

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.

December 4, 2016 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

Great-martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana of Heliopolis; St. John of Damascus; New Martyr Alexander Hotovitzky; St. Felix of Bologna; St. Ada, Abbess of LeMans

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Parastas in memory of Salvador & Alberto Nasri, offered by Cibeles Nasri-Heir

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of birth). **Altar Vigils, Triple Candelabra, St. John's Cross** and **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Valentina Benda in memory of Mary Ann Benda.

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

See Bulletin Insert for today's Bible readings and other Liturgy variables.

Announcements & Events

- Christmas is only three weeks away – please use your “Christmas Flowers” envelope, or offer a cash donation, for the flowers decorating the church for Christmas.
- The annual St. Nicholas Dinner at St. Mary's Church, 89 W. 29th St., is today at 12:00 PM. For information, see Olga DeMay.
- The “R” Club's annual St. Andrew-St. Nicholas Vespers at Holy Cross Russian Orthodox Church in Hackettstown, N.J. has been canceled on account of the visitation of the “Hawaiian” Iverson Icon of the Virgin Mary at Ss. Peter & Paul R.O. Cathedral, 201 Third St., Passaic, N.J. at 6:00 PM today.
- Confession during the Nativity Fast is an obligation of all parishioners. Confessions may be heard after any Vespers; those unable to attend a Vespers will need to contact Fr. Sophrony to make an appointment

Upcoming Services

December 5-6, 2016 (St. Nicholas)

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

9:30 AM (Tue.) – Divine Liturgy

December 3-4, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Sat.) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sun.) – Divine Liturgy

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 04, 2016

TONE 7 / THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. BARBARA IN TONE FOUR

Let us honor the all-revered Saint Barbara; for she demolished the gins of the adversary, and escaped from them like a sparrow by the help and weapon of the Cross.

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS IN TONE THREE

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, / the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs: / all-wise father John, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. / Intercede before Christ God to save our souls.

- *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.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

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 Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of

commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.

v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

v. “The heavens confess your wonders, O Lord, your truth in the church of the saints.”

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (5:24-34)

At that time, a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I shall be made well." And immediately the hemorrhage ceased; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone forth from him, immediately turned about in the crowd, and said, "Who touched my garments?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had been done to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! "Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; and their words to the ends of the universe. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia!