

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

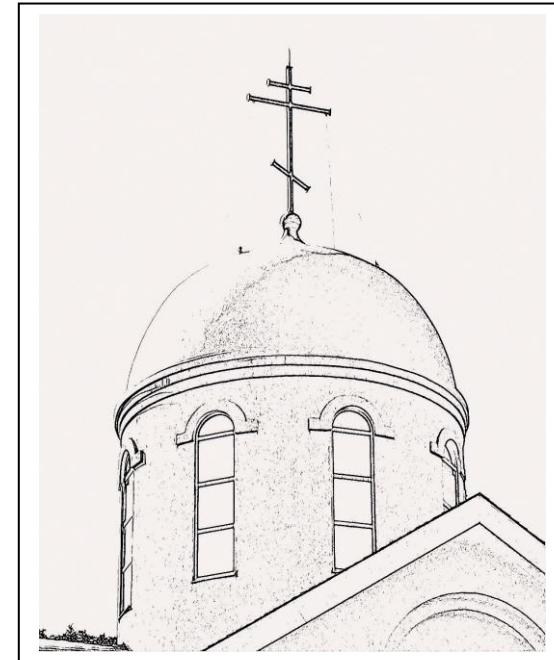
Romans 12:6-14 (Epistle) Brethren: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

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 9:1-8 (Gospel) At that time, Jesus got into a boat and crossed over, and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- He then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

John 17:1-13 (Gospel - Fathers) At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that the Son may glorify Thee, since Thou hast given Him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom Thou hast given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent. I glorified Thee on earth, having accomplished the work which Thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify Thou Me in Thine own presence with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was made. "I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world; Thine they were, and Thou gavest them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. Now they know that everything that Thou hast given Me is from Thee; for I have given them the words which Thou gavest Me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from Thee; and they have believed that Thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom Thou hast given Me, for they are Thine; all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, even as We are One. While I was with them, I kept them in Thy name, which Thou hast given Me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to Thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

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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July 16, 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 5. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples (ca. 311). Martyrs Paul and two sisters, Chionia (Thea) and Alevtina (Valentina), at Cæsarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Antiochus, Physician, of Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Julia of Carthage (ca. 440 or 613).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 and Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 and John 17:1-13

Upcoming Service Schedule:

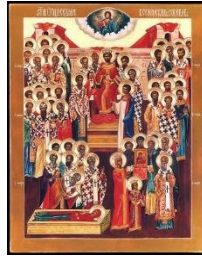
Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35



*Fathers of the first
Six Ecumenical Councils*

Please pray for those who have willingly chosen to not worship and pray with us this morning. We pray that those sitting in darkness will see a great light – the light of the Risen Christ!

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM C (Kozak, Diaz, Price)

Next Sunday – TEAM D (Paxton, May, Alpaugh)

Keep up on OCA news by visiting www.oca.org, diocesan news by visiting www.nynjoca.org, and parish news by visiting www.occa-brick.org.

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 Rectory. 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 **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Millie Hladick, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Suzanne Hanas, and Catherine Ratushnak.**

Annunciations

TODAY - We continue our **summer service schedule** with Sunday Divine Liturgy beginning at **9:00am** preceded by the Third Hour at 8:45am.

Saturday, August 12 – A **Church School Workshop** will take place for our deanery educators and/or parents at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus. All church school teachers and parents are urged to attend this workshop. Please speak with Father Gary if you are considering attending.

Thursday, August 24 – The Diocesan Youth Day will take place at Six Flags Great Adventure. All parish youth are invited to join Archbishop Michael and other youth from throughout our Diocese of New York and New Jersey. Registration materials are available to download, print, fill out and return.

Father Gary and Matushka Mary will be away the next two Sundays as they will be traveling to Europe for vacation and to attend the marriage of Veljko Pejovic to Mihaela Cimpianu. Divine services will be served as usual with visiting clergy celebrating them. Please pray for the Bretons as they travel, and continue to worship at our parish in their absence.

The **restrooms in the new hall** are now operational and available for use. We pray that very soon the rest of the new hall will be available for us to occupy and put to use. Many thanks for the **continued support of our parish family** as we draw near to the end of this blessed project.

Please remember that if you **travel during the summer** or at any other time for that matter, and plan to attend an Orthodox church service, it is good protocol to **contact the parish priest** before you arrive, especially if you plan to receive the Eucharist. Also, if you find that you have an opportunity to partake of the **Sacrament of Confession** when you are away from your home parish, it is the correct practice to notify your parish priest, preferably ahead of time.

Congratulations to Tom and Theodora Noordzy on the birth of their daughter, **Veronica**, born on Sunday, June 11 and who was baptized this Saturday at St. Vladimir Church in Jackson. Many Years to all members of the Noordzy and Petrovsky families!

MANY YEARS!

Birthdays this week:

Today – Father Gary Breton

Thursday – Deacon Alex Smida

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Today – Emily & Bill Buchala (#6)

*Wednesday – Laura & Jim MacMillan
(#37)*

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.