

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 26, 2017 – Forgiveness Sunday

Today's Saints

St. Porphyry, Bishop of Gaza; Martyrs Sebastian and Christodoulos of Rome; St. Dionysius, 1st Bishop of Augsburg; St. Faustian, Bishop of Bologna; St. Andrew, Bishop of Florence; St. Agricola, Bishop of Nevers

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy & Rite of Forgiveness

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Special Offerings

Seven-day Altar Vigils and **St. John's Cross** offered by Eva Benda in memory of her sister Stephanie Economidis. **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by Philip Benda in memory of Stephanie Economidis. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by the Wasilewski Family in memory of Julia Wasilewski (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- Today is the last Sunday of our special collections for the benefit of our diocese's St. Andrew's Camp. Thank you for your generosity!
- The remaining Memorial Saturdays of the Lenten season this year are 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 27-March 3, 2017 (1st Week of Lent)

6:00 PM (Monday) – Great Canon of Repentance

6:00 PM (Tuesday) – Great Canon of Repentance

6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Great Canon of Repentance

6:00 PM (Thursday) – Great Canon of Repentance

6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos of the Divine Passion

March 4-5, 2017 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 PM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017 TONE 3 / SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESE-FARE)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

- *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 FOR FORGIVENESS SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

Master, Teacher of wisdom, / Bestower of virtue, / you teach the thoughtless and protect the poor: / Strengthen and enlighten my heart. / Word of the Father, / let me not restrain my mouth from crying to you: / Have mercy on me, a transgressor, // O merciful Lord!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Turn not away Thy face from Thy child for I am afflicted; hear me speedily. Draw near to my soul and deliver me.

v. Thy salvation, O God, hath set me up. The poor see and rejoice.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains,

and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

ALLELUIA IN TONE THREE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v. Be Thou a God of protection to me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:14-21)

The Lord said to His Disciples: If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

- *The typical communion hymn (Praise the Lord from the heavens ...) is sung.*
- *The Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness shall be done after "Blessed be the Name of the Lord ..." (Thrice).*