

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

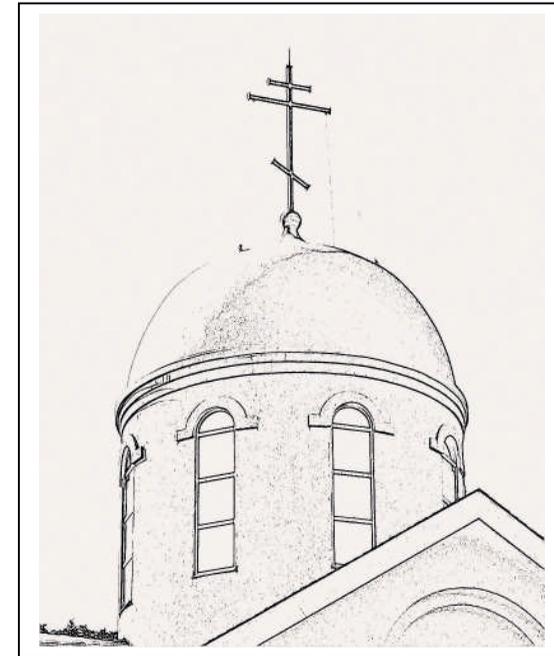
Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel)

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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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October 31, 2010

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 6 (6th of Luke). *Apostles of the Seventy: Stachys, Amplias, Urban, Narcissus, Apelles, and Aristobulus (1st c.). Hieromartyr Archpriest John Kochurov (1917). Martyr Epimachus of Alexandria (250). Ven. Spyridon and Nicodemus the Prosphora-bakers, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—12th c.). St. Maura of Constantinople.*

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 and Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 and Luke 12:32-40

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Saturday – **7:00 Vespers**

Sunday – **10:00am Divine Liturgy**

Sunday – **1:00pm Vespers** (Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and Other Bodiless Powers)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 **Gospel:** Luke 8:41-56

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – May Team Next Sunday – Kornafel Team

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, Paul Charuk, Ludmilla Tjaden, Steve Murko, Helen Alexander, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Diane Monteverde, and Olga Romanofsky.**

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after Divine Liturgy for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

Amy Pierce, a representative from the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) will speak to our congregation after today's Divine Liturgy. Please give her your full attention as she speaks of the good work of this fine organization.

TODAY, October 31 – Adult Education and Church School classes **will** be held as usual. There will be **no** Youth Sunday sermon.

MONDAY, November 1 – The **Myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Iveron Icon of the Mother of God will visit Ss. Peter and Paul Church in South River.** This icon was officially recognized as miraculous and genuine in June 2008. Since then, it has traveled to many churches and monasteries of Holy Orthodoxy. It continues to stream myrrh till this day. The **icon will arrive between 5:30-6 p.m.**, accompanied by His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, and Reader Nectaros from Hawaii, the caretaker of the holy image for the *Russian Orthodox Church*. **At 7 p.m., an Akathist will be served;** a reception will then follow in the parish hall. You are encouraged to come and venerate this icon and receive anointing from its holy myrrh for consolation and healing. Such wonderworking icons are a reminder of God's active desire to reach out to us and tangibly bless us with His divine love and presence.

THURSDAY, November 4 – **Dessert rolls** will be made beginning at 9:30am. **Help is needed** throughout the day. Please speak with Cathy Berger if you can help. A list in the narthex is available for those who wish to order the rolls.

Many thanks to Father Sergius Kuharsky for serving in Father Gary's absence. Father Gary will return this Saturday.

Parish calendars for November are available at the candle desk.

A **special clothing drive** will be held throughout the month of October to assist the homeless persons who are dwelling in the outdoor elements in our immediate area.

ITEMS NEEDED for MALES AND FEMALES:

- * **NEW WINTER SOCKS**
- * **NEW T-SHIRTS**
- * **WINTER HATS AND GLOVES**
- * **HOODED SWEATSHIRTS and SWEATPANTS**
- * **MONETARY DONATIONS to assist with the Purchase of Fuel and Wood Stoves.**

If you wish to help out, or if you need further information on this effort, please contact **Tami Economou** in person or by email at johnandtami@verizon.net.

Many Years!

Birthdays this week:

Wednesday – John Economou.

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Tuesday – Daria and Douglas Riegler (#42)

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.