

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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October 26, 2014 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

Great-martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-gusher of Thessalonica; Martyr Lupus (servant of St. Demetrius); Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in AD 740

Today's Services

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

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Wilfred Royer, offered by Anne Pacheco and Nick Benedetto

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 & 2 Timothy 2:1-10 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 & John 15:17-16:2 (See Bulletin Insert for Readings)

Today's Special Donations

St. Nicholas' Cross offered by the DeMay Family in memory of Eva DeMay (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: Our parish's Slavic Oktoberfest is today after Divine Liturgy. The Bayonne Alpha "R" Club has donated \$500 to the church and has pledged to double its Christmas and Easter donations (from \$250 to \$500) for the forthcoming year – this represents a total of \$1000 from the proceeds of the recent flea market. Sincere thanks to the Bayonne Alpha "R" Club!

"R" Club: The "R" Club N.J. District's annual district convention is being held on November 1-2, 2014 at St. John's Orthodox Church, 170 Lexington Avenue, Passaic, N.J. The convention banquet will be at the Brownstone in Paterson, N.J. on Sunday, November 2, 2014. For information, see Marge Kovach.

Area Events: St. Mary's Orthodox Catholic Church, 89 W. 29th St. (Bayonne) is having its annual Card Party & Pasta Dinner on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 12:00 PM. For information and tickets, see Olga DeMay. The deadline is now past for tickets to the Carpatho-Rusyn Society's annual Heritage Celebration Dinner. A Choir Workshop is being held this Saturday, 9:00 AM-4:30 PM, at Ss. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Ave., South River, N.J.

Upcoming Services

November 1-2, 2014

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, October 26, 2014

Tone 3 / Great-Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica

Commemoration of the Great Earthquake in Constantinople in 740

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION FOR THE EARTHQUAKE IN TONE EIGHT

O Thou Who didst look upon the earth and make it tremble, deliver us from the fearful threat of earthquake, O Christ our God, and send upon us Thy rich mercies through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Thou only Lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF ST. DEMETRIUS IN TONE THREE

Verily, the inhabited world found thee a great help in tribulations and a vanquisher of nations, O fight-bearing one. Wherefore, as thou didst demolish the arrogance of Lahosh, and on the battlefield didst hearten Nestor, beseech, O Saint Demetrius, Christ God to grant us the Great Mercy.

- *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.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

On this day Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Merciful One, leading us from the gates of death. On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Thy power.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE THREE

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

v. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Second Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: *The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.*

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over

what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

ALLELUIA IN TONE THREE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

v. Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

v. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried, and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not

hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (15:17-16:2)

These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' But when the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

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!