

SCRIPTURE READING OF THE DAY

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended"-what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

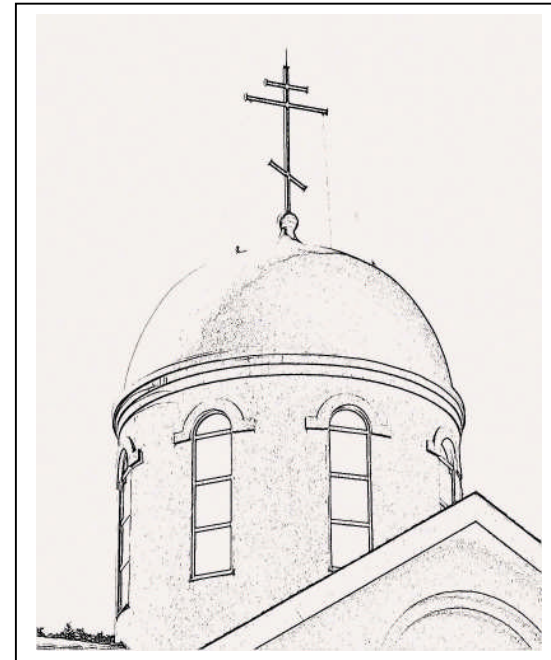
Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

L'Affaire Extraordinaire

An evening of culinary instruction, dining and wine pairing, will be held in the parish hall of SS. Peter & Paul Church in South River on **Saturday, January 16**, at 7 p.m. (*Great Vespers will be served at 6 p.m.*) This fundraising event to benefit *St. Andrew's Camp* in Jewell, NY will feature a five-course French filet mignon dinner prepared by three professional chefs; one was trained in France and the other two graduated from the *Culinary Institute of America*. This dining experience will be accompanied by live entertainment and raffle drawings, including a 50/50, kitchen appliances & tools, entertaining ware, restaurant gift certificates, wines and chocolates. The tickets are \$50 each; please contact Kathy Cooper (732-986-5914) or Natasha Rogozenski (908-420-3210) to purchase yours. Seating is still available, so make your reservation soon! (*For more information or to contribute via Paypal/credit card, visit www.standrewscamp.org on the Web.*)

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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January 10, 2010

31st Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday After the Theophany. Afterfeast of the Theophany.

Tone 6. *St. Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (4th c.). St. Dometian, Bishop of Melitene (601). St. Marcian, Presbyter, of Constantinople (5th c.). Ven. Paul, Abbot of Obnóra (Vologdá—1429). Ven. Macarius, Abbot, of Pisma (14th c.). Bl. Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory of Nyssa (385). Ven. Antipas the Athonite (1882). St. Theophan the Recluse, Bishop of Tambov (1894)*

Today's Readings: *Epistle:* Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Today – 2:00pm Memorial Service (+Marina Kupcha)

Monday – 9:30am Funeral Divine Liturgy (+Marina Kupcha)

Saturday – 7:00pm Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 and Hebrews 13:17-21

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 and Luke 6:17-23

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – Petrides Team Next Sunday – Anderson Team

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Among them are: Julia Katko, Paul Charuk, Ludmilla Tjaden, Steve Murko, and Anna Hlinka.

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after Divine Liturgy for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

Adult Education class takes place Sundays at 9:00am in the church. We are studying the wonderful and important book, “**Partakers of Divine Nature**” by Archimandrite Christoforos Stavropoulos. **All are invited to participate.**

TODAY– A number of things will be happening after Divine Liturgy:

- A special luncheon will take the place of our usual Agape Coffee Hour. The luncheon is provided in memory of our sister in Christ, **+Marina Kupcha, who** fell asleep in the Lord this past Monday.
- **A Nativity Season presentation** by the Church School children will be given immediately after the luncheon. This presentation had been postponed due to the snowstorm. All are encouraged to attend.
- The body of the newly departed **+Marina Kupcha** will arrive at the church at 1:30pm. A **Memorial Service** will be held in the church shortly afterwards.

Friday, January 15 to Friday, January 22 - Father Gary will be away during this time. Father Sergei Kuharsky will be serving in his place, and will be available in case of emergency at (732) 833-0716.

Sunday, January 31 is the date of the **Annual Parish Meeting**. Reports will be distributed prior to the meeting. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend this meeting.

The **blessing of homes** is currently taking place. If you have yet to have your home blessed or scheduled for a blessing, Father Gary will be in contact with you within the next several days. If you have **not signed up** for having your house blessed, please **sign up** on the sheet in the narthex or call Father Gary at the rectory at (732) 458-9032.

Holy Water that was blessed on the Feast of the Theophany may be drawn from the font through today's Divine Liturgy. After then, additional water can be obtained by request of Father Gary.

A **new coffee Hour schedule** through March is posted in the Parish Hall.

MANY THANKS to all who participated in the Special Collection of warm clothing for those who are homeless and otherwise in need of these items. May God bless you for your generosity and care for those who are less fortunate and who are in need!

Many Years!

Birthdays this week: Tuesday – Ron and Debbie Madensky (#34)

OUTREACH

- **Food Pantry donations** are *always* accepted. Place non-perishable food items in blue bin in the narthex
- **Clothing donations** are accepted on the last Sunday of each month. Place donations next to the food pantry bin.