

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Galatians 2:16-20 (Epistle) 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.

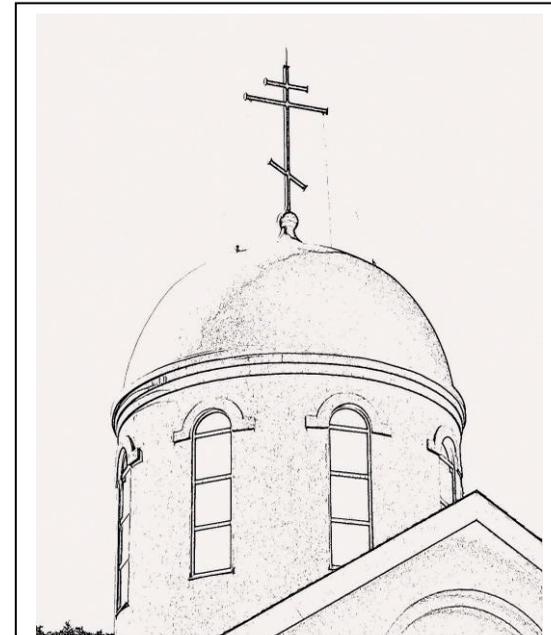
Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel) At that time, Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as He stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him, and said with a loud voice, "What hast Thou to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech Thee, do not torment me." For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him; but He sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Wisdom from the Saints

Do not ever succumb to the insane thought that God has abandoned you. God knows exactly how much one can endure and, according to that, measures the sufferings and pains of everyone.

(St. Nikolai Velimirovich)

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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October 29, 2017

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 4. Martyr Anastasia the Roman (3rd c.). Ven. Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Bl. Mary, of Mesopotamia (ca. 360). Ven. Abrámii, Archimandrite of Rostov (1073-77). Martyr Claudius, Asterius, Neon, and Theonilla, of Aegæ in Cilicia (285). Righteous Anna of Constantinople (826). Monk Martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos—1820).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56



Martyr Anastasia the Roman

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM C (Kozak, Diaz, Price)

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

Please pray for those who have willingly chosen to not worship and pray with us this morning. We pray that those sitting in darkness will see a great light – the light of the Risen Christ!

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.

Memory Eternal! Archpriest +Stephen Mack, Rector of St. Nicholas Church in Auburn NY and uncle of Tara Escalona, fell asleep in the Lord this past week. May his soul dwell with the blessed!

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 Hall. 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 the **usual Sunday schedule** with Divine Liturgy served at 10:00am preceded by the Third Hour read at 9:45am.

TODAY – **Church School** classes take place in the Parish Hall at 8:45am. The **Adult Education Class** meets at 9:00am in the church.

TODAY – The Parish Council will host a **post-Liturgy Brunch** as an unofficial **Grand Opening of our Parish Hall**. All are welcome to participate. Invite friends and family as well.

Wednesday, November 1 – The annual **Diocesan Assembly** for our Diocese of New York and New Jersey begins today and continues into Thursday, November 2. Please pray for the clergy and lay delegates who will be attending the meeting.

Saturday, November 11 will be a **Parish Clean-up Day**. We will rake leaves and otherwise prepare the grounds for the winter season. Please mark your calendars to come and help.

SS. Peter & Paul Church in South River is now running a **Holiday Babka Sale** through Sunday, November 5. Many flavors are being offered at prices ranging from \$11.50 to \$12. Delivery will be on Sunday, November 12. **To place an order, see Olga Kornafel** during Coffee Hour or contact her at (732) 462-3388. The bread will be a wonderful addition to your Thanksgiving and/or Christmas dinner.

Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church holds their annual Fall Ethnic Festival and Tricky Tray on Saturday, Nov 11th, from 10:00AM - 4:00PM. The event will take place in the Church Hall located at 9 Jeffrie Ave., South River, NJ. The festival will feature lots of great food and entertainment. Ethnic items will be available for sale and a Tricky Tray raffle will be featured! For more information, please contact Pete or Deb at (732)735-6540. Entry and entertainment is free, so please come on by and join us in our celebration!

Congratulations to diocesan Priests and Matushki celebrating anniversaries recently. Archpriest Paul (70 yrs. Priestly Ordination) and Matushka Mary Shafran (70 yrs. Marriage), Archpriest John (40 yrs. Priestly Ordination) and Matushka Ludmila Prokopiuk (40 yrs. Marriage), Archpriest Daniel Skvir (30 yrs. Priestly Ordination) and Matushka Tamara Skvir (50 yrs. Marriage). Many Years!

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Birthdays this week:

Friday – John Economou



NEXT SUNDAY - Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before heading to bed.

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.