

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.

January 24, 2016 – 34th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 1)

Today's Saints

Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, "Fool-for-Christ"; St. Xenia the Merciful, of Rome; Hieromartyr Babylas of Sicily and Companions; St. Gerasimus, Bishop of Perm; Martyr John of Kazan; St. Macedonius the Hermit, of Syria; St. Dionysius of Olympus; Martyrs Theodotion, Paul, and Pausirius of Egypt; St. Artemius, Bishop of Clermont; St. Zama, Bishop of Bologna; St. Felician, Bishop of Foligno; St. Bertrand, Abbot of St. Quentin; St. Philotheus, Founder of Philotheou Monastery on Mt. Athos; St. Cadoc, Founder of Llancarfan; St. Suranus, Abbot of Sora; Translation of the Relics of St. Anastasius the Persian

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

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

Today's Divine Services

6:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of Stephanie Economides, offered by the Benda Family

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by Philip Benda in memory of Stephanie Economides. **St. John's Cross** offered by Mary Macinsky in memory of Joseph Macinsky (anniversary of birth).

Announcements & Events

Parish Events: We are collecting the front covers of Christmas cards for recycling by the nuns of the Monastery of the Transfiguration. The deadline for bringing your card covers to church is January 31, 2016.

"R" Club: The Bayonne Alpha "R" Club's annual Chinese New Year Supper is Saturday, January 30, 2015 after Great Vespers. Please note that Great Vespers will begin at **5:00 PM** on Saturday, January 30th.

Upcoming Services

January 29-30, 2016 (Three Hierarchs)

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

9:30 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy

January 30-31, 2016 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Divine Liturgy Variables on Sunday, January 24, 2016

Tone 1 / 34th Sunday after Pentecost

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RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

TROPARION OF ST. XENIA OF ST. PETERSBURG IN TONE EIGHT

In thee, O wandering stranger, Christ the Lord hath given us an ardent intercessor for our kind. For having received in thy life sufferings and grief and served God and men with love, thou didst acquire great boldness. Wherefore, we fervently hasten to thee in temptations and grief, crying out from the depths of our hearts: Put not our hope to shame, O Blessed Xenia.

TROPARION OF ST. XENIA OF ROME IN TONE THREE

Living the life of a stranger in the world, * you estranged yourself from every sin; * you abandoned comforts and fleeting honors * and betrothed yourself to your Immortal Bridegroom. * Glorious Xenia, entreat Christ our God to grant us His 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 ONE

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: "Thou art the Giver of resurrection to all, O Christ!"

PROKEIMENON IN TONE ONE

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee!
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous! Praise befits the just!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.

v. He magnifies the salvation of the King, and deal mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (18:35-43)

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!