

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.

December 29, 2019 – Sunday After Christmas (Tone 3)

Today's Saints

St. Joseph the Betrothed, St. David the King, and Apostle James "Brother of the Lord"; Holy Innocents of Bethlehem; St. Marcellus, Abbot of Monastery of the "Unsleeping Ones"; St. Thaddeus the Confessor, of Studion; St. Trophimus, Bishop of Arles; St. Albert of Gambron; Martyrs Callistus, Felix and Boniface of Rome; St. Ebrulf, Founder of Saint-Evroul Abbey; St. Girald, Abbot of Fontenelle; Ss. Mark the Grave-Digger, Theophilus and John, of Kiev-Caves

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Fr. Nicholas Fedetz, offered by Tais Fedetz

Today's Special Offerings

St. Nicholas' Cross and **Sacramental Bread** offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of V. Rev. Nicholas Fedetz (anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Maria Suchowacki in memory of Antonina Rotko (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- A sign-up sheet for the annual blessing of homes is in the church vestibule.
- General Confession shall be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 after Great Vespers.
- "Souper Bowl" Project: Our parish is collecting cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to St. Mary's food pantry. A bin for placing the donated food items will be in the church until February 2, 2020. Thank you for co-operating in this project!
- FOCA N.J. District Beefsteak Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The event will be held at The Russian Hall, 46 Woodhull Avenue Little Falls, NJ. Tickets are \$50/adult, \$40/junior (under 16). Contact Danielle Kovach for reservations, or Daria Miskiv at 908-460-0243. For more information, see flyer on bulletin board.
- The Novogodny Ball is back for its 83rd year, hosted by St. Stephen's OCF, FOCA Chapter #82, on January 19, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Treose, Pennsylvania. This year's featured entertainment is the Kauriga Orchestra, with its diverse selections of folk, ballroom, pop, and rock music. Regular Pricing: Age 23+: \$95, Ages 13-22: \$85, Age 12 & under: \$55 (Dinner & Dancing); Age 23+: \$55, Ages 13-22: \$45, Age 12 & under: \$40 (Dancing & Treats Only). Contact Marge Kovach at mjkovach@aol.com if you plan to attend.
- Fr. Sophrony will be away January 7-15, 2020. A substitute priest shall say Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 12, 2020. In the event of an emergency while Fr. Sophrony is away, please call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-6604 or the nearest Orthodox priest.

Upcoming Services

January 1, 2020 (St. Basil)

9:30 AM (Wednesday) – Divine Liturgy

January 4-5, 2020 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers & General Confession

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables for December 29, 2019

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

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

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. // O Lord, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; and thou didst give glory with the shepherds; thou didst worship with the Magi, and didst receive the news from the Angel. // Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

KONTAKION OF SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: // “O Compassionate One, save those who honor Thee!”

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

FESTAL KONTAKION IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; the Wise Men journey with the star, // since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

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 Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I make known to you 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

ALLELUIA IN TONE SIX

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v. He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.”

v. Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:13-23)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him. “When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the

prophet, saying: “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.” Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

FESTAL MEGALYNARION

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: heaven—the cave; the cherubic throne—the Virgin; the manger—the place where Christ lay: the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise befits the just! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

“Never lose an opportunity of urging a practical beginning, however small, for it is wonderful how often in such matters the mustard-seed germinates and roots itself.”

- Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)