

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

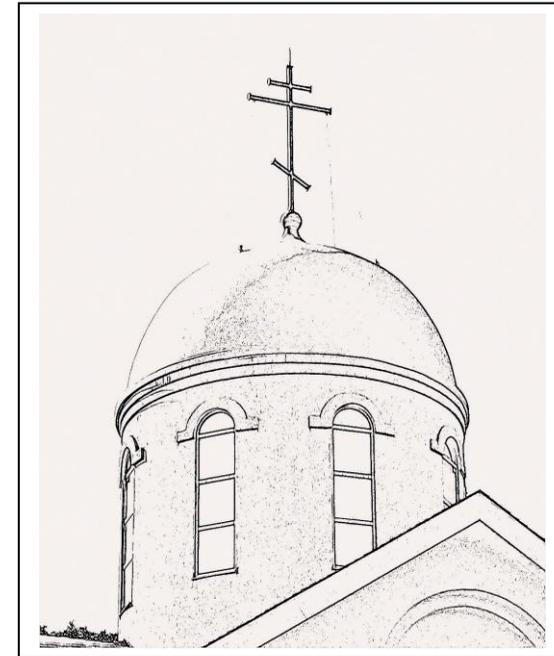
Galatians 2:16-20 (Epistle- Sunday after) Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Epistle) Brethren: It is God Who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put His seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me -- it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Mark 8:34-9:1 (Gospel – Sunday after) The Lord said: If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life shall lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's shall save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him shall the Son of Man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.

Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel) The Lord said this Parable: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast." But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men shall weep and gnash their teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross

Tone 5. Sunday after Elevation. St. Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna (6th c.). Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia (2nd c.). Martyrs Sophia, Irene, and Castor of Egypt (3rd c.). Greatmartyr Prince Bidzini and Martyrs Princes Elizabar and Shalvi, of Georgia (1660).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 and Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 and Mark 8:34-9:1

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Saturday – **6:00pm Great Vespers**

Sunday – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 and Galatians 5:22-6:2

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 and Luke 6:17-23



Elevation of the Cross

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.

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. Sergius Kuharsky, Eileen Zamerovsky, Zoran Pejovic, Ingrid Kopec, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, George Stavrou, Elaine D'Alessandro, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Michael Getmanov, Lori Ratushnuk, and Dorothy Studier.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for the Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction that begins at 11am. 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 – The **Ethnic Food Fair and Gift Auction** will be held today from 11am – 5pm. All are invited to stay and enjoy the day. A very big thank you goes out to all who helped to prepare for this event!

TODAY - During today's event, **only those who have signed up to help in the kitchen should enter into the kitchen area.** It is a great disruption for the kitchen workers to have unauthorized persons in that area. Please be respectful of their work and this request.

TODAY - If you encounter **visitors** who seem unfamiliar with our church, please invite them to come into the church building to see the interior. Father Gary will be available throughout the day to answer questions and give **informal tours of the church building.**

TODAY – A special donation basket will be located in the narthex to receive contributions to help fund a newly-built **home for monks at St. Tikhon's Monastery.** Archbishop Michael is asking that we support this campaign for this worthy cause. Please be generous as the Spirit leads you.

This Tuesday – The Parish Council meets in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm.

Sunday, October 2 is the first day of our **Parish Church School.** Sessions will be held during Coffee Hour.

The **Coffee Hour teams** are being reconfigured. There will now be **four teams** instead of three. A proposed roster of teams is posted in the parish hall. If you wish to be added to (or removed from) a team, please contact Father Gary ASAP. The **new team schedule will begin on October 2.**

We continue to pray for **peace in Ukraine**, for the withdrawal of Russian troops from that land, and for the wellbeing of the Ukrainian people. Lord, have mercy!

Please pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood!

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week:

Wednesday – Christina Pasick

Friday – Sophia Medina

Saturday = Kerensa Price

Wedding Anniversaries this week:

Thursday – Natalie & Steven May (#37)

The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in the program. More information is available at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.