

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 18, 2016 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 4)

Today's Saints

Afterfeast of Elevation of the Holy Cross. St. Eumenius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortyna; Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia; Martyrs Sophia and Irene of Egypt; Martyr Castor of Alexandria; St. Euphrosyne of Suzdal; St. Eustorgius, Bishop of Milan; Martyr Ferreolus of Vienne; St. Richardis of Swabia, Holy Roman Empress & Abbess of Andlau

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

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

Parish Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Parish Council is tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

Carpathian Club: The club's annual picnic is next 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.

Carpatho-Rusyn Society: The Carpatho-Rusyn Society (N.J.) is meeting at the Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Rd., Wayne, N.J. on Saturday, September 24th at 1:30 PM. John Schweich will be offering a presentation on "Parish Commemorative Histories: A Potential Genealogical Resource." Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

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 24-25, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18,
2016**

**TONE 4 / SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY
CROSS**

ST. EUMENIUS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF GORTYNA; MARTYR ARIADNE OF PHRYGIA; MARTYRS SOPHIA AND IRENE OF EGYPT; MARTYR CASTOR OF ALEXANDRIA; ST. EUPHROSYNE OF SUZDAL; ST. EUSTORGIUS, BISHOP OF MILAN; MARTYR FERREOLUS OF VIENNE; ST. RICHARDIS OF SWABIA, HOLY ROMAN EMPRESS AND ABBESS OF ANDLAU

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross, preserve Thine habitation.

- *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 FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He shattered the gates of Hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

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

KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will upon the Cross was lifted up * granting mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ our God * make glad all Orthodox Christians by Thy power * by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE FOUR

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom Thou hast made them all!

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: Extol the Lord our God; worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Spread out, prosper, and reign; because of truth, meekness, and righteousness!

v. You have loved righteousness and hated iniquity.

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased on old!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (21:33-42)

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

- **Instead of "It is Truly Meet," we sing the festal megalynarion:**

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord.

Thou art the mystical paradise, O Theotokos; for that thou, being untilled, didst bud forth Christ, by Whom was planted on earth the life-giving tree of the Cross. Wherefore, as we adore it being elevated, we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The light of Thy countenance has been impressed on us, O Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- **Instead of singing "We have seen the true light," sing the Troparion of the Holy Cross.**