

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

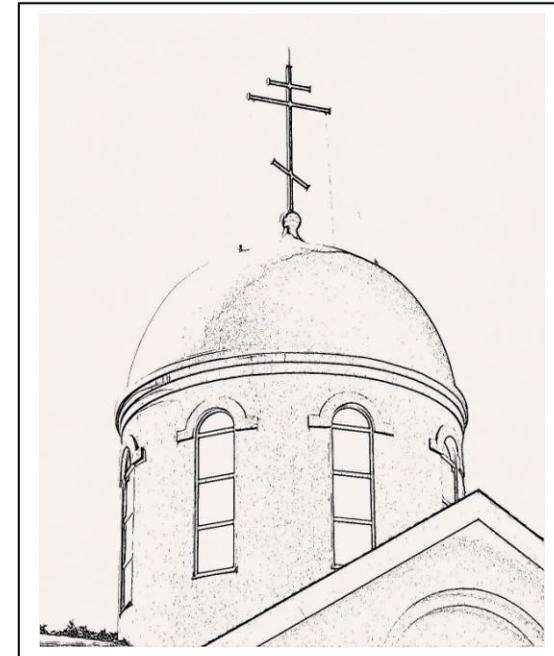
Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle) Brethren: Glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

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 4:18-23 (Gospel) At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel) At that time, great crowds followed Jesus from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan. Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

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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**2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia)**

Tone 1. *Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (380). Martyrs Zeno and his servant, Zenas, of Philadelphia (304). Martyrs Galacteon, Juliana, and Saturninus, of Constantinople. St. Alban, Protomartyr of Britain (ca. 287). Hieromartyr Nicetas of Remesiana (414-420). Martyr Nicetas the Dacian (370-372). St. Grigorie Dascalu, Metropolitan of Wallachia (Romania).*

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 and Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23 and Matthew 4:25-5:12

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Monday – 7:00pm Great Vespers (*Nativity of St. John the Baptist*)

Tuesday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (*Nativity of St. John the Baptist*)

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers w/Litya

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10 and 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:9

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33 and Matthew 16:13-19

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM B Next Sunday – TEAM C

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, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Diane Monteverde, Carol Menzel, Daniel Riegler, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Alexander Horelick, Catherine Ratushnak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Gail Hascha, and Tara Escalona.**

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!

THIS MONDAY – We will begin the celebration of the Feast of the **Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptizer John** with **Great Vespers** at 7:00pm.

THIS TUESDAY – The celebration of the Feast will conclude with **Divine Liturgy** at 9:30am.

We continue to be in the midst of the **Apostles' Fast** (Ss. Peter & Paul Fast). Please take advantage of this gift our Church provides us to remind ourselves that our attention and our lives should be dedicated to Our Lord and not to the satisfaction of our earthly passions. The **fast concludes this Sunday** with the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

THIS Saturday, June 28 – 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.

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.

Congratulations and Many Years to **Matthew Hascha** and **Stephen Petrides** who have now **graduated** high school. May God guide and direct them upon a wonderful path in the years to come!

Please keep especially in your prayers, the servants of God: **Alexander Horelick, Gail Hascha, and Carol Menzel**. All are currently experiencing significant medical situations. May Our Lord, the Great Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, heal them speedily!

Today the Prophet and Forerunner appears from the womb: John, the Baptizer of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he saw the Queen come to the handmaid, bearing in her womb the timeless God, he leaped in his mother's womb and sang for joy.
Sticheron on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John

Many Years!
Birthdays this week:
Saturday – Mariana Vajda

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.