

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 11, 2016 – Sunday of Holy Forefathers (Tone 8)

Today's Saints

Holy Forefathers of Christ; St. Daniel the Stylite, of Constantinople; Martyrs Mirax, Aepsimas & Aithalas of Egypt; St. Luke the New Stylite, of Chalcedon; Martyrs Victoricus, Fuscian & Gentian of Amiens; Martyrs Trason, Pontian & Praetextatus of Rome; Martyr Euty chius of Spain; St. Sabinus, Bishop of Piacenza

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Special Offerings

Altar Vigils and **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Stephen & Deborah Wanko in memory of John Carey (anniversary of birth). **Sacramental Bread** offered by Russell & Andrea Wyskanycz in memory of Andrew Bacsik (anniversary of birth).

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Announcements & Events

- Christmas is only two weeks away – please use your “Christmas Flowers” envelope, or offer a cash donation, for the flowers decorating the church for Christmas.
- The Parish Council is meeting on Monday, December 19th at 7:00 PM.
- 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
- In Memoriam: Mr. Joseph Korin, age 96, of Bayonne, N.J. passed into blessed repose on November 25, 2016. Memory Eternal!
- A total of \$150 was collected for the “R’ Club’s St. Nicholas wish list program for married seminarian families. Thank you for your generosity!
- Next Sunday there shall be a Parastas in memory of Andrew & Juliana Bacsik after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

December 17-18, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Sat.) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sun.) – Divine Liturgy

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016
TONE 8 / SUNDAY OF HOLY FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Through faith Thou didst justify the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore Thee without seed. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

- *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 OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE SIX

Ye did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, ye were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames ye called on God, crying: “Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, // for Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou dost will!”

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 Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

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

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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!