

## SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

### Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2 (Epistle)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

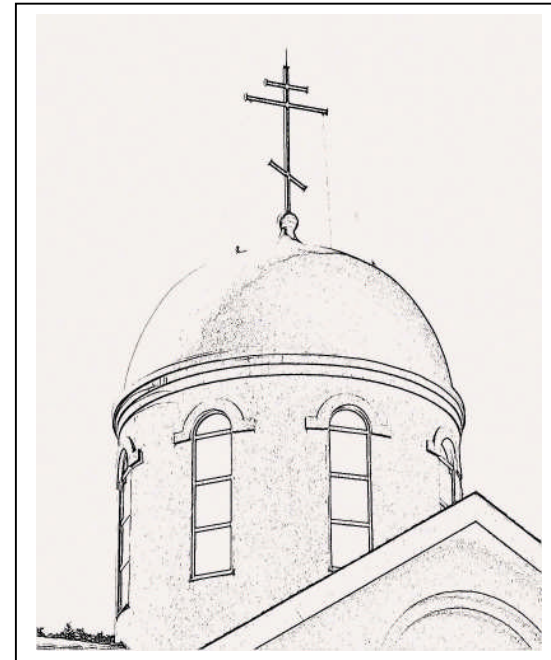
### John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

### 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
- **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates** (Ann Marie & Dennis Gahr)

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 21, 2010**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**Sunday of Orthodoxy**

**Tone 4.** *Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (9th c.). St. Eustathius (Eustace), Archbishop of Antioch (377). St. George, Bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea (802-811). The "KOZEL'SHCHANSKAYA" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1881).*

**Today's Readings:** *Epistle:* Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2  
*Gospel:* John 1:43-51

**Upcoming Week Service Schedule:**

**Wednesday – 7:00pm** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Friday – 9:30am** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday – 7:00pm** Vespers

**Sunday – 10:00am** Divine Liturgy

*Epistle:* Hebrews 1:10-2:3 and Hebrews 7:26-8:2

*Gospel:* Mark 2:1-12 and John 10:9-16

**Sunday – 4:00pm** Deanery Lenten Vespers in Rahway



*As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught,...as the Church has received... as the teachers have dogmatized,...as the Universe has agreed,... as Grace has shown forth,...as Truth has revealed,...as falsehood has been dissolved,...as Wisdom has presented,...as Christ Awarded,...thus we declare,...thus we assert,...thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor as Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration.*

*This is the Faith of the Apostles, this is the Faith of the Fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, this is the Faith which has established the Universe.*

-- Confession of faith of the Day of Orthodoxy

**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, David James, Tom Collins, Paul Charuk, Ludmilla Tjaden, Steve Murko, Dorothy Gornick, Mary Bionde, 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.**

Annunciations

**Today** is the deadline for submitting **Gertrude Hawk Chocolate** orders. The deadline had been extended due to the disruptions caused by the recent snowstorms. Please submit your orders to Dennis or Ann Marie Gahr. Thank you for your participation in this parish fund-raiser.

**Today** – The **St. Catherine Society** meets in the parish hall after Coffee Hour.

**Today** is the **Sunday of Orthodoxy**. A **Deanery Vespers** service will take place at Christ the Saviour Church in **Paramus** at 4:00pm. The featured homilist is Heiromonk Calinic Berger. All are invited and welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, February 24** – The **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** is served at 7:00pm. An **agape pot-luck meal** follows the service. If you plan to attend, please bring along a Lenten dish for all to share.

**Sunday, March 7** – Our parish will be hosting a **Lenten Vespers service** for the faithful of the Deanery of New Jersey. A sign-up sheet for Lenten food items needed for the **agape fellowship meal** that will follow the service is located near the candle desk. We also ask the **parish youth** to participate in a youth choir that will sing at the service. A choir rehearsal for adults and youth will be held at 3:00pm.

**Saturday, March 13** – A **mini-retreat** will be held at the parish with **Archpriest Eric Tosi** as the featured speaker. The topic will focus on **evangelization, outreach, and parish growth**. The retreat will begin at **12 noon**, and will be preceded by **Divine Liturgy** at 9:30 and a **Lenten luncheon**. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

**Many thanks** to all who helped with the making of **dessert rolls** this past Thursday. May God bless you for your sacrifice of time and effort.



**Coffee Hour Teams:**  
*Today - Berger Team*  
*Next Sunday - Hascha Team*

*Many Years!*

**Birthdays this week:** *Tuesday* – Jon-Paul Vessio. *Wednesday* – June Farkouh.

**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.