

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

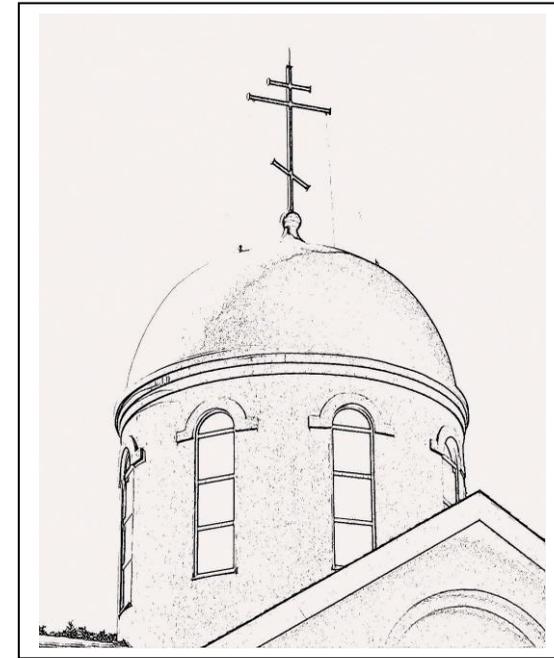
1 Corinthians 3:9-17 (Epistle) Brethren: We are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one 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 any one destroys God's temple, God shall destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

2 Peter 1:10-19 (Epistle - Feast) Therefore, brethren, be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Matthew 14:22-34 (Gospel) 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.

Matthew 17:1-9 (Gospel - Feast) Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

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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August 6, 2017

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 8. THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Today's Readings:

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-19 and 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 and Matthew 14:22-34

Upcoming Service Schedule:

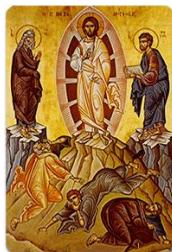
Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 15:30-33 and Hebrews 7:26-8:2

Gospel: Matthew 17:24-18:4 and Matthew 5:14-19



*Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ*

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM A (Pasick, Stavrou, Morris Families)

Next Sunday – TEAM B (Nilsen, Christos)

FESTAL TROPARION – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,
Revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it.
Let Thine everlasting Light shine upon us sinners,
Through the prayers of the Theotokos!
O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

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, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Suzanne Hanas, and Catherine Ratusnak.**

Annunciations

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

TODAY is the **Great Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** Fruit brought by the faithful will be blessed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

TODAY – We are in the midst of the **Dormition Fast.** The Church instructs us to **refrain from consuming meat and dairy products** until the Feast of the Dormition of the Most-blessed Theotokos on August 15.

TODAY – Copies of the **parish calendar for August** are available in the narthex. Please check the weekly bulletin for changes to the events and/or services listed in the calendar.

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.

Saturday, October 29 – A **Calendar Party** in support of **St. Andrew's Camp** will be held at 3pm at **Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus.** Tami Economou is reserving a table for any members of our parish who wish to attend. Please see Tami for details.

Many thanks to all those who helped maintain **good order in the parish** in Father Gary's absence over the past few weeks.

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!

Birthdays this week:

Thursday – Ingrid Kopec

Thursday – Gambal (Anastasia) Price

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Tuesday – Kristine & Scott Nilsen (#21)

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.