

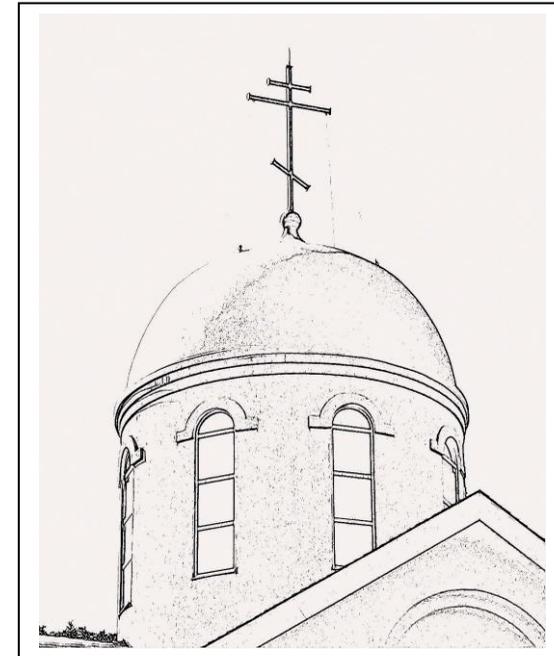
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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 are in the midst of 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 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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July 7, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2. Ven. Thomas of Mt. Maleon (10th c.). Ven. Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in The Ladder (6th c.). Ven. Eudoxia, in monasticism Euphrosyne, Grand Duchess of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Peregrinus, Lucian, Ompeius, Hesychius, Papius, Saturninus, and Germanus, of Dyrrachium in Macedonia (2nd c.). Martyr Evangelus, Bishop of Tomi (Constanța) in Romania (3rd-4th c.). Martyr Cyriaca of Nicomedia (4th c.).

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 6:18-23 and Hebrews 13:7-16

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13 and John 17:1-13



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.

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM C (Diaz, Price)

Next Sunday – TEAM D (Paxton, May, Alpaugh)

Special Prayers

We pray for all our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Betty James, Olga Kornafel, Deryl Tczap, Reader John Economou, Meni Mari, Matushka Cathy Smida, Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Alan Diaz, Cathy Diaz, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Ron Madensky, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Elba Cinciarelli, and Catherine Ratushnik.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for coffee hour after the service. Please note that **reception of the Holy Eucharist** is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is **offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.**

Annunciations

TODAY – Parish calendars for July are available for pick-up in the church narthex.

Tuesday, July 23 - Project Pearl River, an effort to help a diocesan parish with the painting of their church interior, will take place on **July 22-26**. We will have a group from our parish help out in this effort on Tuesday, July 23. All who are willing and able to paint are encouraged to help. Please see the **flyers** posted on the bulletin boards and/or speak with Father Gary for more information. Please see the **sign-up sheet** in the Parish Hall if you are able to sign up to help this day.

Sunday, July 28 - We are going ahead with our plans for a parish outing to see a production of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** on Sunday, July 28, at 3:00pm at the Axelrod Center for Performing Arts in Deal, NJ. The parish will **subsidize the cost of tickets** primarily with funds accumulated over the years from the **Church School Plant Sale**. Tickets for adults are priced at **\$30** (regularly \$50). Tickets for our parish youth will be **complimentary**. Friends may come along at the reduced price (\$30). If you can commit to attending, please use the sign-up sheet located in the Parish Hall to indicate how many tickets you will need. The **deadline** for signing up is **next Sunday, July 14**.

Saturday, August 17 – Diocesan Youth Day will take the form of a NY Yankees game to be played on this day. **Details for the event**, including ticket information, transportation, and associated activities, can be found at the diocesan website: www.nynjoca.org.

We are still experiencing a **problem with our lighting** in the altar area of the church. We have a temporary set-up and are discussing options with an electrician. Thank you for your understanding.

The **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors (DDB)** program is an essential vehicle for funding our diocesan activities and programs. Please consider participating in the program. More information can be found at www.nynjoca.org.

Parish financial statements and individual giving statements for the first half of the year will be distributed next Sunday.

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.