

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.

April 2, 2017 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Today's Saints

Commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt. St. Titus the Wonderworker; Martyrs Amphianus and Edesius of Lycia; Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria; St. Urban, Bishop of Langres; St. Abundius, Bishop of Como; St. Nizier, Archbishop of Lyons; Martyr Constantine, King of the Picts

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.

Stephen Wanko is organizing a used book donation drive to assist an Eagle Scout in establishing a library in support of Women Rising, a Jersey City based organization which helps women in Hudson County in a variety of ways. Please drop new or gently used books for children to adults (no textbooks) off in the church hall. Thank You.

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 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. Next Sunday, Bridegroom Matins will be served at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Jersey City, 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!
- Archbishop Michael shall be attending Divine Liturgy in our parish on Bright Monday, April 17, 2017.

Upcoming Services

April 5, 2017 (6th Wednesday of Lent)

6:30 PM (Wednesday) – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

April 7-8, 2017 (Lazarus Saturday)

6:00 PM (Friday) – Compline w. Canon of St. Lazarus

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy

April 8-9, 2017 (Palm Sunday)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:30 PM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 02, 2017
TONE 8 / FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
COMMEMORATION OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT

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

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O mother, / For you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away; / But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal. / Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the Angels.

- *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 OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE THREE

Having been a sinful woman, / you became through repentance a Bride of Christ. / Having attained angelic life, / you defeated demons with the weapon of the Cross. / Therefore, most glorious Mary, you are a Bride of the Kingdom!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great is Israel!

Second Prokeimenon in Tone Four: God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of

defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-29)

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

v. Let us come before his face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

v. I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (10:32-45)

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among

you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. Luke. (7:36-50)

Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.” And Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” So he said, “Teacher, say it.” “There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?” Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.” Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.” Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

- ***“In thee rejoices all creation” is sung instead of “It is truly meet”***

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!