

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

(a parish of the Autocephalous Orthodox Church in America)

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November 23, 2014 – 2nd Sunday of Advent (Tone 7)

Today's Saints

St. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium; St. Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum; St. Alexander Nevsky, Prince of Novgorod; St. Metrophanes, Bishop of Voronezh; Hieromartyr Sisinius, Bishop of Cyzicus; Martyr Theodore of Antioch

Today's Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Wilfred Royer, offered by Elizabeth Hatsko

Today's Liturgy Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)
Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 (See Bulletin Insert for Reading)

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: The Annual Parish Meeting is today after Divine Liturgy. All parishioners ought to go to confession during the Nativity Fast. Confessions may be heard after any Vespers. Those unable to attend a Vespers will need to call the Rectory to arrange an appointment. The decorating of the church for the Christmas season will be done next Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

“R” Club: This year our parish is the host of the “R” Club N.J. District’s annual Ss. Andrew & Nicholas Service. Orthros for the two saints is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 30th, which is the actual feast of the Holy Apostle Andrew. Refreshments will be served in our church hall after the service. His Grace, Bishop Michael shall be the homilist.

Upcoming Services

November 29-30, 2014

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers w. Lity
9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy
4:00 PM (Sunday) – Orthros to Ss. Andrew & Nicholas

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, November 23, 2014
Tone 7 / 2nd Sunday of Advent & Afterfeast of the Entry of the
Theotokos

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the myrrh-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

TROPARION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

TROPARION OF SS. AMPHILOCHIUS & GREGORY IN TONE FOUR

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us, take not Thy mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of the hierarchs Gregory and Amphilochius.

- *Now sing the Troparion of Ss. Peter & Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith! Enter, ye faithful, into the Resurrection!

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

KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

v. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Prokeimenon in Tone 3: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is

joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to praise Thy name, O Most High.

v. To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night.

v. Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (12:16-21)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

MEGALYNARION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

The angels, beholding the entrance of the all-pure one, were overtaken by surprise: how hath the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since thou art the living temple of God, O Theotokos, no impure hand shall touch thee, but let the lips of believers praise thee, and cry joyfully unto thee forevermore with the voice of the angel: “O undefiled Virgin, thou art more exalted than all creatures!”

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!