

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

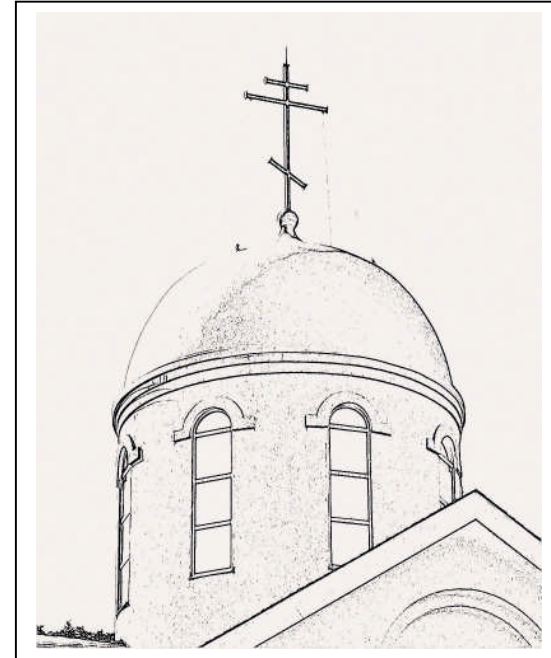
Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Epistle)

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation? Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him.

Mark 2:1-12 (Gospel)

And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone? But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" - He said to the paralytic, I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

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 28, 2010
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
St. Gregory Palamas

Tone 5. *Ven. Basil the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius at Decapolis (750). Bl. Nikolai, Fool-for-Christ at Pskov (1576). Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria (457). Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia (250). Ven. Marina (Marana), Cyra (Kira) and Domnica (Domnina), of Syria (ca. 450). Ven John Cassian the Roman (435) [from Feb 29 - commemorated Feb. 28 in non-Leap Years].*

Today's Readings: *Epistle:* Hebrews 1:10-2:3 and Hebrews 7:26-8:2
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 and John 10:9-16

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 4:14-5:6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Sunday – 4:00pm Deanery Lenten Vespers @ OCCA

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today - Hascha Team

Next Sunday - Petrides Team

Many Years!

Birthdays this week:

Monday – Janet Kurka

Wednesday – Luke Pasick

Thursday – Timothy Kozak

Friday – Alina Graff

Saturday – Helen Ciurczak.

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: **Daria Riegler** (double knee replacement), **Julia Katko**, **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 finishing the wonderful and important book, "**Partakers of Divine Nature**" by Archimandrite Christoforos Stavropoulos. **All are invited to participate.**

Today – A **Lenten Vespers Service** will be held at **Holy Trinity Church in Rahway, NJ**. The service begins at **4:00pm** and will be followed by an agape meal. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

Today – Parish **calendars for March** are available for pickup in the narthex.

Wednesday, March 3 – 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.

Tues., Wed., March 2 & 3 – **Pierogis** will be made in the Church School Building. All those who can come and help are welcome!

Saturday, March 6 – All are welcome to help **clean up and set up** for the Lenten Vespers service and agape meal that will take place at our parish the following day. We will begin this effort at **9:00am**.

Sunday, March 7 – Our parish will be hosting a **Lenten Vespers service** for the faithful of the Deanery of New Jersey at 4:00pm. 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.

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.
- **Other** - Recently our Sunday School Students became involved in a "**Haiti Relief Project**" whereby they made up 20 much-needed Hygiene Kits for the suffering Haitian peoples. These Kits have been mailed out by Tami Economou to our IOCC location in Maryland for further distribution. May GOD bless all of the participants for this wonderful selfless act of kindness!