### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle) Brethren: All the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

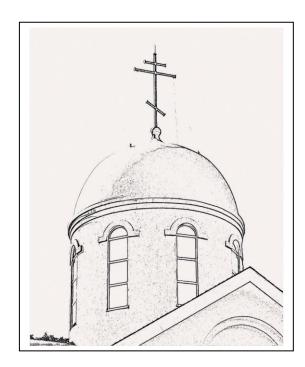
Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30 (Gospel) The Lord said to His disciples: "Every one who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first shall be last, and the last first."

### **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

**Troparion**, Tone 4: As with fine porphyry and royal purple, / Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. / She cries to Thee, O Christ God: / Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, // grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls.

**Kontakion,** Tone 8: The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs / as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. //
Through the Theotokos, and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace.





# 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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# June 15, 2014 1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - ALL SAINTS All Saints

**Tone 8.** Prophet Amos (8th c. B.C.). St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow (1461). Ven. Gregory and Cassian, Abbots of Avnezhk (Vologdá—1392). Martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, at Lucania (ca. 303). Martyr Dulas of Cilicia (4th c.). St. Dulas the Passionbearer, of Egypt. St. Jerome (Hieronymus) of Stridonium (420). Translation of the Relics of St. Theodore the Sykeote (ca. 9th c.). Rt. Blv. Lazarus, Prince of Serbia (1389). St. Ephraim, Patriarch of Serbia (14th c.). Bl. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430). The "MARIANICA" Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.

### **Today's Readings:**

*Epistle:* Hebrews 11:33-12:2

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:32-33,37-38, 19:27-30

### **Upcoming Week Service Schedule:**

**Saturday – 7:00pm** Great Vespers

**Sunday – 9:00am** Divine Liturgy (Palm Sunday)

### **Next Sunday's Readings:**

**Epistle:** Romans 1:10-16 and Hebrews 11:33-12:2 **Gospel:** Matthew 4:18-23 and Mattthew 4:25-5:12



All Saints

### Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM A Next Sunday – TEAM B

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!

# **Special Prayers**

We pray for <u>all</u> our fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Among them are: Julia Katko, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Diane Monteverde, Carol Menzel, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Alexander Horelick, Catherine Ratushnak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, and Tara Escalona.

# Annunciations

<u>TODAY</u> – The **Agape Coffee Hour** is sponsored by the Breton and Buletza family in celebration of Mary Breton's college graduation. Please join us for food and fellowship.

<u>TODAY</u> – Many Years and a **Happy Fathers Day** to all fathers, grandfathers and godfathers. May God grant rest eternal in blessed repose all those fathers, grandfathers and godfathers who have fallen asleep in the Lord!

<u>MONDAY, June 16</u> – The **Parish Council meeting** scheduled for today has been postponed. A new date has yet to be determined.

MONDAY, June 16 – The Apostles' Fast (aka The Ss. Peter and Paul Fast) begins today and lasts until the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on Sunday, June 29.

<u>Saturday, June 28</u> – Bishop Michael invites all who are interested and concerned about the critical issue of **parish growth** to attend a **conference** on the topic to be held at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in South River beginning at 9:30am. If you are even remotely curious about the issue or the conference, please speak with Father Gary ASAP. This is being advertised as a Parish Council Conference, but participation is **not** limited to parish council members.

**Memory Eternal!** Gary Paxton's father, Ronald, reposed this past Thursday. Viewint is Tuesday, 2-4 & 7-9 PM at Colonial Funeral Home - 2170 Highway 88, Brick. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, 10:00 AM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Matawan.

Since our parish hall project is on hold indefinitely due to unexpected delays in the bidding process, we will be holding a modified version of the **Ethnic Food Fair and Gift Auction on Sunday, July 27**. We are in immediate need of **donations of gift auction items**, especially gift certificates to local shops and restaurants. Any new items for the gift auction will be appreciated. Please speak with Olga Pasick or Cathy Berger at the Grocery Card table at Coffee Hour.

# Many Years!

Birthdays this week: Today – Reanna Paxton

Wedding Anniversaries this week: Today: Dennis and Ann Marie Gahr (#49)

### <u>OUTREACH</u>

- 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.