

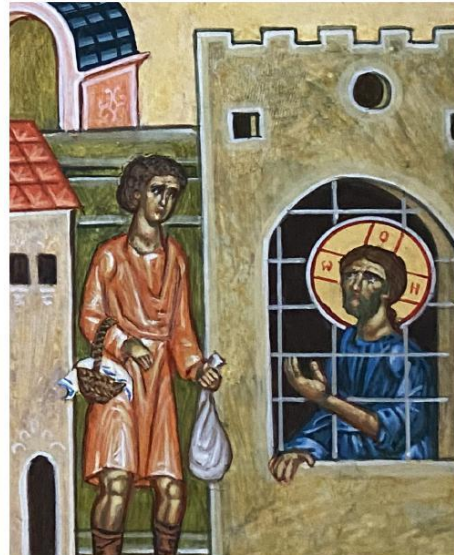


Orthodox Christian
PRISON MINISTRY

PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY

Did you know that there are Orthodox Christians practicing their faith in prison? Or that there are prisoners who are ready to repent of their crimes and embrace the Orthodox Church? **Who will minister to them?**

As the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) supports prisoners' unique spiritual needs through longterm case management and provides resources and training to parishes and clergy, enabling them to offer local solutions and fulfill Christ's command to visit Him in prison. As a result, families are reunited, marriages are healed, and thousands of incarcerated men and women have a new sense of peace and restored order in their lives.



*"I was in prison,
and you visited Me."*

Matthew 25:36

4,667

TOTAL PRISONERS MINISTERED TO

51,530

BIBLE STUDIES, DAILY READINGS, AND
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS SENT IN 2023

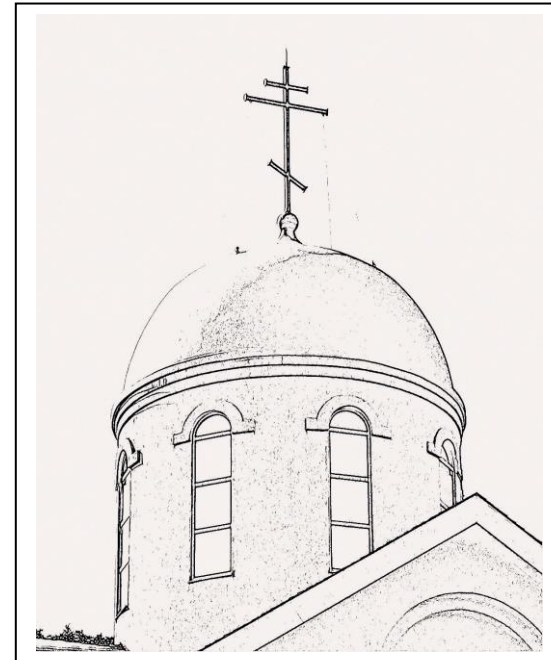
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WEEKLY



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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Matushka Mary Buletza-Breton, *Choir Director*

July 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 4. Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1st c.). St. Pitirím, Bishop of Tambov (1698). Ven. Moses, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Martyr Julian of Dalmatia (2nd c.). Martyr Eustathius (Eustace—ca. 321), of Apamea. Ven. Paul of Xeropotamou, founder of the Monastery of St. Paul on Mt. Athos (10th c.). The Smolensk “Hodēgētria” (“THE GUIDE”) Icon of the Mother of God (brought from Constantinople in 1046). Seraphim-Diveyevo Tenderness Icon of the Mother of God (1885).

Today’s Readings:

Epistle: Romans 10:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 8:28 - 9:1

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Saturday – **6:00pm Great Vespers**

Sunday – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8



*Holy Apostles of the 70 –
Deacons Prochorus,
Nicanor, Timon, and
Parmenas*

Please pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood!

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Fr. Paul Kucynda, Mary Herelick, Tami Economou, Zoran Pejovic, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Mary Tczap, George Stavrou, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Michael Getmanov, Alan Diaz, Ellen Norman, Maryann Sivilic, Leo Radionoff, Linda Washenko, and Lori Ratushnik.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for Coffee Hour after the Vespers of Pentecost. **The 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 – We welcome all our guests visiting us today. Please join us for **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall after the Divine Liturgy. **Team #4** is in charge.

TODAY – The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops (ACOB) in the US has designated today as **Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday**. An informational flyer is located on the back of this bulletin.

TODAY – Father Gary will continue leading a series of talks on the basics of Orthodoxy. The series is called “**Orthodoxy 101**” . All are welcome to participate, especially those who are new to or inquiring about the Orthodox Faith. The ½ hour talks will be held in the church beginning at 11:30am.

TODAY – Many thanks to **Matushka Mary** as she spends her last day as our **parish choir director**. What began as a temporary volunteering of her time and effort became a three-year career. We are grateful for her tireless devotion to the Church in the many ways she expresses it. **Many Years, Matushka Mary!**

YESTERDAY was **Nicholas Bair’s birthday**. This was inadvertently omitted from last week’s announcements. Many Years, Nicholas!

THIS FRIDAY – The **Dormition Fast** begins and lasts until August 15, the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos. During this fast, we are called to increase our prayers, our almsgiving, and our refraining from eating rich foods such as meat and dairy. Please speak with Father Gary if you have questions regarding this fast.

Please continue to use the **clothing bin** located in the church parking lot. Each donation of clothing or shoes helps the parish financially. Many thanks for your participation.

SAVE THE DATE! The **Annual Parish Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction** will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2024! Please mark your calendars! **Donations** are now being received for **Gift Auction gifts**. Requested items for donation are posted on the white board just outside the parish hall.

The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. As you plan your year-end giving, please consider participating in this program. More information is available at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.

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