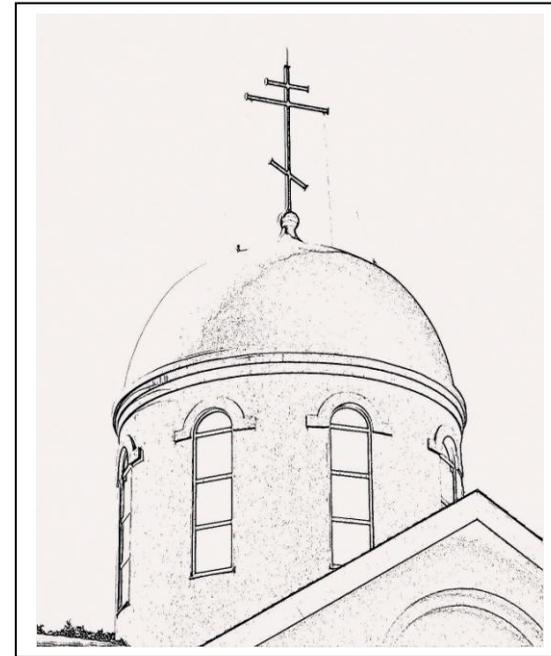


TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 1:1-25 (Gospel) The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, Who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she shall bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His name Jesus.



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 21, 2014

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday before the Nativity.

Tone 3. *Virgin Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 50 Russia (1326). St. Juliana, Princess of Vyaz'ma (1406). Repose of Bl. Procopii (Procopius) of Vyatka, Fool-for-Christ (1628). Martyr Themístocles of Myra in Lycia (251).men and 130 women (304). Repose of St. Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All*

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 *Gospel:* Matthew 1:1-25

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Wednesday – 9:30am Vespers/Liturgy of St. Basil (*Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord*)

Wednesday – 7:00pm Vigil (*Nativity of Our Lord*)

Thursday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy (*Nativity of Our Lord*)

Friday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (*Second day of Christmas*)

Saturday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (*Third day of Christmas*)

Saturday – 7:00pm Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 *Gospel:* Matthew 2:13-23



Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM B Next Sunday – TEAM C

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!

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.**

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!

Annunciations

TODAY – The **St. Catherine Society** will meet in the Parish Hall today after Coffee Hour. All are invited to attend.

TODAY – **2015 Wall Calendars** are available for pickup in the narthex. Please take one per family at this time. Many thanks to **O'Brien Funeral Home** for once again sponsoring the calendars.

TUESDAY, December 23 is the anniversary of the diaconal ordination of our dearly departed **Protodeacon John Federoff**. May his memory be eternal!

WEDNESDAY, December 24 – A parish **Holy Supper** will be held in the Church Hall beginning at 5:00pm. **All are invited** to attend this traditional Christmas Eve meal. This is a pot-luck meal consisting of many foods. A **sign-up sheet** for food items is located in the narthex.

THURSDAY, December 25 – A light **Agape Coffee Hour** in celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord will be held after Divine Liturgy. Many people have family celebrations to go to, but if you have the time, please plan to stop in to share the joy of the feast with your parish family members. Any **offerings of food items** will also be appreciated.

Please consult the **Upcoming Week Service Schedule** on the opposite page and plan to attend the liturgical celebrations that surround the joyous feast of the **Nativity of Our Lord**. Please note that the **Vespers/Liturgy at 9:30am on Wednesday** was erroneously left of the parish calendar.

There will be **NO Church School or Adult Education classes** next Sunday. Sessions will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2015.

The New Jersey Deanery is sponsoring a **bus trip to the March For Life** in Washington, D.C. on **Thursday, January 22, 2015**. The motorcoach bus will depart at 6:15am from Holy Assumption Church, 29 Huron Ave., Clifton, NJ, and return to the church that evening at approximately 9:45pm. Seat reservations may be made by contacting Fr. John Diamantis by phone at [\(609\) 393-1234](tel:6093931234), or by email at frjohndiamantis@gmail.com. There is no charge for this trip. The deadline for reservations is **December 31, 2014**.

Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

Many Years!

*Wedding Anniversaries this week:
Wednesday – Helen and Michael
Ciurczak (#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.