

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

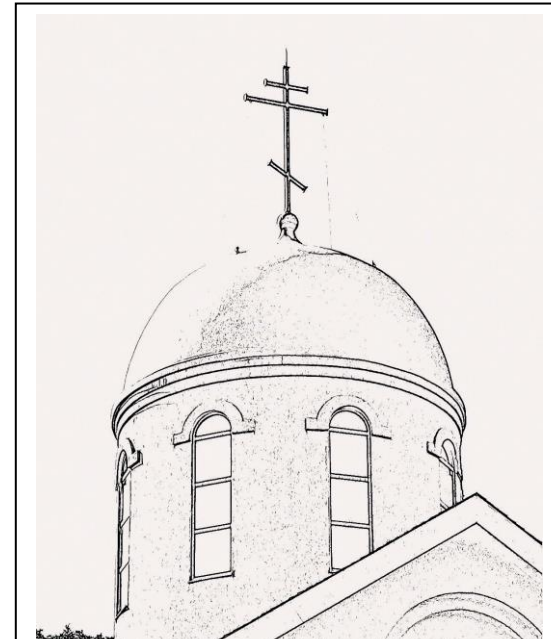
1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle) Brethren: You are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does He not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel) The Lord said this parable: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee everything." And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also My heavenly Father shall do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 24:42-44

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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August 20, 2017

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Dormition. Prophet Samuel (11th c. B.C.). Hieromartyr Philip, Bishop of Heraclius, and with him Martyrs Severus, Memnon, and 37 soldiers in Thrace (3rd c.). Martyr Heliodorus (380).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Upcoming Service Schedule:

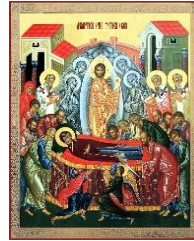
Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26



*Dormition of the
Most-Holy
Theotokos*

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM C (Kozak, Diaz, Price)

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

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and is our firm hope in her intercessions. For being the Mother of Life, She was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.

Kontakion – Feast of the Dormition of the Most-holy Theotokos

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.

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, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Suzanne Hanas, and Catherine Ratushnik.**

Annunciations

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

THIS MONDAY, August 21 – The **Parish Council** will meet in the parish rectory at 6:30pm.

THIS THURSDAY, August 24 – The **Diocesan Youth Day** will take place at Six Flags Great Adventure. All parish youth are invited to join Archbishop Michael and other youth from throughout our Diocese of New York and New Jersey.

Saturday, September 2 – A **Panikhida** will be served at 6:15pm to commemorate the 40th day since the repose of +Melania (Millie) Hladick. All are invited.

Sunday, September 10 – It is a great joy to announce that a marriage between **Mary Alexandra Breton** and **Benjamin Douglas Horne** will take place at our parish at 2:00pm.

Sunday, October 29 – A **Calendar Party** in support of **St. Andrew's Camp** will be held at 3pm at **Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus**. Tami Economou is reserving a table for members of our parish who wish to attend. Entrance Fee is \$25 for Adults and \$12.50 for Children, which includes a Chicken/Kielbasy Dinner, plus a packet of Tickets for the Gift Baskets. Please see Tami for more details.

Parish Hall Update – We have passed most of our **building inspections**. It is “highly probable” that we will be able to obtain a **Temporary Certificate of Occupancy** sometime this week. This will allow us to occupy the building on a limited basis beginning next weekend. Many thanks for your patience. Please continue with your generosity in prayerful and material support of the project and stay tuned for further news.

Our **parish lawn mower** is at the shop for servicing, hence the longer-than-usual height of the lawn. We expect the machine to be back in service this week!

MANY YEARS!

Birthdays this week:

Wednesday – Marie Morris

Friday – Joanne Bass

Saturday – Fr. Sergius Kuharsky

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Friday – Bill & Linda Washenko (#32)

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.