

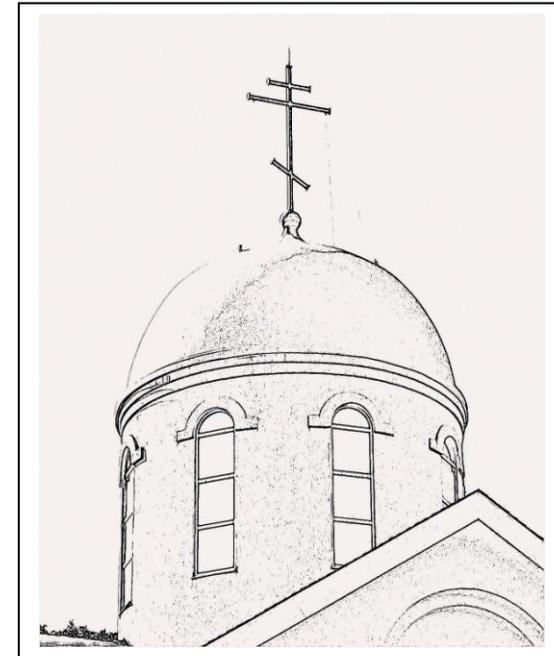
## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**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.

**John 15:17-16:2 (Gospel – Saint)** The Lord said to His disciples: "This I command you, to love one another. If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all this they will do to you on My account, because they do not know Him Who sent Me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have seen and hated both Me and My Father. It is to fulfill the word that is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' But when the Counselor comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, Who proceeds from the Father, He shall bear witness to Me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning. I have said all this to you to keep you from falling away. They shall put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God."

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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**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon (305)**

**Tone 6.** *Bl. Nikolai Kochanov, Fool-for-Christ, at Novgorod (1392). Ven. Anthusa, Abbess of Mantinea in Asia Minor, and her 90 sisters (8th c.). Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Clement, Bishop of Ochrid and Enlightener of the Bulgarians (916), and with him Ss. Angelar, Horasdu (Gorazd), Nahum, and Sabbas, disciples of Ss. Cyril and Methodius.*

**Today's Readings:**

**Epistle:** Romans 15:1-7 and 2 Timothy 2:1-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 9:27-35 and John 15:17-16:2

**Upcoming Week Service Schedule:**

**Saturday – 7:00pm** Great Vespers

**Sunday – 9:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

**Epistle:** 1 Cornithians 1:10-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:14-22



St. Panteleimon

*Keep up on OCA news by visiting [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org), diocesan news by visiting [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org), and parish news by visiting [www.occa-brick.org](http://www.occa-brick.org). Be sure also to visit [Ancient Faith Radio](#) to visit to hear Orthodox music and presentations on topics of the Faith!*

*Please consider helping our diocese accomplish its work by becoming a **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor**. Please see Father Gary for details.*

*Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to come to our parish's Annual Gift Auction and Food Fair which takes place this afternoon on the church grounds. Please return again to worship with us.*

**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, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr. Catherine Ratushnak.**

**TODAY** is the day of our **Annual Parish Gift Auction and Food Fair**. Thank you to all who have donated items, sold and bought raffle tickets, helped out in the preparation, and signed up to work at the event. We pray to God that our efforts are well pleasing to Him, and that He blesses us with good weather. **Please enjoy** a day of food, fellowship and fun!

**TODAY** – If you have signed up to help for the **first shift** (11:45am – 2pm) at today's Gift Auction and Food Fair, please report to your station at – or shortly before – **11:45am**. If you have signed up for the other two shifts, please be prompt in reporting to your station so those on the first shift may enjoy the rest of the day. Many thanks for your help and your cooperation.

**TODAY** – Coffee and refreshments will be served after Divine Liturgy outside the Church School Building. There will be **NO Coffee Hour** as usual. As you await the beginning of the event, please feel free to browse the Gift Auction and participate early in it.

**TODAY** – **No grocery cards** will be sold at the parish. **Sales will resume** at Coffee Hour next Sunday.

**TODAY** is **Youth Sunday** at our parish.

**FRIDAY, August 1** is the beginning of the **Dormition Fast**. During the fast, the Church calls us to refrain from consuming meat and dairy products, to pray more fervently, and to give alms. Fasting periods are also times to reflect on our sinfulness and approach the sacrament of Confession. Confessions are heard regularly after Vespers on Saturday, but appointments can be made by contacting Father Gary.

**TUESDAY, August 5** – A group from our parish will depart for a week at Project Mexico. Many parishioners have made financial contributions that will allow this trip to occur. Please continue with prayers for these individuals as they undertake this mission. Many thanks for your support.

**Parish Calendars for the month of August** are available at the candle desk and on our parish website.

**Coffee Hour Teams:**  
*Today – N/A*  
*Next Sunday – TEAM B*

*Many Years!*  
*Wedding Anniversaries this week:*  
*Tuesday – Tom and Ingrid Kopec (#48)*

**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.