

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.

July 2, 2017 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

St. John (Maximovitch) the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco; St. Photius, Metropolitan of Kiev; St. Juvenal, Archbishop of Jerusalem; St. Stephen the Great, Prince of Moldavia; Martyr Aceses of Rome & Companions; Martyrs Processus & Martinian of Rome; Martyrs Ariston, Crescentian, Eutychian, Urban, Vitalis, Justus, Felicissimus, Felix, Marcia & Symphorosa; St Monegundis, Anchoress of Tours; St. Swithun, Bishop of Winchester; *Placing of the Robe of the All-holy Virgin Mary in the Blachernae Palace in Constantinople*

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

See Bulletin Insert for today's Bible readings and other Liturgy variables.

Announcements & Events

- Please see the church bulletin board for flyers of upcoming local events.
- Fr. Sophrony shall be away July 25-Aug. 4, 2017. A substitute priest will celebrate Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 30, 2017. Emergencies during Fr. Sophrony's absence should be directed to Fr. John Fencik at (201) 436-5549 or (201) 779-6604.

Upcoming Services

July 8-9, 2017 (Next Weekend)

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy



St. John Maximovitch (1896-1966)

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, July 2, 2017 Tone 3 / Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE TWO

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN MAXIMOVITCH IN TONE ONE

Thou didst increase the gift of the episcopacy, imitating the apostles in the preaching of the word, and for thy vigils, fasting and prayer wast reckoned among the venerable, enduring slander and mockery with meekness. Wherefore, Christ hath glorified thee with miracles, which thou pourest forth in abundance upon all who have recourse to thee with faith. Save us now by thy supplications, O right wondrous John, holy hierarch of Christ.

- *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.*

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 our 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: My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, for such a high priest became us, Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens; Who needs not daily, as those high priests to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sin and then for the people's: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself. For the law makes men high priests which have infirmity: but the word of the oath, which was since the law, makes the son Who is consecrated for evermore. Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: we have such an high priest, Who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens: a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

ALLELUIA IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. May the Lord hear thee in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect thee!

v. Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

v. The mouth of the righteous shall mediate wisdom and his tongue shall speak judgment.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say

the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

The Reading from the Gospel according to St. John. (10:9-16)

The Lord said, I am the door: by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that Thy might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep. The hireling flees, because he is an hireling, and cares not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knows Me, even so know I the Father and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also must I bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

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!