

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

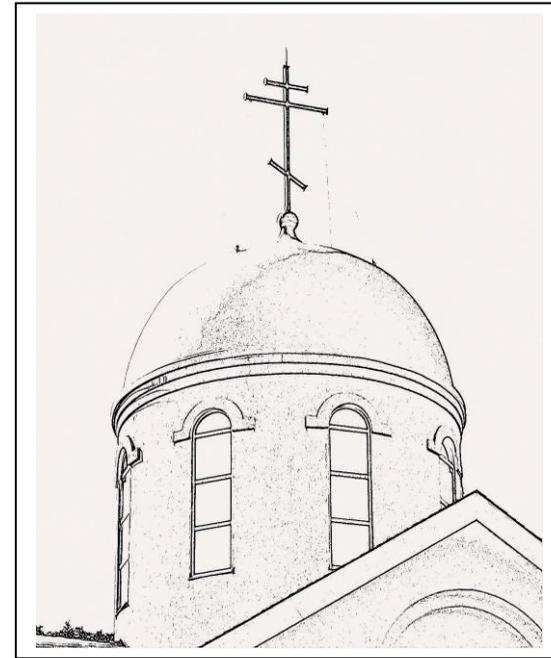
Romans 15:1-7 (Epistle) Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please Himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Matthew 9:27-35 (Gospel) At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 1, Tuesday** – Beginning of the Dormition Fast
August 6, Sunday – Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord
August 14, Monday – 7:00pm Great Vespers (Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos)
August 15, Tuesday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (Dormition of the Most-Holy Theotokos)
August 24, Thursday – Diocesan Youth Day @ Six Flags Great Adventure
August 28, Monday – 7:00pm Great Vespers (Beheading of St. John the Baptist)
August 29, Tuesday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (Beheading of St. John the Baptist)
September 1, Friday – Liturgical Year begins
September 7, Thursday – 7:00pm Great Vespers (Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos)
September 8, Friday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos)
September 10, Sunday – 2:30pm Marriage of Ben Horne and Mary Breton
September 17, Sunday – Return to regular (non-summer) Sunday schedule
September 17, Sunday – Church School and Adult Education classes resume

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 23, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 6. Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia (4th c.). Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna (ca. 75). Commemoration of the Miraculous Appearance of the POCHAEV Icon of the Mother of God, which saved the Monastery from the assault of the Tatars and Turks (1675). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, "THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" (with coins) in St. Petersburg (1888).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22



*The Most-holy Theotokos,
"The Joy of All Who Sorrow"*

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 D (Paxton, May, Alpaugh)

Next Sunday – TEAM E (Bass, Petrides)

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.

Father Gary and Matushka Mary will be away this and next weekend as they are **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.

Many thanks to Father Daniel Skvir, who is celebrating today's Divine Liturgy. Thanks also to **Father John Cmur** who celebrated Great Vespers last evening.

In case of a pastoral emergency during the period of Monday, July 17 – Friday, August 4, please contact **Father Ken Ellis** by phone or text at (732) 406-2422 or by email at kellis919@aol.com.

On behalf of the Breton family, Father Gary passes on his **sincere thanks and appreciation** for all the messages of condolence and sympathy on the falling asleep of his father, Roger Alexander. May God bless you all for your care and concern, especially at this time of difficulty and adjustment.

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.

MANY YEARS!

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

*Today – Tim & Natalie Kozak
(#11)*

*Saturday – Tom & Ingrid Kopec
(#51)*

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.