

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 30, 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-bearers (Tone 2)

Today's Saints

Ss. Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus; Apostle James, Son of Zebedee; St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea; Martyr Maximus of Ephesus; Virgin-martyr Sophia; Martyrs Marianus, James and Companions; Martyr Lawrence of Novara and Companions; St. Eutropius, Bishop of Saintes; St. Pomponius, Bishop of Naples; St. Desideratus of Gourdon; St. Erconwald, Bishop of London; Martyrs Amator, Peter and Louis of Cordoba; St. Swithbert the Younger, Bishop of Werden; St. Forannan, Bishop of Donoughmore; St. Ignatius Brianchaninov; Uncovering of the Relics of St. Basil of Amasea; Uncovering of the Relics of St. Nicetas of Novgorod

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

- Blessing of Graves at Graceland Cemetery in Kenilworth, N.J. has been postponed to Tuesday, May 2nd at 10:00 AM.
- This year, the summer schedule of morning services starting at 9:00 AM will begin next Sunday.
- A Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 11:30 AM. The menu consists of salad, Italian bread, spaghetti and meatballs, wine, coffee or tea, and dessert. Tickets are \$20 per person; for information and tickets, contact Marge Kovach at (732) 815-9765.
- Sophie Marie Musteata, daughter of Constantin Musteata and Raluca Negrea, was baptized and chrismated on April 29, 2017. Many Years to Sophie, her parents, and godparents!
- Tatiana Julia Porch-Wasilewski, daughter of Lisa Marie Wasilewski, is being baptized and chrismated today after Divine Liturgy. Many Years to Tatiana, her mother, and godparents!
- Fr. Sophrony is leaving for Puerto Rico on the evening of May 15th and will return on the morning of May 24th. A substitute priest shall celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 21st. Emergencies should be directed to Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604 while Fr. Sophrony is away.

Upcoming Services

May 6-7, 2017 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

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 off new or gently used books for children to adults (no textbooks) in the church hall. Thank You.

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA
SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017 / TONE 2**

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, PIOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA AND RIGHTEOUS
NICODEMUS

- *The Priest begins Divine Liturgy with “Blessed is the Kingdom” and the choir responds “Amen.” The Priest then leads the singing of the Paschal Troparion:*

Priest: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life! (twice). Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death ...

- *The Choir then sings: and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!*

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

When Thou descended to death, O Life Immortal, Thou destroyed hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead. And when from the depths Thou raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

TROPARION OF JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA IN TONE TWO

The Noble Joseph, / When he had taken down Thy most pure Body from the tree, / Wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, / And placed it in a new tomb. / But Thou didst rise on the third day, O Lord, / Granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

The angel came to the myrrh-bearing women at the tomb and said: / Myrrh is meet for the dead; / But Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! / So proclaim: the Lord is risen, / Granting the world great mercy!

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*

KONTAKION OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN IN TONE TWO

Thou didst command the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ! / By Thy Resurrection, Thou didst stop the lamentation of Eve, O God! / Thou didst command Thine apostles to preach: The Savior is Risen!

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

O Immortal One, when Thou didst descend into the tomb, Thou didst destroy the power of Hades; and Thou didst rise victorious, O Christ God. Thou hast said to the ointment-bearing women: Rejoice! And Thou gavest peace to Thy Disciples, O Bestower of Resurrection to those Who had fallen.

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 Acts of the Saintly and Pure Apostles. (6:1-7)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. O Lord, Thou hast been grace to Thy land; Thou hast turned back the captivity of Jacob.

v. Mercy and truth and met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (15:43-16:8)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the Kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus.

And Pilate wondered if He were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud, and laid Him in a tomb, which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here; see the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His Disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him, as He told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MEGALYNARION FOR PASCHA IN TONE ONE

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day ... Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem; for the glory of the Lord hath risen upon thee. Rejoice and exult now, O Zion, and thou, O pure one, Theotokos, rejoice at the Resurrection of thy Son.

COMMUNION HYMN

Receive ye the body of Christ; taste ye the fountain of immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

- *Instead of “We have seen the true light,” sing “Christ is Risen” ONCE.*
- *At Liturgy Dismissal: When priest says “Glory to Thee, O Christ . . .” the Choir responds with “Christ is Risen” THRICE. The Paschal Dismissal is used.*

