

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 3:9-17 Brethren: We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work shall become manifest; for the Day shall disclose it, because it shall be revealed with fire, and the fire shall test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss, though he himself shall be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God shall destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

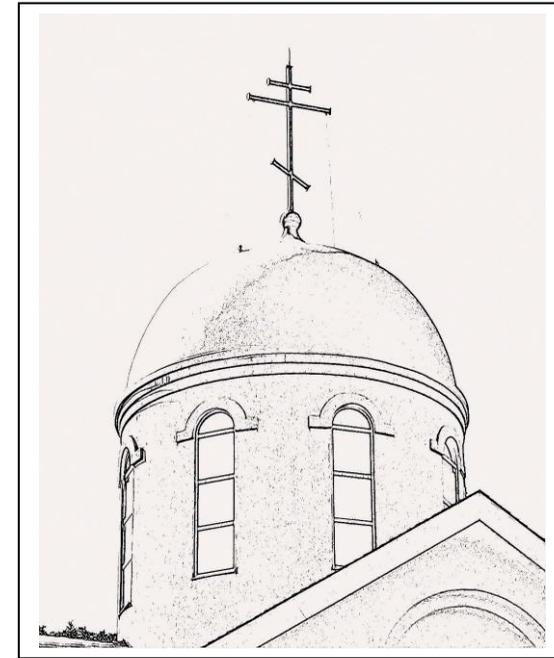
Gospel - Matthew 14:22-34 At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was out on the sea, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thou, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Wisdom from the Saints

Every Christian should find for himself the imperative and incentive to become holy. If you live without struggle and without hope of becoming holy, then you are Christians only in name and not in essence. But without holiness, no one shall see the Lord, that is to say they will not attain eternal blessedness. It is a trustworthy saying that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). But we deceive ourselves if we think that we are saved while remaining sinners. Christ saves those sinners by giving them the means to become saints.

St. Philaret of Moscow

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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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 8. Martyr Callinicus of Gangra in Asia Minor (3rd-4th c.). Ven. Constantine and Cosmas, Abbots of Kosinsk (Pskov—13th c.). Virgin Martyr Seraphima (Serapia) of Antioch (2nd c.). Martyr Theodota and her three sons in Bithynia (ca. 304). Martyr Michael (9th c.). Martyr Eustace of Mtskhet in Georgia (589).

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Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23



*Martyr Callinicus of
Gangra in Asia Minor*

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM A (Pasick, Stavrou)

Next Sunday – TEAM B (Nilsen, Christos)

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 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 all our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Walter Romanofsky, Liz Petrides, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, and Catherine Ratushnik.**

Annunciations

TODAY - We continue our **summer service schedule** and begin Divine Liturgy at 9:00am.

TODAY – A **planning meeting** of all those interested in helping with the upcoming **Annual Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction** will take place after Coffee Hour. All are invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

TODAY – The **schedule of the reconfigured Coffee Hour Teams** will go into effect. The number of teams remains the same with some of the personnel changing. **The new list** is posted in the Parish Hall. If you would like to serve on a team but have not yet volunteered, please speak with Father Gary at Coffee Hour.

THIS WEDNESDAY – The **Dormition Fast** begins and lasts until the Feast of the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos on August 15. During this time, we are given the opportunity to express and improve our relationship with God by participating in the act of setting aside some of our earthly passions. Please speak with Father Gary if you have questions about the fast.

Saturday, September 15 – Our parish will again have a booth at the **Point Pleasant Beach Festival of the Sea**. This is a great way to gain awareness of and visibility for the parish. Details will follow.

Sunday, September 30 is the date for this year's **Annual Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction**. We are resuming this event at a new point in the calendar. Please save the date and be prepared to be part of the event. Feel free to speak with Father Gary, Matushka Mary, or any Parish Council member with your input.

Our parish youth are NOT taking the summer off regarding their service to the Lord. In August, Chloe Petrides will be part of a Project Mexico home-building team. Also, on two August days, many of our parish youth will be serving lunch to the needy and homeless at Visitation Church (Roman Catholic). Our youth continue to inspire and lead us in the way of service and care to our brothers and sisters in need.

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.

MANY YEARS!

Birthdays

Saturday – Phillip Chidylo

The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in the program. Brochures are located by the bulletin board in the parish hall or at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.