

## Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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### April 16, 2017 – Bright and Holy Pascha (Easter Sunday): The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

#### Today's Divine Services

11:30 PM (Saturday) – Midnight Office & Paschal Matins

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

#### Today's Liturgy Readings

*Epistle: Acts 1:1-8*

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

*Gospel: John 1:1-17*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the

darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to bear witness to the Light that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness to that Light. That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" And of his fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

#### Today's Special Offerings

**Sanctuary Lamp** offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Andrew Wanko (anniversary of birth). **St. John's Cross** offered by Mark Benda & Family in memory of Blanche Shlyk.

#### Announcements & Events

- Today's Paschal repast is being held in the Carpathian Club hall after Divine Liturgy—all parishioners and visitors are welcome!
- Graves at Bay View Cemetery in Jersey City shall be blessed on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 AM, followed by Evergreen and Roseland cemeteries. Blessing of graves at Graceland Cemetery and other cemeteries by appointment.
- The N.J. Deanery's Paschal Vespers is at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, 365 Paramus Road, Paramus, N.J. on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 PM.
- The Parish Council is meeting on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> after Divine Liturgy.

### Upcoming Services

April 17, 2016 (Bright Monday)

9:30 AM (Monday) – Divine Liturgy

April 22-23, 2016 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy