

The Church New Year (Indiction)

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

The Beheading of the Glorious Prophet Forerunner and Baptist John

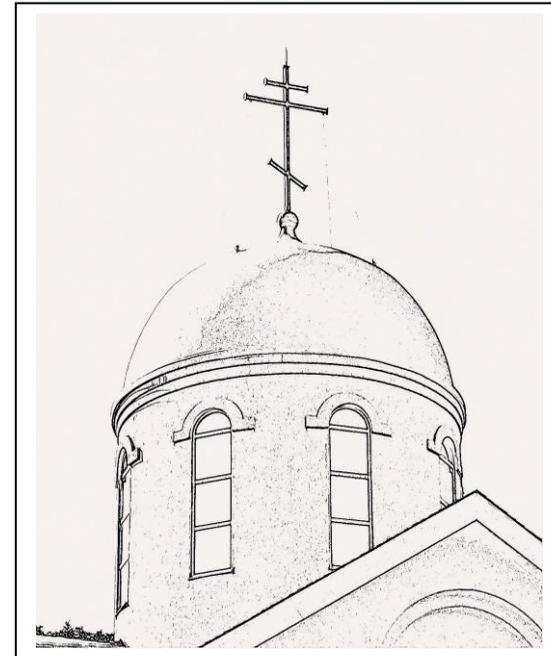
Herod’s birthday celebration was a lawless and shameful feast,
for, spellbound by feminine licentiousness
and stricken with madness by a woman’s wantonness,
he cut off the head of the Forerunner;
but he did not cut out the Prophet’s tongue, which had denounced his
foolishness.

Spilling innocent blood, he wished to conceal a lawless sin;
but he could not stop the voice of one who called all to repentance.
He joined in taking delight in murder,
but let us join in celebrating with love the blessed slaying of John the Baptist;
for he was in hell in anticipation
to proclaim to those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death
the Life, the Dayspring from on high, //
Christ our God, Who alone is rich in mercy.

Apostikha, Tone 4

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.

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 30, 2020

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Tone 3. Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Great Prince St. Alexander Nevsky (1724). Sts. Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the New (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople. Repose of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1533). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Daniel, Prince of Moscow (1652). St. Christopher of Palestine (6th c.). St. Fantinus of Calabria (9th c.). Synaxis of the Serbian Hierarchs: Ss. Sava I (1237), Arsenius I (1266), Sava II (1269), Eustathius I (ca. 1285), James (1292), Nikodemos (1325), and Daniel (1338), Archbishops; Joannicus II (1354), Spyridon (1388), Ephraim II (after 1395), Macarius (1574), Gabriel I (1659), Patriarchs; and Gregory, Bishop.

Today's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today @ 9am Divine Liturgy

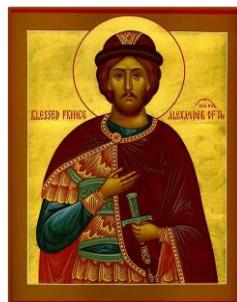
Saturday @ 6pm Great Vespers

Sunday @ 9am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42



Saint Alexander Nevsky

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

Special Prayers

We pray for all our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Reader John Economou, Margaret Makara, Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak (under hospice care), Pauline Barnowsky, and Catherine Ratushnik.**

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week:

Today – Stephanie May

Wednesday – James Buchala

Friday – Marie Price (#75)

Saturday – Bill Buchala

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Wednesday – Debbie & John Alpaugh (#30)

Wednesday – Christina Pasick & Philip George (#2)

Annunciations

TODAY – Except for the Divine services, all in-person parish activities including **Church School classes, organizational meetings, baking sessions, etc.** are CANCELED until further notice. **All services** are live streamed via Facebook.

TODAY – Parish **Calendars for September** will be sent out via email and will be available at our parish website.

THIS TUESDAY begins a new annual liturgical cycle. Thanks be to God for giving us another year to give Him glory and honor by worshipping Him in His Church.

THIS WEDNESDAY – We will continue the **Adult Education** program on the subject of the **Divine Liturgy**. For now, the sessions will take place via **Zoom**. All **parishioners and inquirers** are invited to attend.

Many Years to Archbishop Michael who celebrated his 70th birthday yesterday.

We will continue to allow a maximum of **25 attendees** per service in the Church. For **Great Vespers and weekday Divine Liturgy**, parishioners are being encouraged to attend by signing up on a first-come-first-served basis. For **Sunday Divine Liturgy**, the process differs by being invitation only, with invitations being made by a rotation through the parish roster. Our parishioners' patience is appreciated as we try to navigate through these processes.

Stewardship Donations may be brought to the church or mailed to the church address: 360 Van Zile Road, Brick, NJ 08724. **On-line donations** are possible by visiting our website for a link. Many thanks for continuing to support your parish in these challenging times.

We are accepting donations to help local food pantries get food into the hands of those in need. If you would like to help out in this effort, **we are asking for donations in \$25 increments** to purchase grocery gift cards. Donations for this should be marked as "Grocery Card Aid". A provision for this kind of donation is on the online donation page. Many thanks to those who have responded so generously to this appeal.

Confessions continue to be offered either by phone or in person (with proper social distancing). Please **contact Father Gary** to make an appointment for the Sacrament of Confession.

Grocery Gift Cards are available for purchase. Please contact Matushka Mary by email (matmaryb@gmail.com) or by phone at (848) 333-7075 to make arrangements.