*