

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Epistle)

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek".

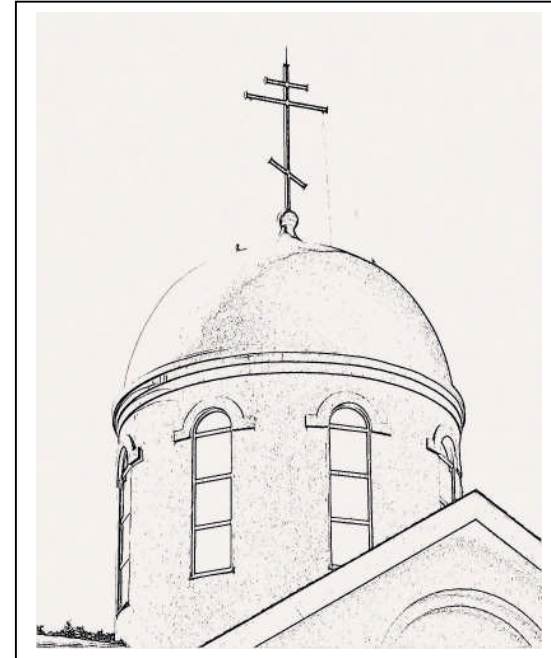
Mark 8:34-9:1 (Gospel)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels. And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

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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March 7, 2010
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
Veneration of the Cross

Tone 6. The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus (4th c.). Ven. Paul the Simple, disciple of Ven. Anthony the Great (4th c.). St. Paul the Confessor, Bishop of Plusias in Bithynia (9th c.). St. Emilian of Rome. Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, "SURETY OF SINNERS" in Odrina (Orlovsk—1843) and Moscow (1848).

Today's Readings: *Epistle:* Hebrews 4:14-5:6
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Wednesday – 7:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday – 9:30am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Saturday – 7:00pm Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 and Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31 and Matthew 4:25-5:12



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: **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 studying "Christ in our Midst – Spiritual Renewal in the Orthodox Church" by Father Theodore Stylianopoulos. **All are invited to participate.**

Annunciations

Today, March 7 – Our parish will be hosting a **Lenten Vespers service** for the faithful of the Deanery of New Jersey at 4:00pm. If you signed up to bring food items for the Lenten meal, please bring them to the Parish Hall before the start of the service. 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.

Tuesday, March 9 – A **dramatic live presentation** based on the **Sermon on the Mount** will take place at **St. Martha's Roman Catholic Church** at 7:00pm. Advance tickets (\$10 per person) must be purchased before 4:30pm on Tuesday. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 per person. If you would like further information or would like to purchase advanced tickets, please **contact Father Gary**.

Wednesday, March 10 – 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.

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.

Thursday, March 25 is our parish feast of the **Annunciation to the Theotokos**. Bishop-elect Hiermonk Michael (Dahulich) is scheduled to join us in our liturgical celebrations on both the eve and on the feastday. Please plan to celebrate this joyous feast with your fellow parishioners and our future diocesan bishop.

Many thanks to all who came to make pierohi this past week. May God bless you all!

Easter Paska breads (plain or w/raisins) will be made by Pani Mary Buletza upon request. Please **contact Matushka Mary to place your order**.

+**Maria Federow**, mother of Olga Pasick, fell asleep in the Lord this past Wednesday. She was buried on Friday at St. Vladimir's Cemetery in Jackson. **Memory Eternal!**

*SS. Peter & Paul Church in South River is again sponsoring an **Easter Babka Sale**. Orders are now being taken by **Olga Kornafel** (732-462-3388) through **Sunday, March 14**; the variety includes raisin, apricot, cheese, prune and poppy seed for \$8.75 and raspberry cheese for \$9.25. Delivery will be on **Sunday, March 21**. Thank you for your support.*

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.