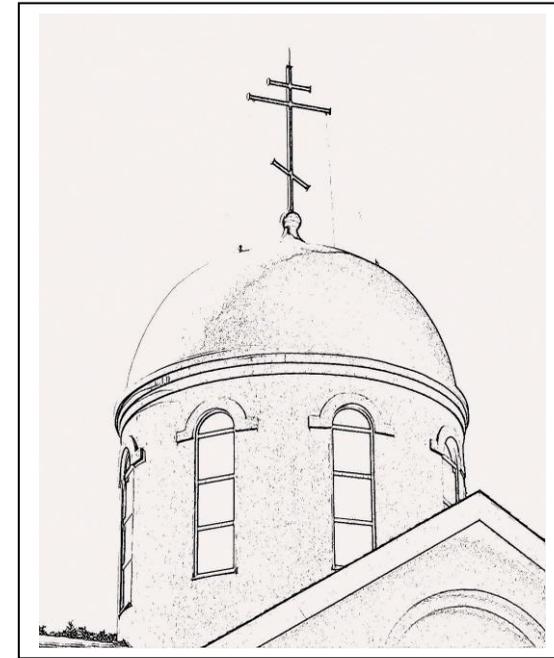


## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Acts 6:1-7 (Epistle)** Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Proch'orus, and Nica'nor, and Ti'mon, and Par'menas, and Nicola'us, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**Mark 15:43-16:8 (Gospel)** At that time, Joseph of Arimathe'a, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Mag'dalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Mag'dalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salo'me, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

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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April 22, 2018  
THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA  
Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women

*Tone 2. St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anastasiopolis (613). Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Vsevolod (in Baptism Gabriel), Prince of Pskov (1834). Apostles Nathaniel, Luke and Clement (1st c.). Ven. Vitalis (Vitalii) of Gaza (6th-7th c.).*

**Today's Readings:**

*Epistle:* Acts 6:1-7

*Gospel:* Mark 15:43-16:8

**Upcoming Service Schedule:**

Today – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Monday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (*St. George*)

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

*Epistle:* Acts 9:32-42

*Gospel:* John 5:1-15



*The Myrrhbearing Women*

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

**Coffee Hour Teams:**

Today – TEAM B (Nilsen, Christos)

Next Sunday – TEAM C (Kozak, Diaz, Price)

**Special Prayers**

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Walter Romanofsky, Liz Petrides, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, and Catherine Ratushuk.**

**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 Church School meets at 8:45am in the Parish Hall classrooms. The Adult Education session begins at 9:00am in the nave of the church.

**TODAY** – The St. Catherine Society, originally scheduled to take place today, **will be held at a date to be determined.**

**TODAY** – Our parish will host an **appreciation dinner** in the Parish Hall for donors from our deanery to the **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** program. Archbishop Michael will be present and invites even those who are not yet donors to the program to come and hear of the good work that it is yielding. If you would like to attend, please contact Father Gary as soon as possible. **The event begins at 5:00pm.**

**TOMORROW**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Greatmartyr and Victory-bearer, George.** Divine Liturgy will be served at 9:30am.

**Sunday, April 29** – By the Grace of God, **Janine Alpaugh and John Joseph (J.J.) Kotalik** will be joined in the **Sacrament of Holy Matrimony** at our parish. This is the second official announcement of this marriage.

**Sunday, May 5** – Plants ordered through the **parish youth plant sale** will be available for pickup on this day and the following day.

**Congratulations** to the newly-ordained **Priest Samuel Davis.** Yesterday, Archbishop Michael ordained **Deacon Samuel Davis** to the Holy Priesthood at St. Simon of Cyrene Mission in New Brunswick. **Axios! Axios! Axios!**

**Many thanks to our parish "myrrhbearers"**, those who help out with the care of the various parts of parish life: the upkeep of parish building and grounds, the singers, the altar servers, the church school teachers, the members of the St. Catherine Society, the members of the Parish Council and all others. **May God richly bless you** for the sacrifices you make caring for His Body, His Church.

Keep up on OCA news by visiting [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org), diocesan news by visiting [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org), and parish news by visiting [www.occa-brick.org](http://www.occa-brick.org).

**MANY YEARS!**

*Birthdays this week*

Today – Jason Price

Monday – Kathryn Diaz

Friday – Sbdn. Mark Federoff

**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.