

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)** Brethren: Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Luke 10:25-37 (Gospel)** At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### SAVE THE DATES

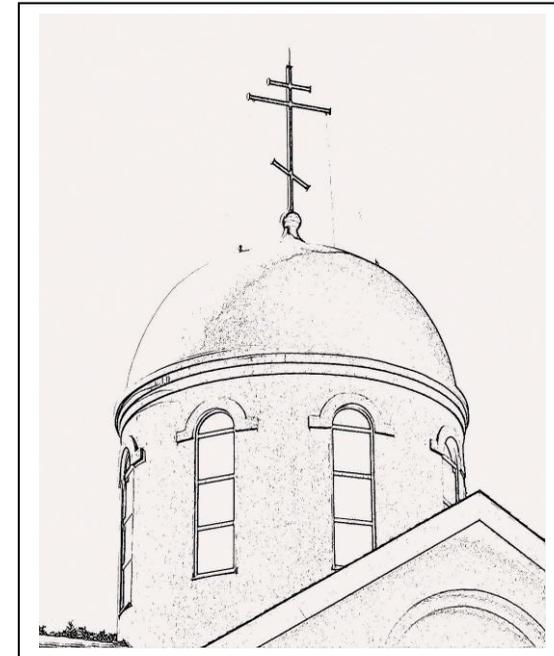
*As you plan your upcoming calendar, please keep these dates in mind:*

**December 8, 2018 (Saturday)** – Cookie Walk from 9:00am to 12Noon

**December 24, 2018 (Monday)** – Holy Supper (5:00pm before the Nativity Vigil)

**February 10, 2019 (Sunday)** – Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Alexander Smida

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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November 11, 2018

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 7. Martyrs Menas of Egypt (304), Victor at Damascus (2nd c.) and Vincent of Spain (204). Martyr Stephanida (Stepanida, Stephanie) of Spain (2nd c.). Ven. Theodore the Confessor, Abbot of the Studion (826). Repose of Bl. Maxim, Fool-for-Christ and Wonderworker in Moscow (1434). Ven. Martýrii, Abbot of Zelénsk (Pskov—1603). Repose of Saint Stephen Dečani of Serbia. Saint Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (397).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

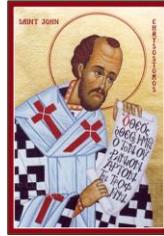
Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21



November 13 - Saint John Chrysostom

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM A (Pasick, Stavrou)

Next Sunday – TEAM B (Nilsen, Christos)

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).

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, Deryl Tczap, Reader John Economou, Meni Mari, Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Walter Romanofsky, Liz Petrides, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Elba Cinciarelli, and Catherine Ratushnuk.

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!

Annunciations

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

TODAY – Church School takes place today at 11:15am.

TODAY – Copies of the monthly parish calendar for November are available in the narthex. Please consult the calendar for upcoming parish services and events.

TODAY – Copies of Jacob's Well, our diocesan periodical, are available in the narthex. Please take a copy for yourself and another to share with someone else.

TODAY – In addition to the usual Coffee Hour fare, we are offering other options for a light brunch. Please consider offering a suggested donation of \$5 per person as you join us for this meal in the parish hall.

THIS TUESDAY – The Parish Council meets in the rectory at 6:30pm.

THIS THURSDAY begins the Nativity Fast. During this time, we prepare for Our Lord's coming into this world by refraining from eating meat and dairy items and by increasing the intensity of our prayer, worship, and almsgiving.

Many thanks to those who came this Tuesday to the parish hall to bake Dessert Rolls. These freshly-baked treats are available for sale now at \$14 each. Flavors include: walnut, walnut-chocolate chip, and poppy. Please see Cathy Berger or Olga Pasick to make your purchases. Proceeds from the sale help defray the costs of running the parish.

Please keep in your prayers all the girls of our diocese who have been participating this weekend in the annual Diocesan Girls' Retreat at St. Basil's Academy in Garrison, NY. Included in the group are several girls from our parish. May He grant them a safe return to their home parishes filled with renewed faith and spirit to serve Him.

Please gather all unused coats and plan to bring them to the Cookie Walk next month. We will be participating in a Coat Drive for those who are in need.

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.

MANY YEARS!

Birthdays

Monday – Stephen Petrides

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).