

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:7-13 (Epistle) Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Matthew 4:12-17 (Gospel) At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Hymnology for the Afterfeast of the Theophany

*He who covers the heaven with clouds
is Himself covered today by the streams of Jordan;
He who takes away the sin of the world
is cleansed, that I may be made clean.*

*The only-begotten Son of the most high Father
receives from above the testimony of the consubstantial Spirit.*

Let us cry aloud to Him:

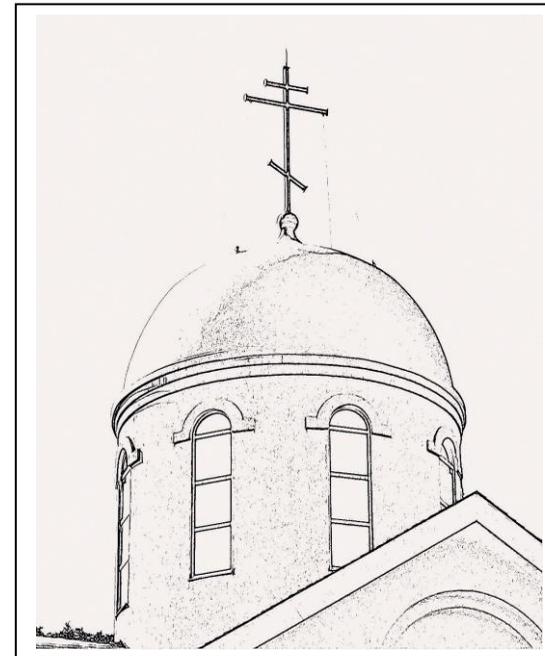
*"O Christ our God, Thou hast made Thyself manifest and saved us!
Glory to Thee!"*

*The streams of the Jordan received Thee, their Source,
and the Comforter descended in the form of a dove.
He Who bowed the heavens now bows His head.*

The Clay cries aloud to the Potter:

*"Why dost Thou command me to do what is beyond me;
for it is I should be baptized by Thee?"*

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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January 8, 2017

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. Ven. George the Chozebite, Abbot (6th c.). Ven. Domnica of Constantinople (474). St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (9th c.). Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1093). Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev (Estonia—1472). St. Paisius of Uglich (1504). Hieromartyr Carterius of Caesarea in Cappadocia (304). Martyrs Theophilus the Deacon, and Helladius, in Libya (4th c.). Martyrs Julian and his wife, Basilissa, and with them Marcionilla, her son Celsus, Anthony, Anastasius, 7 children and 20 soldiers, at Antinoë in Egypt (313). Ven. Elias the Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyr Abo the Perfumer, of Tiflis (Georgia—790).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27



*Theophany of Our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ*

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM C

Next Sunday – TEAM D

Many thanks to all who help with this important parish ministry!

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 Rectory. 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: **Julia Katko, Arnold Katko, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Millie Hladick, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Mary Bionde, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Lillian Sokol, and Catherine Ratushnik.**

Annunciations

TODAY – Due to yesterday's snowstorm and the resulting clean-up, there are **no Church School or Adult Education** classes today. Classes will resume on **Sunday, January 15**.

TODAY – We still need a few individuals or families to help as we **reconfigure our five (5) Coffee Hour teams**. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex along with a description of the duties that are necessary to make Coffee Hour happen. Today, we resume the new rotation with Team B. **Please help** by signing up and committing to a team.

TODAY – **2016 Giving Statements** are available for pick-up in the narthex. Please find your packet in the alphabetized box.

TODAY – The **2017 Wall Calendars** have arrived! Please take one per family for now. After a time, additional calendars may be obtained.

TODAY – **Parish calendars for January** are available in the narthex. Please take a copy before you leave church today.

FRIDAY, January 20 is the deadline for an **iconography course** to be held on Mondays evening of Great Lent at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, South River. Lynette Hull, an affiliate instructor of **the Prosopeon School of Iconology**, will teach the class. Please consult the flyer posted in the narthex and in the rectory for details and costs. Space is limited.

SUNDAY, January 29 – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay for this very important meeting. All parishioners in good standing are expected to attend. Please help to make this truly an **all-parish** meeting.

The **blessing of homes** is underway. A **sign-up sheet** is located in the church narthex. Please indicate days and times that are most convenient for you to have Father Gary come and bless your home. Alternatively, you can contact Father Gary by email with the same information.

Holy Water that was blessed this past Friday on the Feast of the Theophany is available today. Water may be drawn from the font through today's Divine Liturgy. After then, additional water can be obtained by request of Father Gary. Please **bring your own containers** if possible. If not, containers are available at \$5 apiece.

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.

MANY YEARS

*Wedding Anniversaries this week
Ronald and Debra Madensky (#41)*

Birthdays this week

Monday – Richard Hascha

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.