

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11** Brethren: He who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, He gives to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food shall supply and multiply your sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You shall be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us shall produce thanksgiving to God.

**Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel)** The Lord said: As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

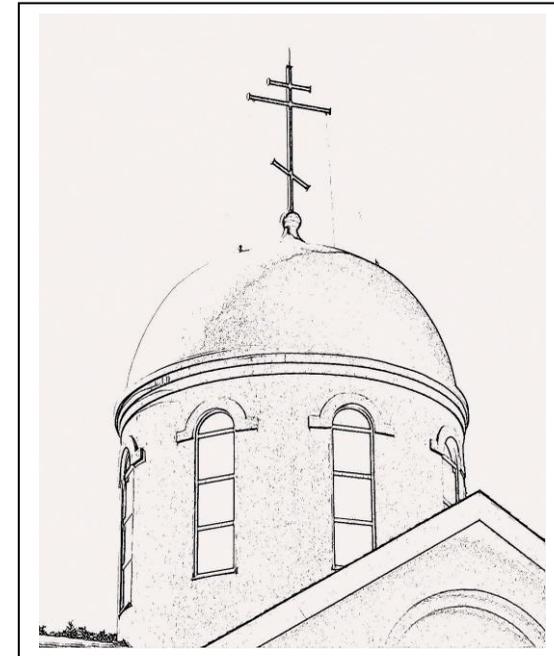
Accepting the task of hospitality, the patriarch [Abraham] used to sit at the entrance to his tent (cf. Gen. 18:1), inviting all who passed by, and his table was laden for all comers including the impious and barbarians, without distinction. Hence, he was found worthy of that wonderful banquet when he received angels and the Master of all as guests. We too, then, should actively and eagerly cultivate hospitality, so that we may receive not only angels, but also God Himself. "For inasmuch," says the Lord, "as you have done it to one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me" (Matt. 25:40). It is good to be generous to all, especially to those who cannot repay you.

*St. Theodoros, the Great Ascetic*

### 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.

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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September 30, 2018

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Tone 1. Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia (ca. 335). Ven. Gregory, Abbot of Pelshme, Wonderworker of Vologdá (1442). St. Michael, First Metropolitan of Kiev (992). Martyrs Rhipsimé, Gaiana and 35 holy virgins with them, of Armenia (4th c.).*

**Today's Readings:**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

**Gospel:** Luke 6:31-36

**Upcoming Service Schedule:**

**Today – 9:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Monday – 9:30am** Divine Liturgy (Protection of the Theotokos)

**Saturday – 7:00pm** Great Vespers w/General Confession

**Sunday – 9:00am** Divine Liturgy

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9

**Gospel:** Luke 7:11-16



*The Protection of the Most-Holy Theotokos*

**Coffee Hour Teams:**

*Today – TEAM E (Bass, Petrides)*

*Next Sunday – TEAM A (Pasick, Stavrou)*

Heaven and earth are sanctified; the Church is radiant, and all the people celebrate, for behold, the Mother of God enters invisibly with the armies of the Angels, the Forerunner, and the Theologian, the Prophets, and the Apostles! She prays to Christ for Christians and entreats Him to have mercy on this land and its people, who glorify the feast of her Protection.  
*Aposticha Verse – Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos*

**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, 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 Ratushnuk.** Also, keep in your prayers our Diocesan Chancellor, **the Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar.**

**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 abbreviated Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall, and to stay afterwards for our parish Ethnic Food Fair and Gift Auction.

Annunciations

**TODAY** – We continue the schedule of beginning the **Divine Liturgy at 9:00am.**

**TODAY** – **Church School will NOT take place today.** Classes resume next Sunday at **11:15am.**

**TODAY** – We will hold a **modified Coffee Hour** in the parish hall. The time immediately after Divine Liturgy and 12noon will be focused on preparing for the parish's Ethnic Food Fair and Gift Auction. If you stay for the Coffee Hour, please stay for the event. If you must depart after Divine Liturgy, please return during the afternoon. The event will run until 6:00pm.

**TODAY** – We congratulate our **Archbishop Michael** on the Nameday of His Eminence's patron saint, the one acquired before His Eminence's episcopal consecration. Grant, O Lord, a peaceful life, health, salvation, and furtherance in all good things, to our Archbishop Michael, and preserve him and protect him for Many Years! **Eis Polla eti Despota!**

**Many thanks** to all those who have worked so hard to prepare for today's Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction. May God grant you Many Years! May He bless us with a beautiful day of fellowship and prosperity, all for His glory!

The **Ss. Peter and Paul Men's Club in South River** will host its annual Fish Fry on Friday, October 5th, from 5:00-7:00PM in the Church Hall (at 9 Jeffrie Avenue). For tickets and information, contact Jay (732-216-8121) or Pete (732-735-6540).

Please pray especially for the **Reader John Economou**, who was hospitalized after last evening's service of Great Vespers.

Keep up on OCA news by visiting [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org), diocesan news by visiting [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org), and parish news by visiting [www.occa-brick.org](http://www.occa-brick.org).

**MANY YEARS!**

Birthdays

**Tuesday** – Charlie Bass

**Thursday** – Emily Mari

Wedding Anniversaries

**Monday** – Richard & Gail Hascha (#30)

**Thursday** – Paul & Vicky Berger (#3)

**Friday** – Gary & Tara Paxton (#21)

*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](http://www.nynjoca.org).*