

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

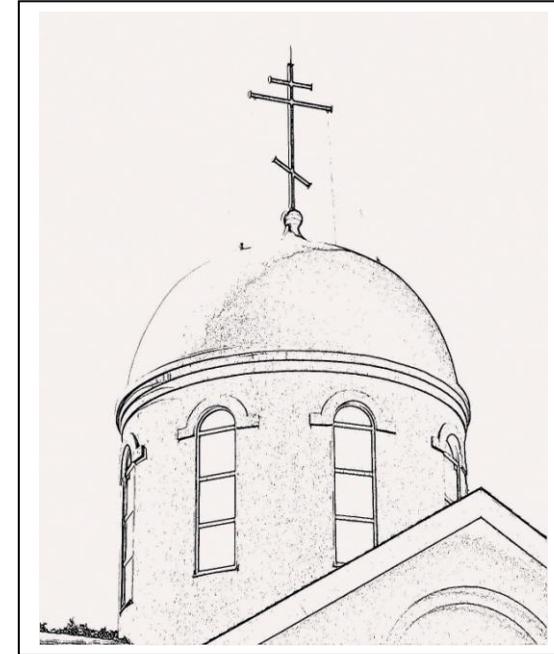
Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle) Brethren: Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-6:2 (Epistle – Feast) Brethren: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Luke 12:16-21 (Gospel) The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Matthew 11:27-30 (Gospel – Feast) The Lord said to His disciples: "All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple

Tone 7. *Repose of Rt. Blv. Great Prince Alexander Nevsky, in schema Aleksey (1263). St. Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium (394). St. Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum (6th-7th c.). St. Metrophán, in schema Makáry, Bishop of Vorónezh (1703). Martyr Sisinius, Bishop of Cyzicus (3rd c.). Martyr Theodore of Antioch (4th c.).*

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 and Galatians 5:22-6:2

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21 and Matthew 11:27-30

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

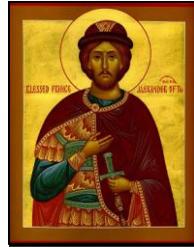
Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 and Mark 16:9-20



St. Alexander Nevsky

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM C Next Sunday – TEAM D

If you have volunteered to participate on a team, please note your team's letter designation, and plan to help when your team is scheduled. Many thanks!

Please consider becoming a Distinguished Diocesan Benefactor in order to help our diocese accomplish the work of the Church at the diocesan level. Please speak with Father Gary or Matushka Mary for details!

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 fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Julia Katko, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Carol Menzel, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Catherine Smida, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, George Stavrou, Mary Bionde, and Catherine Ratushna.**

TODAY – The **St. Catherine Society** is sponsoring the sale of “**Keep Christ in Christmas**” magnets as a fund-raiser. This is a great way to spread this important message as we prepare for the Feast of Our Lord's Nativity. The magnets are available on Sunday during Coffee Hour.

TODAY An **interfaith Thanksgiving Service** will be held at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 135 Salmon Street, in Brick at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend. Non-perishable food items will be accepted at the door.

THIS THURSDAY - A **Blessed Thanksgiving** to all! There is no official fasting dispensation from the Church on this secular holiday, but whatever we eat, may we offer it up to God in **true thanksgiving** for all His many blessings!

THIS SATURDAY – A **Clean-up day** will be held at the church. Various tasks inside and outside need to be performed including: leaf removal, wax removal from carpeting, window cleaning, etc. Work will begin at **9am** and continue into the afternoon. Please come and help so that we can accomplish the tasks as quickly and efficiently as possible

Next Sunday is **Youth Sunday** at our parish.

Saturday, December 13 is the date for the **Parish Cookie Walk**. A sign-up sheet for cookie bakers is available in the narthex. Please see **Natalie May** for details.

We have entered into the **Nativity Fast** and are instructed by the Church to refrain from consuming meat and dairy products, pray more fervently, and be more cheerful and abundant in our giving. All of this is to be done in preparation of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ's coming into the world to save us. Please contact Father Gary with any questions concerning this wonderful opportunity to draw ever closer to God.

Dessert Rolls are available for sale at **\$12 per roll**. Please see **Cathy Berger or Olga Pasick** to make your purchases.

Many Years!

Birthdays this week:

Friday – Victoriann Vessio

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Tuesday – Olga and Richard Pasick (#30)

Wednesday – Lisa and Kevin Connolly (#11)

Congratulations to Tiffany and Andrew Campbell on the birth of their daughter, Payton. Congratulations also to Jack and Joann Hayford on the birth of their grandson, Alistair.

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.