

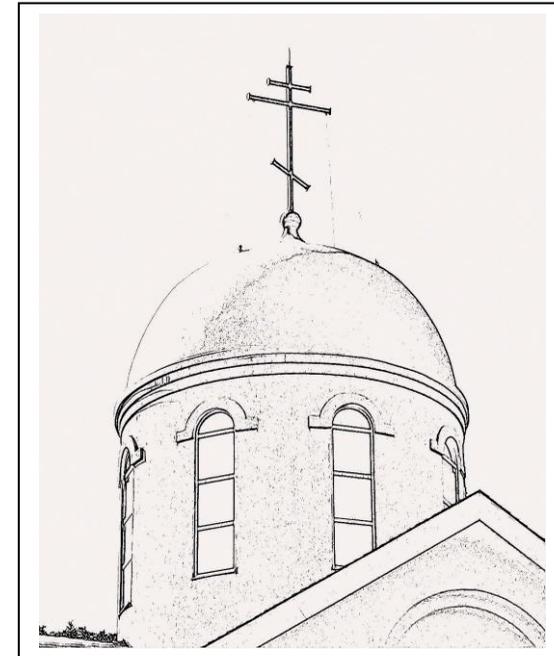
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 5:1-10 (Epistle) Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Matthew 6:22-33 (Gospel) Brethren, the lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

As we approach the Summer season, please remember that we do not take Summer vacations from church. Please continue to worship at your home parish or at a parish near to your vacation spot. Kindly remember as well that your home parish continues to need your prayerful and financial support throughout this time. If you go away, please "make up" your donations when you return. This will be greatly appreciated!

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 17, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2. All Saints of Britain and Ireland. Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia (362).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-33

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 and Romans 6:18-23

Gospel: Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 and Matthew 8:5-13



Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM D (Paxton, May, Alpaugh)

Next Sunday – TEAM A (Pasick, Stavrou Families)

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.

The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in the program. Brochures are located by the bulletin board in the parish hall or at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.

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!

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.**

Annunciations

TODAY - We continue our **summer service schedule** and begin Sunday Divine Liturgy at 9:00am.

TODAY – To all fathers, grandfathers, and godfathers, **Many Years** and **Happy Fathers' Day**.

Saturday, June 30 – This year's diocesan **Parish Council Conference** will take place at **Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus** beginning at 10:00am. The facilitator will be **Father Thomas Soroka**, the Rector of St. Nicholas Church in McKees Rocks, PA, and a featured podcaster on Ancient Faith Radio. All are invited whether or not one serves on a Parish Council. Please **speak with Father Gary** to obtain more information and/or to express your interest in attending.

Saturday, June 30 – The Men's Club of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in South River will be holding their annual **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** from 5:00PM - 8:00PM in the Church Hall at 9 Jeffrie Ave. (Vespers will be held at 4:00PM) Tickets are \$12.00 each, (\$7.00 for children 14 and under) and can be reserved by contacting Phil at (908) 331-1297. Proceeds aid the Church in various projects.

Sunday, July 1 – A **farewell celebration for the Kozak family** to take place on this day beginning at **3:00pm** at the parish hall. **A catered BBQ menu will be featured.** A donation of **\$30 per person** (complimentary for children 15 and under) is being requested. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the **sign-up sheets** located either in the church narthex or the parish hall. **Place the donation in the Sunday collection basket** and note **"Kozak Farewell"** on the check or envelope

The **Apostles' Fast** (Ss. Peter and Paul Fast) continues 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 follow the non-dietary fasting regulations of the Church.

The Parish Council is **forming a committee** to plan for this year's **Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction**. The event will take place on **September 30, 2018**. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Tara Paxton of Father Gary as soon as possible.

The **Bags of Blessings** that were donated for by our faithful parishioners and assembled by our parish youth will be delivered today to a ministry that cares for the homeless and the hungry. May God bless the parish faithful and youth for their care and concern for those who are less fortunate.