

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 11, 2018 – Sunday of the Holy Cross (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem; Martyr Alberta; Hieromartyr Pionius of Smyrna and Companions; Martyrs Candidus, Piperion and Companions; Martyrs Heraclius and Zosimus of Carthage; St. Constantine of Carthage; St. Vigilus, Bishop of Auxerre; St. Vindicianus, Bishop of Cambrai; St. Benedict, Archbishop of Milan; Hieromartyr Eulogius of Cordoba; St. Peter the Spaniard; St. Angus the Culdee; St. Firmian the Abbot; St. Euthymius, Bishop of Novgorod

Today's Services

5:00 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.

Today's Special Offerings

St. John's Cross offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of Mary Ann Yendrey (anniversary of birth). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Simeon DeMay (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- Today's Lenten Vespers is at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 120 Dover-Chester Rd., Randolph, N.J. at 4:00 p.m. Next Sunday's Lenten Vespers is at Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, 35 Orange Ave., Clifton, N.J. at 4:00 p.m.
- The Parish Council is meeting today after Divine Liturgy.
- 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.
- Next Sunday there shall be a Parastas (40th Day) in memory of Rose Boykas after Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Services

March 14 & 16, 2018 (4th Week of Lent)

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

6:00 PM (Friday) – Akathistos of the Divine Passion

March 17-18, 2018 (Next Weekend)

9:30 AM (Saturday) – General Panichida

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for March 11, 2018 Tone 7 / Sunday of the Holy Cross

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers 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 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 virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thine habitation!

TROPARION OF ST. SOPHRONIUS IN TONE FIVE

Patriarch Sophronius, you were glorious in the splendor of sobriety, / and through the radiance of your words you revealed ineffable enlightenment from heaven. / For by your life you attained wisdom / and now you confirm the Church / as an illustrious hierarch and intercessor for us with the Lord.

- *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 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 the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, hast come and cried to those in hell: // "Enter again into Paradise!"

ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

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

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.”

ST. BASIL LITURGY MEGALYNARION

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. 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!