

## SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

### Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

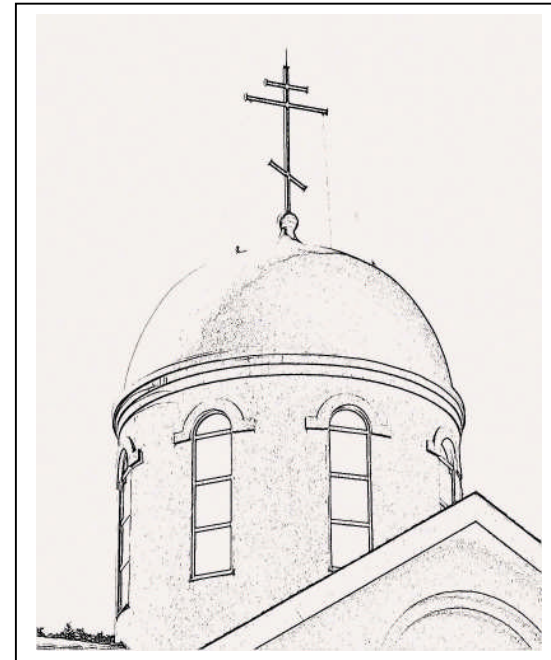
### Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel)

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

### PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH'S FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY!

- **Grocery Store Coupons** (Matushka Mary)
  - Shoprite, Foodtown, Pathmark, Stop & Shop
- **Dessert Rolls** - \$12 each (Cathy Berger)
  - Walnut, Walnut Chocolate Chip, Poppy, Apricot, Apricot-Walnut, Prune
- **Pierogi** - \$7/Dozen (Mary Herelick)
  - Potato & Cheese, Prune

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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**December 13, 2009**

**27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

**REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA (1837)**

**Tone 2 (12th of Luke).** *Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, at Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Lucia (Lucy) of Syracuse (304). Ven. Arkády (Arcadius) of Novotorsk. Ven. Mardárii (Mardarius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Ven. Arsenius of Latros (8th-9th c.). Ven. Nicodemus (Romanian). St. Dosoftei, Metropolitan of Moldova (Romania).*

**Today's Readings:** *Epistle:* Colossians 3:4-11 and Galatians 5:22-6:2  
*Gospel:* Luke 14:16-24 and Luke 6:17-23

**Upcoming Week Service Schedule:**

**Saturday – 7:00pm Vespers**

**Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy**

*Epistle:* Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

*Gospel:* Matthew 1:1-25

**Coffee Hour Teams:**

*Today – May Team    Next Sunday – Kornafel Team*

**We are praying especially for:** Julia Katko, Steven Murko, Robert Vessio, Pauline (Pelagia) Barnowsky, Olga Romanofsky, Marina Kupcha, Dorothy Gornick, Helen McManus, Paul Charuk, Elizabeth & David James, Anastasia Petrow, Millie Podolak, Andrew Popovchak, Tom Collins, Carol Menzel, Marie Lobb, John Alexander, Ludmilla Tjaden, and all others in our parish family who are ill, afflicted, suffering, and/or unable to attend services.

*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.*

**Adult Education** class takes place Sundays at 9:00am in the church. We are studying the wonderful and important book, “**Partakers of Divine Nature**” by Archimandrite Christoforos Stavropoulos. **All are invited to participate.**

**Many thanks** to all who participated in the **Annual Parish Cookie Walk** that took place yesterday. We had a wonderful turnout, sold all of our cookies, and made some new friends. Over \$1,500 in net income was raised with this fund-raiser.

We are called by the Church to **abstain from eating meat and dairy products** until the Feast of the Nativity. We are also urged to come *individually* during this season to the sacrament of Confession. Father Gary hears confessions **after every Vespers service** or by appointment. Please avail yourself of the grace that pours forth from the sacrament of Confession.

**Memory Eternal!** Debbie Alpaugh’s father, Peter, fell asleep in the Lord early Saturday morning. May God grant him eternal rest, and comfort to his surviving family and friends.

**Monday, December 21** – The **Parish Council** meets at 7pm in the Church School Building.

**Thursday, December 24** – A **community holy supper** will be held in the parish hall at 5:00pm. All are welcome to attend this **Christmas Eve tradition**. Please speak with Matushka Mary for more detailed information.

**Sunday, December 27** – A **Nativity season presentation** will be given by the church school children during the Coffee Hour in the parish hall. All are encouraged to attend!

**Saturday, January 2** – The **Wonderworking Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God** will be at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Jersey City. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH at 9:30 a.m., and he will be joined clergy and faithful from New Jersey. All are welcome to attend.

*Many Years!*

**Birthdays this week:** *Today* – David James. *Monday* – Ollie Sheridan, Michael Ciorlian. *Tuesday* – Alexandra Kulinyi.

**Wedding Anniversaries this week:** Friday – Sever and Cristina Ciorlian (#18)

**SPECIAL CLOTHING DRIVE**

A **special collection of warm clothing** is being conducted in order to provide the homeless some protection from the winter elements. For the next several weeks, we are accepting adult-sized sweaters, t-shirts, gloves, mittens, scarves, knit hats, and boots. Please see **Tammy Economou** for more details.

**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.