

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

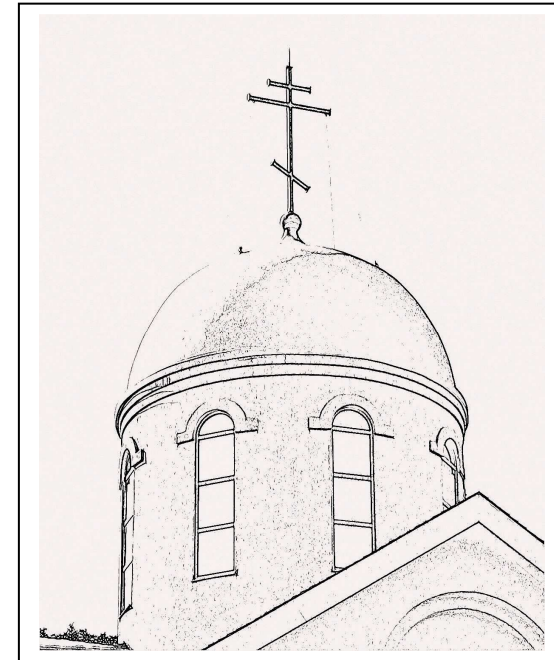
Matthew 25:31-36 (Gospel)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH'S FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY!

- **Grocery Store Coupons** (Matushka Mary)
 - Shoprite, Foodtown, Pathmark, Stop & Shop
- **Dessert Rolls** - \$12 each (Cathy Berger)
 - Walnut, Walnut Chocolate Chip, Poppy, Apricot, Apricot-Walnut, Prune
- **Pierogi** - \$7/Dozen (Mary Herelick)
 - Potato & Cheese

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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February 7, 2010
SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

Sunday of the Last Judgment. Afterfeast of the Meeting.

Tone 2. *St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.). Ven. Luke of Hellas (ca. 946). The 1,003 Martyrs of Nicomedia (303). New Hieromartyrs Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and Gaelic (1918); Peter, Archbishop of Vorónezh (1929); Vasily (Basil), Bishop of Prolix (Vologdá—1930); Presbyter Stephan and Martyr Boris (1938)—Jan 25th O.S.)*

Today's Readings: *Epistle:* 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Saturday – 7:00pm Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Sunday – 11:30am Vespers of Forgiveness

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – May Team

Next Sunday – Kornafel 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, David James (knee replacement surgery), Ludmilla Tjaden, Steve Murko, Dorothy Gornick, Mary Bionde, and Anna Hlinka.** We are also praying for **Archpriest Alexander Atty** who underwent cancer surgery this week.

Many Years!

Birthdays this week: *Today – Janine Alpaugh. Saturday – Nana Langworthy*

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.**

Annunciations

Today is **Meatfare Sunday.** This is the last day that we should consume meat until Great and Holy Pascha.

Today – Gertrude Hawk Chocolate order forms for the Easter season are available in the narthex. Please participate in this parish fund-raiser if possible. **Ann Marie and Dennis Gahr are the chairpersons** for the project.

Thursday, February 11 – Dessert Rolls will be prepared and baked beginning at 9:00am. Help is needed throughout the day. Please contact Cathy Berger with questions or additional information.

Sunday, February 14 – Vespers of Forgiveness will be served immediately after Divine Liturgy. Please be prepared to stay for this meaningful service which begins Great Lent.

Monday, February 15 is the **first day of Great Lent.** There are two significant events taking place on this day. A **Lenten mini-retreat** will be held in Stroudsburg, PA beginning at 9:30am. Archpriest Paul Lazor will lead the retreat entitled: **The Liturgy of Lent.** At 6pm, Great Compline will be served at St. Barbara’s Greek Orthodox Church in Toms River followed by a Lenten talk given by Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) and entitled: **Lent – A Personal Journey.** All parishioners are invited to both events. Flyers are posted in the narthex and in the parish hall. The service scheduled to take place at our parish has been cancelled.

Sunday, March 7 – Our parish will be hosting a **Lenten Vespers service** for the faithful of the Deanery of New Jersey. We will be asking parishioners to provide Lenten food items for the agape fellowship meal that will follow the service. We will also be asking the parish youth to participate in a youth choir that will sing at the service. Details will be made available in the near future.

Many thanks go to those who attended the **Parish Annual Meeting** last Sunday. We had a quorum present, and much parish business was attended to. Copies of reports from the meeting are available in the parish narthex or by request.

Many thanks go to **outgoing Parish Council members,** Bob Kornafel and Meni Mari. Both served the parish well in their most recent terms on the Parish Council. May God grant you Many Years!

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.