



**Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church**  
*A parish of the Orthodox Church in America*  
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## **DECEMBER 4, 2022 / 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 8)**

### RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! / Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

### TROPARION OF GREAT-MARTYR BARBARA IN TONE EIGHT

Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara, / for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy, // and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

### TROPARION OF ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS IN TONE EIGHT

O Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, / the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs; / all wise Father John, thy teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. // Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

- *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 EIGHT

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. / Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, // and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

### PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!  
*v. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

**Prokeimenon in tone four.** Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.

### THE EPISTLE

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (4:1-6)**

Brethren, I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-29)**

Brethren, before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterward be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you be Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

### ALLELUIA IN TONE EIGHT

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!*

*v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!*

*v. With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me, and He heard my supplication.*

### THE GOSPEL

#### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)**

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

#### **The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (5:24-34)**

At that time, many people followed Jesus, and thronged Him. And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse. When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said: If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said: Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou: Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith has made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

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

### TODAY'S PARASTAS

Parastas after Divine Liturgy in memory of Salvador Nasri, Alberto Nasri, and Ida Ramos, offered by Cibeles & Gary Heir.

### TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Altar Vigils** offered by John & Helen Wanko in memory of Lydia Wanko (anniversary of birth).

### TODAY'S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on December 4th: Great-martyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, of Heliopolis (in Syria); St. John of Damascus; New Priest-martyr Alexander Hotovitzky; St. John, Bishop of Polybotum; St. Ada of LeMans; St. Gennadius, Archbishop of Novgorod; Damascus Icon of the All-holy Virgin Mary.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

9:30 AM (Tuesday) – Divine Liturgy [*St. Nicholas*]

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

## PARISH & LOCAL EVENTS

(1) The annual “St. Nicholas Dinner” at St. Mary’s Carpatho-Russian Church, 90 W. 29th Street, Bayonne, N.J. is today at 12:00 PM. Also, St. Mary’s Christmas season bake sale has begun—for details, see flyer posted in the church vestibule.

(2) The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir and the Eastern Federation of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians (N.J. District) Choir is giving a Christmas concert at Ss. Nicholas, Helen & Constantine Greek Orthodox Church, 80 Laurel Ave., Roseland, N.J. at 7:30 PM on December 9, 2022. Refreshments to follow the concert.

(3) The annual Christmas concert at St. Peter’s University is 5:30 PM on December 11, 2022, at St. Aedan’s, the St. Peter’s University Church, located at 800 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, N.J. The Aidan C. McMullen Chorale and St. Aedan's SCHOLA are joined by guest instrumentalists under the direction of Prof. Joseph Hill.

(4) On two consecutive Sundays, 12/11 and 12/18, there shall be a special collection for the benefit of financial support of the clergy of the Diocese of Alaska, which was mandated by the 2022 Diocesan Assembly of the New York & New Jersey Diocese.

(5) All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast, which may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend Vespers may call the Rectory at 201-436-3244 to make an appointment.

(6) Parish Council is meeting in the church hall on Sunday, December 11, 2022 after Divine Liturgy.

*“Christ does not force our will; He only takes what we give Him. But He does not give Himself entirely until He sees that we yield ourselves entirely to Him.”*

~ Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)