

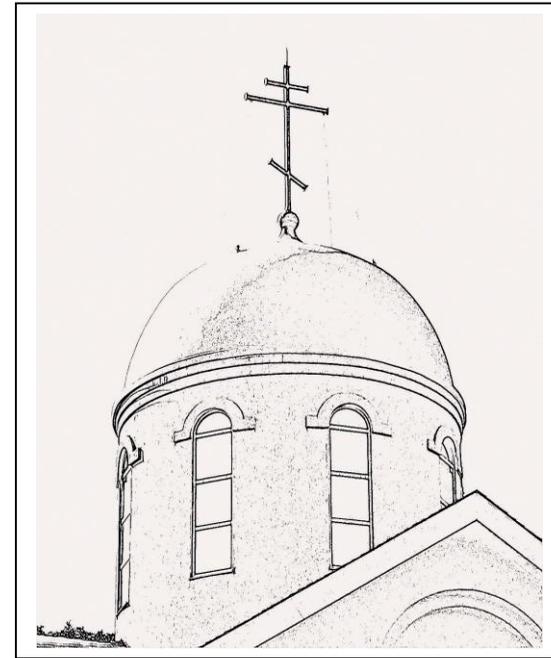
## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Hebrews 6:13-20 (Epistle)** Brethren: When God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater by whom to swear, He swore by Himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus he, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of His purpose, He interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

**Mark 9:17-31 (Gospel)** At that time, one of the crowd came to Jesus, and bowing before Him he said, "Teacher, I brought my son to Thee, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked Thy disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." And they brought the boy to Him; and when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And He asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if Thou canst do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If Thou canst! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out with tears and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And He would not have any one know it; for He was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill Him; and when He is killed, after three days He shall rise."



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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## Annunciations

### March 22, 2015 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT St. John Climacus (of The Ladder)

*Tone 8. Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra (362-363). Martyr Drosida, daughter of Emperor Trajan (1st-2nd c.). Ven. Isaac, Founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (4th c.). Monk Martyr Euthymius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos—1814).*

#### Today's Readings:

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

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

#### Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

**Today – 4:00pm** – Lenten Mission Vespers @ Mays Landing

**Tuesday – 7:00pm** – Festal Vigil (*Feast of the Annunciation*)

**Wednesday – 9:30am** – Vespers/Liturgy (*Feast of the Annunciation*)

**Friday – 7:00pm** – Akathist to the Most-holy Theotokos

**Saturday – 9:30am** – Divine Liturgy (*Akathist*)

**Saturday – 7:00pm** Great Vespers

**Sunday – 10:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Sunday – 4:00pm** Lenten Mission Vespers @ South River

#### Next Sunday's Readings:

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:11-14 and Galatians 3:23-29

**Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45 and Luke 7:36-50

#### Coffee Hour Teams:

*Today – TEAM E    Next Sunday – TEAM A*

*If you have volunteered to participate on a team, please note your team's letter designation, and plan to help when your team is scheduled. Many thanks!*

#### **Special Prayers**

We pray for **all** our fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Julia Katko, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Carol Menzel, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Catherine Smida, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, George Stavrou, Mary Bionde, and Catherine Ratushna.**

**Welcome** to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after today's services for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. 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!

**TODAY** – There will be a brief meeting of the **St. Catherine Society** after the Coffee Hour. All are invited to attend.

**TODAY** – The **Lenten Mission Vespers** for our area will be served at the **Mother of God Joy of All Who Sorrow Church in Mays Landing**. All are invited to attend and enjoy lenten refreshments after the service.

**THIS MONDAY** – The **Parish Council** will meet in the Church School Building at 6:30pm.

**THIS TUESDAY** – The **Festal Vigil** for our parish feast (*Annunciation to the Theotokos*) will begin at 7:00pm. Bishop MICHAEL will be present for the service and the Agape Coffee Hour afterwards. Please come and celebrate this feast in worship and fellowship.

**THIS WEDNESDAY** – The celebration of the **Feast of the Annunciation to the Most-Holy Theotokos** will continue at 9:30am with the combined **Vespers and Divine Liturgy** service appointed for the day. His Grace will be with us for this service as well. A **light luncheon** will follow. Please be present if you are able to celebrate this joyous feast!

**Memory Eternal!** The **Very Reverend Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko** fell asleep in the Lord this past Wednesday. Father Thomas was a wonderful priest, teacher, and servant of God's Holy Church. The burial service takes place tomorrow in Pennsylvania.

On the Saturdays of Great Lent, talks on the **Basic and Essential Teachings of the Orthodox Church** will be presented in the Parish Hall. The **one-hour sessions** will take place at 5:30pm. All are invited to this catechism-style series of talks and discussions.

**Great Lent** is the ideal time to avail oneself of the **Sacrament of Confession**. Father Gary will hear confessions after every Vespers and Akathist service. If you would prefer to come to the sacrament prior to the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, please notify Father Gary as early as possible so that this may be accommodated.

Ss. Peter and Paul Church in South River is conducting their annual **Babka sale**. Many flavors are available. Orders are now being taken by **Olga Kornafel** ([732-462-3388](tel:732-462-3388)) through **Sunday, March 22**.

#### **MANY YEARS!**

*Birthdays this week:*

*Monday – Rosanne Chidylo*

#### 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.