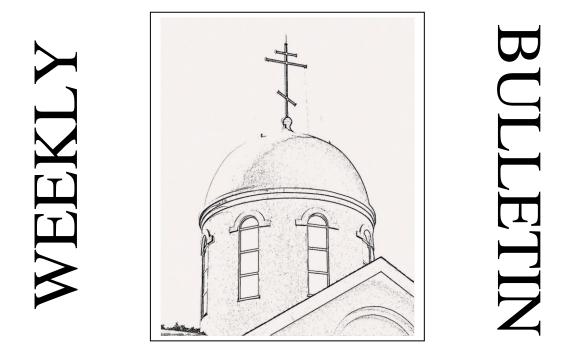
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 10:1-10 (Epistle) Brethren: My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who shall ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who shall descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

Hebrews 13:7-16 (Epistle- Fathers) Brethren: Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Matthew 8:28-9:1 (Gospel) At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What hast Thou to do with us, O Son of God? Hast Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.



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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July 13, 2014 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils

Tone 4. Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. Ven. Stephen of St. Sabbas' Monastery (794). St. Julian, Bishop of Cenomanis (Le Mans) in Gaul (1st c.). Martyr Serapion (2nd-3rd c.). Martyr Marcian of Iconium (258). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos "AXION ESTIN" ("IT IS TRULY MEET").

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 and Hebrews 13:7-16 *Gospel:* Matthew 8:28-9:1 and John 17:1-13

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Monday – 7:00pm Great Vespers (*St. Vladimir*) Tuesday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy @ St. Vladimir Church, Trenton, NJ Saturday – 6:15pm Panikhida in memory of +John Gornick Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 and James 5:10-20 *Gospel:* Matthew 9:1-8 and Luke 4:22-30

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM E Next Sunday – TEAM A

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, Daniel Riegler, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Tara Escalona, Catherine Ratushnak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr.

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<u>TODAY</u> – A meeting of parishioners who make up the team traveling to **Project** Mexico next month will meet during Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. Please bring your questions.

<u>TODAY</u> – **Sign-up sheets** for **donations** of food and beverage items are located in the church narthex. Also there are sign-up sheets for **help** on the day of the Gift Auction and Food Festival. Please strongly consider giving of your time to help out with this event.

<u>THIS MONDAY</u> – Great Vespers for the **Feast of St. Vladimir** will be served here at 7:00pm.

<u>THIS TUESDAY</u> – His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL will be the main celebrant at **St. Vladimir Church in Trenton** for the Divine Liturgy in commemoration of their patronal saint. All are welcome to the service which begins at 9:30am.

<u>THIS SATURDAY</u> – All who are able are asked to come help with the grounds cleanup in preparation of the Gift Auction and Food Festival. All hands are needed, so please consider spending some of your time this day helping out at your church. Work will begin at 9:00am.

<u>THIS SATURDAY</u> – A panikhida will be served in memory of our departed brother in Christ, **+John Gornick**.

<u>SUNDAY, July 27</u> – Our Annual Gift Auction and Food Festival takes place from 12noon to 6pm. Please promote this event among friends and family and invite them to join us for the day. Please take a flyer or two and ask your local shop to display them in their windows.

If you aren't one already, please consider being a **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor**. For details, please speak with Fr. Gary or visit <u>www.nynjoca.org</u>.

Many Vears!

Birthdays this week: Today – Alexander Breton Monday – Tom Collins Tuesday – Chase Anderson Elena Nilsen Wednesday – Fr. Gary Friday – Cristina Ciorlian

Wedding Anniversaries this week: Monday – Tom & Cathy Berger (#29) Wednesday – Bill & Emily Buchala (#3) Saturday – James & Laura MacMillan (#34)

<u>OUTREACH</u>

- Food Pantry donations are *always* accepted. Place nonperishable 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.