

# 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 26, 2017 – 4th Sunday of Lent

#### Today's Saints

**Leavetaking of the Annunciation. Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel.** Hieromartyr Irenæus, Bishop of Sirmium; Martyrs Bathusius and Bercus, Presbyters, Arpilus the Monk, and Companions, in the Crimea; St. Malchus of Chalcis in Syria; St. Basil the New, Anchorite; Martyr Montanus, Presbyter of Singidunum, and his wife, Maxima; Martyr Castulus of Rome; Martyrs Peter, Marcian, Jovinus, Thecla, Cassian of Rome and Companions; St. Felix, Bishop of Trier; St. Sincheall (disciple of St. Patrick); St. Braulio, Archbishop of Saragossa; Martyr Bertilo, Abbot of St. Benignus in Dijon; St. Ludger, 1<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Münster; St. Felicitas of Padua

#### 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 St. John the Baptist Church, 170 Lexington Ave., Passaic, N.J. at 5:00 PM. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at Holy Spirit Church, Wantage, N.J. at 5:00 PM. An alternate venue, intended for South Jersey, is Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Manville, 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.
- Easter food baskets will be blessed on Holy Saturday (April 15, 2017) at 4:00 PM in the church hall. A Paschal repast is being held at the Carpathian Club hall after Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday. All parishioners & visitors are welcome!

### Upcoming Services

#### March 29, 2017 (5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Lent)

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

#### March 31-April 1, 2017 (Laudation of the Virgin Mary)

6:00 PM (Friday) – Canon & Akathistos of the Virgin Mary

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy

#### April 1-2, 2017 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 PM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017**  
**TONE 7 / FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT**  
**LEAVE-TAKING OF THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS**

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

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death! To the thief Thou didst open Paradise! For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy!

TROPARION OF THE ANNUNCIATION IN TONE FOUR

Today is the beginning of our salvation, / The revelation of the eternal mystery! / The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin / As Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. / Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: / Rejoice, O Full of Grace, / The Lord is with thee!

- *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 ANNUNCIATION IN TONE EIGHT

O Victorious Leader of Triumphant Hosts! / We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! / As you possess invincible might, set us free from every calamity / So that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.  
*v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!*

THE EPISTLE

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (6:13-20)**

Brethren, when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you."

And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by one greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath. So that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High.*  
*v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.*

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (9:17-31)**

At that time, a man came to Jesus, kneeling down and saying unto him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit. And wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy Disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And Jesus answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Jesus, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when Jesus had entered the house, His Disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And Jesus said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And Jesus would not have anyone know it; for He was teaching His Disciples,

saying to them, “The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.”

- *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! I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!