

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.

January 8, 2017 – Sunday After Holy Theophany

Today's Saints

St. George the Chozebite; St. Domnica of Constantinople; St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus; Martyr Carterius of Caesarea-in-Cappadocia; St. Patiens, Bishop of Metz; St. Severinus, Enlightener of Austria; St. Gudula; St. Eugenian, Bishop of Autun; Martyrs Lucian, Maximian, and Julian of Beauvais; St. Maximus, Bishop of Pavia; St. Garibaldus, Bishop of Regensburg; St. Albert of Cashel; St. Athelhelm, Archbishop of Canterbury; St. Frodobert of Luxeuil; St. Gregory, Wonderworker of Kiev-Caves; Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 Martyrs of Yuriev; St. Paisius of Uglich

Today's Divine Services

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

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 & Helen Wanko in memory of Gregory Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas Cross'** offered by Lauren, Nick and Lindsay in honor of Deborah Wanko's birthday. **St. John's Cross** offered by Maria Suchowacki in memory of Pelagia Szewczyk (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- We are collecting the front sides of used Christmas cards for recycling by the nuns of Holy Transfiguration Monastery. So please bring your Christmas cards to church rather than tossing them in the trash,
- Fr. Sophrony shall be away from the evening of Jan. 9th until the morning of Jan. 18th. A substitute priest will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Emergencies during Fr. Sophrony's absence should be directed to Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604.
- A Roast Pork Dinner sponsored by the RBO Lodge # 100 will be held on January 22, 2017 at 11:30 AM in the church hall. Tickets are \$20 per person. All proceeds from this dinner will be donated to the church. Please see Russ Wyskanycz or Robert Pierce for tickets. Tickets for a basket of cheer worth over \$100 will also be available for \$5 a ticket or 3 for \$10.
- *In Memoriam:* Mr. Walter Milk, age 94, of Bayonne, New Jersey. passed into blessed repose on December 30, 2016. Mrs. Lillian Sokol, age 82, formerly of Bayonne, New Jersey, passed into blessed repose on January 1, 2017. Memory Eternal! Вечная память!

Upcoming Services

January 15, 2017 (Next Sunday)

9:30 AM (Sun.) – Divine Liturgy

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 08, 2017

TONE 4 / SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

TROPARION OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity wast made manifest; for the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee, calling Thee His beloved Son. And the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who has appeared and enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

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

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has 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 THEOPHANY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Today Thou hast shown forth to the world, O Lord, / and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us. / Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises. / Thou hast come and revealed Thyself, / O unapproachable Light.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the upright!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, “When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.” (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FIVE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

v. Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy Truth will be prepared in the heavens

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (4:12-17)

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulon and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS FROM THE FESTAL CANON IN TONE TWO

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts!

No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos; even the Angels are overcome with awe praising thee! But since thou art good, accept our faith; for thou knowest our love inspired by God. Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

- **Communion Hymns:** The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

