

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.

March 5, 2017 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Today's Saints

Martyrs Conon & Onesimus of Isauria; Martyr Conon the Gardener, of Pamphylia; Martyr Oliva; Virgin-martyr Rhais of Alexandria; Martyrs Eulogius & Eulampius of Palestine; St. Euebius the Abbot (in Bethlehem); St. Hesychius the Faster, of Bithynia; St. Pyran of Padstow; St. Kieran, Bishop of Ossory; St. Colman of Armagh (disciple of St. Patrick); St. Virgilius, Bishop of Arles; New-martyr John of Bulgaria

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Angela DiGiovanni and Albert & Vera Royer, offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer

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 Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angela DiGiovanni (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Albert and Vera Royer (anniversary of repose). **St. John's Cross** offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of Katharyn Yendrey (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

- The Parish Council is meeting next Sunday, March 12th, after Divine Liturgy.
- All parishioners ought to go to confession during Great Lent. Confessions may be heard after any Friday evening Akathistos or any Saturday evening Vespers. Those who legitimately cannot attend services on Friday or Saturday evenings may call the Rectory to make arrangements for confession at another time.
- Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers is being celebrated at St. Nicholas Antiochian Cathedral, 355 State St., Brooklyn, New York today at 4:00 PM. An alternate location, intended for South Jersey, is Ss. Peter & Paul Church (OCA), 76 Whitehead Road, South River, New Jersey at 5:00 PM. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at Holy Assumption Church, 35 Orange Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey at 5:00 PM.
- On Thursday, March 9th FOCA Chapter #30 is having "Ask a Priest" discussion session at Ss. Peter & Paul's Cultural Center, 201 Third St., Passaic, N.J. at 7 PM.

Upcoming Services

March 8 & 10, 2017 (2nd Week of Lent)

6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

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

March 11-12, 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, MARCH 05, 2017 TONE 4 / FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY)

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT****

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT IN TONE TWO

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One, / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God. / Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / to deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the enemy. / Therefore with thanksgiving we cry aloud to Thee: / Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior, / by coming to save the world.

- *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 FROM THE TRIODION IN TONE EIGHT

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty. We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

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 Hebrews. (11:24-26, 32-40)

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets; who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, and put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (1:43-51)

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Nathanael said to Jesus, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered Him, “Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel!” Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great continues as usual with the following variables.*

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. Glory to thee!

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!