

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Timothy 4:9-15 (Epistle) Timothy, my son: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

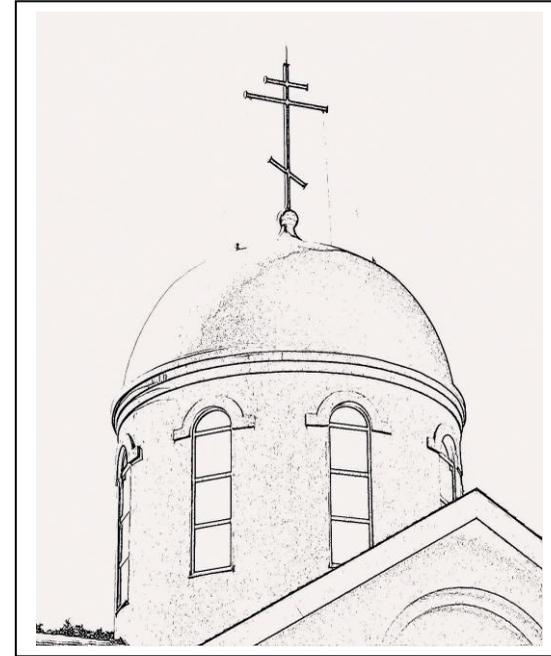
Luke 19:1-10 (Gospel) At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see Who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



**SOUPER
BOWL**

Our Parish is collecting 'hearty' and 'chunky' canned soups to assist the food drive for the benefit of homeless individuals and families in our area. Winter is a particularly difficult season for them, and canned soups were recommended to us as being the most beneficial commodity to provide. Donations of soups may be placed in the food collection bins in the vestibule. The drive will take place today and on the next three Sundays, and will culminate on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4. Many thanks for participating in this effort!

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 21, 2018

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS**

Tone 8. Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Martyr Neophytus of Nicæa (303-305). Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila, at Trebizond (3rd c.). Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome (ca. 304). Martyr Anastasius, disciple of Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Ven. Neophytus of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos). Ven. Maxim the Greek (1556).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Saturday – 7:00pm – Great Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

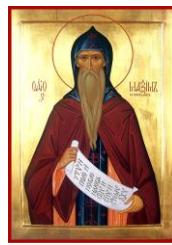
Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14



Sunday of Zacchaeus



St. Maximus the Confessor

Annunciations

TODAY – The **Church School** meets in the Parish Hall at 8:45am. The **Adult Education** is held in the church at 9:00am. Please note that there will be **NO Adult Education class next Sunday**.

TODAY – The **Annual Parish Meeting** will immediately after the Divine Liturgy. Please plan to stay for this meeting. Coffee Hour will be held immediately following the meeting. A limited number of **reports** have been printed and are available in the narthex. Please help to make this truly an **all-parish** meeting.

TODAY has been proclaimed **Sanctity of Life Sunday** throughout the OCA. Metropolitan Tikhon has issued an address for the occasion. It may be found at www.oca.org.

Sunday, February 11 – The St. Catherine Society is hosting a Calendar Party beginning at 3:00pm. Flyers for the event are available for distribution and can be found in the church narthex and the parish hall. Please see **Matushka Mary** for details.

Please sign up to have your **home blessed**. A sign-up sheet is located in the church narthex. Please indicate days and times that are most convenient for you to have Father Gary come and bless your home.

Holy Water that was blessed on the Feast of the Theophany may be obtained by request of Father Gary. Please **bring your own containers** if possible!

Memory Eternal – With great sadness, we report the falling asleep of our sister in Christ, **+Lillian Knapp**. Lillian was a longtime parishioner and had relocated to Georgia several years ago to live with her niece and nephew. She was 89 years old. A burial service will be served on Wednesday at 10:30am at D'Elia Funeral Home, Rte. 70 & Vermont Ave., Lakewood. Burial will follow at St. Vladimir Cemetery in Jackson. Father John Cmur will preside in Father Gary's absence.

2017 was a successful year for the **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor** program. Please consider helping to make 2018 just as successful by joining the program. Please speak with Father Gary or Matushka Mary regarding the details.

Keep up on OCA news by visiting www.oca.org, diocesan news by visiting www.nynjoca.org, and parish news by visiting www.occa-brick.org.

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM E (Bass, Petrides)

Next Sunday – TEAM A (Pasick, Stavrou Families)

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Tara Escalona, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Suzanne Hanas, and Catherine Ratushnik.**

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We hold our Annual Parish Meeting today, so our Agape Coffee Hour will be delayed. Please sign our guest book before you leave, tell your friends and family members about us, and bring back one or two of them on your next visit!

Please pray for those who have willingly chosen to not worship and pray with us this morning. We pray that those sitting in darkness will see a great light – the light of the Risen Christ!

MANY YEARS!

*Birthdays this week
Today – Amanda Tesla*

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.