

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle) Brethren: Glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

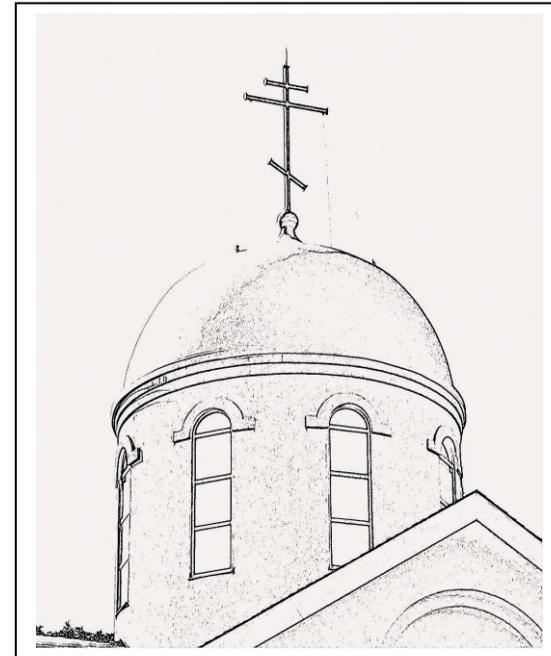
Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle - Saints) Brethren: All the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel) At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel - Saints) At that time, great crowds followed Jesus from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan. Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."



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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June 18, 2017

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia)

Tone 1. Martyr Leontius, and with him Martyrs Hypatius and Theodulus, at Tripoli in Syria (70-79). Ven. Leonty, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Leonty the Hagiorite (1605). The “BOGOLIUBSKAYA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1157).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16 and Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23 and Matthew 4:25-5:12

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33



All Saints of America

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – ALL HANDS

Next Sunday – TEAM E (Bass, Petrides)

Come, let us assemble today
and glorify the luminaries of the North American lands,
the glorious martyrs and holy bishops who confirmed our faith,
the righteous dwellers in the wilderness and guides of the spiritual life!

Let us cry out to them in joy:

“All Saints of North America, known and unknown, pray to God for us!”

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: **Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Millie Hladick, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Suzanne Hanas, and Catherine Ratushnak.**

Annunciations

TODAY – We welcome back to our parish **Archbishop Michael**, who is just returning from a pilgrimage from the Holy Land. After today's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, His Eminence will lead us to the New Hall where a **blessing of the building** will take place. Following the blessing, all will gather at the parish rectory for a **celebratory meal** . We had hoped to be able to hold our first celebration in the New Hall today, but construction delays and issues have prevented us from occupying the building at this time. Your understanding is appreciated as we make the best of this situation.

TODAY – May all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers – as well as all bishops and priests – have a blessed and happy **Father's Day**.

Next Sunday - We continue our **summer service schedule** with Sunday Divine Liturgy beginning at **9:00am** preceded by the Third Hour at 8:45am.

NEXT Sunday, June 25 – A **Parish Council Conference** for all deanery parishes and their parish councils will be held at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in South River from 2 – 6pm. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this **important workshop** as it will explain our Diocesan By-Laws and the recent and proposed changes to that document.

Congratulations to **Veljko Pejovic** who is to be **tonsured as a Reader** during today's Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Veljko will be returning to Serbia on July 10 to be married on July 29. If it is God's will, he will eventually return to our diocese to be ordained and to serve. **Many Years, Veljko!**

Many thanks to all those who are attending **today's celebratory meal**, and especially those who made food or monetary contributions to help make the meal a success. All are encouraged to help in the cleanup process by placing all paper and plastics in the proper receptacles at the rectory.

We are in the midst of the **Apostles' Fast** (Ss. Peter and Paul Fast) which lasts to the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul (June 29). During this time, all Orthodox Christians are called to **refrain from consuming meat and dairy products** and to also follow the non-dietary fasting regulations of the Church (i.e., prayer and almsgiving).

We have the **Holy Fire from Jerusalem** back in the church. Anyone who wishes to bring the flame home with them should bring a candle or lantern that is able to transport the flame safely from church to home. Please speak with Father Gary or Deacon Alex if you are interested.

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.