

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle) Brethren: I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

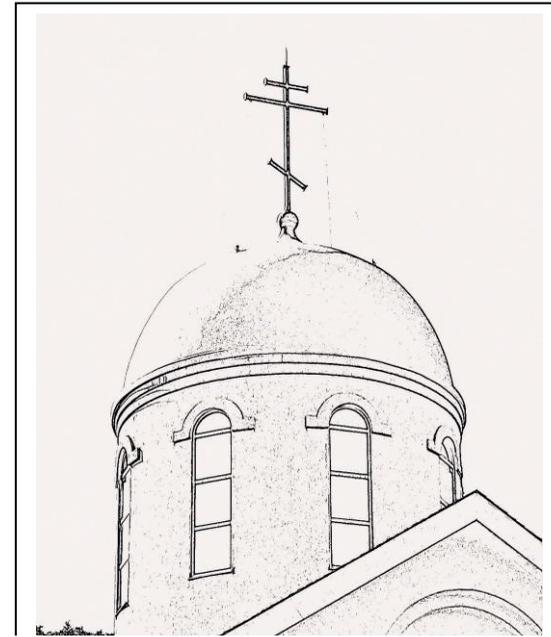
Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel) Jesus said to the Jews: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Wisdom from the Saints

The chief end of our life is to live in communion with God. To this end the Son of God became incarnate, in order to return us to this divine communion, which was lost by the fall into sin. Through Jesus Christ, the Son of God, we enter into communion with the Father and thus attain our purpose.

(St. Theophan the Recluse, Letters to various people, 24)

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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 3. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius, Bishop and Wonderworker of Hieropolis (ca. 167). The Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antonius (ca. 250). Martyrs Alexander the Bishop, Heraclius, Anna, Elizabeth, Theodota, and Glyceria (Glykéria), at Adrianopolis (2nd-3rd c.). The “KAZAN” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (commemorating the deliverance of Moscow and Russia from the Poles in 1612.

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Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Upcoming Service Schedule:

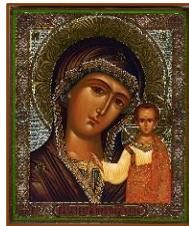
Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39



The “KAZAN” icon of the Most-holy Theotokos

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM B (Nilsen, Christos)

Next Sunday – TEAM C (Kozak, Diaz, Price)

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!

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: **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 Ratushnak.**

Annunciations

TODAY - We continue the **usual Sunday schedule** with Divine Liturgy served at 10:00am preceded by the Third Hour read at 9:45am.

TODAY – Church School classes take place in the Parish Hall at 8:45am. The **Adult Education Class** does not meet today, but will resume its schedule next Sunday at 9:00am.

Sunday, October 29 – The Parish Council will host a **post-Liturgy Brunch** as an unofficial **Grand Opening of our Parish Hall**. All are welcome to participate. Invite friends and family as well.

Wednesday, November 1 – The annual **Diocesan Assembly** for our Diocese of New York and New Jersey begins today and continues into Thursday, November 2. Please pray for the clergy and lay delegates who will be attending the meeting.

Saturday, November 11 will be a **Parish Clean-up Day**. We will rake leaves and otherwise prepare the grounds for the winter season. Please mark your calendars to come and help.

Many thanks to **Father Samuel Kedala** for serving in Father Gary's absence. We welcome him and Matushka JoAnne back to our parish.

SS. Peter & Paul Church in South River is now running a **Holiday Babka Sale** through Sunday, November 5. Twelve different flavors of bread are being offered: cheese, chocolate, cinnamon crumb, prune, poppy, raspberry, raisin and apricot for \$11.50 and raspberry cheese, apricot cheese, chocolate cheese and chocolate peanut butter (NEW) for \$12. Delivery will be on Sunday, November 12. **To place an order, see Olga Kornafel** during Coffee Hour or contact her at (732) 462-3388. The bread will be a wonderful addition to your Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinner.

The **activity of our diocese** is funded mostly by monies donated by the parish faithful through proportional giving. However, additional funding is necessary to support diocesan activities such as youth retreats, mission building, seminarian scholarships, and more. **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** is the vehicle for collecting additional donations from those who can make them. Please visit the diocesan website or speak with Father Gary or Matushka Mary for more information on the DDB.

MANY YEARS!

Birthdays this week:

Today – Richard Pasick

Tuesday – Amy Ginty (D'Alessandro)

Thursday – Kristine Nilsen

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Friday – Matt & Liz Petrides (#16)

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.