

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 19, 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Lent (Holy Cross Sunday)

Today's Saints

Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria of Rome, and Companions; Martyr Pancharius of Nicomedia; John the Syrian, of Pinna; Martyrs Quintus, Quintilla, Quartilla, Mark of Sorrento, and Companions; St. Auxilius, Bishop of Killossey; St. Leontius, Bishop of Saintes; Ss. Landoald and Amantius; Martyr Adrian of Maastricht (disciple of St. Landoald); Martyr Alcmund, Prince of Northumbria; St. Innocent of Komel (disciple of St. Nilus of Sora)

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Announcements & Events

- 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.
- Today's Lenten Vespers is at Holy Trinity Church, 830 Jefferson Ave., Rahway, N.J. at 5:00 PM. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at St. John the Baptist Church, 170 Lexington Ave., Passaic, N.J. at 5:00 PM.
- There is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule for bringing foods to the 'potluck' Lenten supper that will follow the joint Presanctified Liturgy at our parish on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.
- The Carpatho-Rusyn Society (N.J.) presents "A Trip to the Homeland" by George Napada at the Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Road, Wayne, N.J. on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 1:30 PM. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Upcoming Services

March 22, 2017 (3rd Week of Lent)

7:00 PM (Wednesday) – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts @ St. Mary's

March 24-25, 2017 (Holy Annunciation)

6:00 PM (Friday) – Vigil w. Lity

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy

March 25-26, 2017 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 PM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT / TONE 6

VENERATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

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

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou hast captured Hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin granting life. O Lord Who rose from the dead: Glory to Thee!

TROPARION FOR THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance. / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians, / over their adversaries. / And by the power of Thy Cross / preserve Thine habitation!

- *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 THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE SEVEN

Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden; / it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the Cross. / The sting of death and victory of hell have been vanquished; / for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: / Enter again into Paradise!

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection. (THRICE)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

And we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and we glorify Thy Holy Resurrection.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (4:14-5:6)

Brethren, since we have a High Priest, Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him Who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee"; as He says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

- *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! The light of Thy countenance is marked upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- *Post-Communion Hymn: Instead of “We have seen the true light”, sing the troparion of the Holy Cross.*