

# 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.*

### February 12, 2017 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

#### Today's Saints

St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch; St. Alexis the Wonderworker, Metropolitan of All Russia; St. Kristo the Gardener, of Albania; Ss. Mary and Eugene of Alexandria; St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople; St. Meletius, Archbishop of Kharkov; St. Vedast, Bishop of Cambrai; St. Tanco, Bishop of Werden; Ss. Amandus and Andrew of Elnon; St. Relindis, Abbess of Maaseik (in Belgium)

#### Today's Divine Services

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Lillian and Stephen Sokol offered by Lorraine Korello, and in memory of Stephen Cimboric offered by Margaret Cimboric and the Verona Family, and in memory of Ann Verona offered by the Verona Family

#### Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

#### Today's Special Offerings

Last Sunday's **Triple Candelabra** was offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Archimandrite Athanasy Mastalski (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of repose).

#### Announcements & Events

- We shall be having special collections for the benefit of our diocese's St. Andrew's Camp every Sunday in February. All are asked to give generously. Thank You.
- The Carpathian Club is having a "Paint Night" on February 24, 2017. Price is \$40 per person, which includes painting and hors d'oeuvres. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Contact Robert Pierce or Stephen Wasilewski for tickets. RSVP by February 21, 2017.
- Next Sunday there shall be a Parastas in memory of Walter Milk after Divine Liturgy.
- The Memorial Saturdays of the Lenten season this year are February 18, March 11, and March 18. Fr. Sophrony will also say the Litany of the Departed at Divine Liturgy on St. Theodore Saturday (March 4).

### Upcoming Services

#### February 18-19, 2017 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Sat.) – General Panichida

6:00 PM (Sat.) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sun.) – Divine Liturgy

## **DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

### **TONE 1 / SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

#### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who loves of mankind!"

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter & 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 FOR THE PRODIGAL SON IN TONE THREE

I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; / and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou hast given me. / Therefore, I cry to Thee like the Prodigal: / "I have sinned before Thee, O compassionate Father; / receive me a penitent and make me as one of Thy hired servants."

#### THE 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 just!*

#### THE EPISTLE

##### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:12-20)**

Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food; but God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the

body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

#### ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.*

*v. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.*

#### THE GOSPEL

##### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (15:11-32)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.'" And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'" "

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