

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

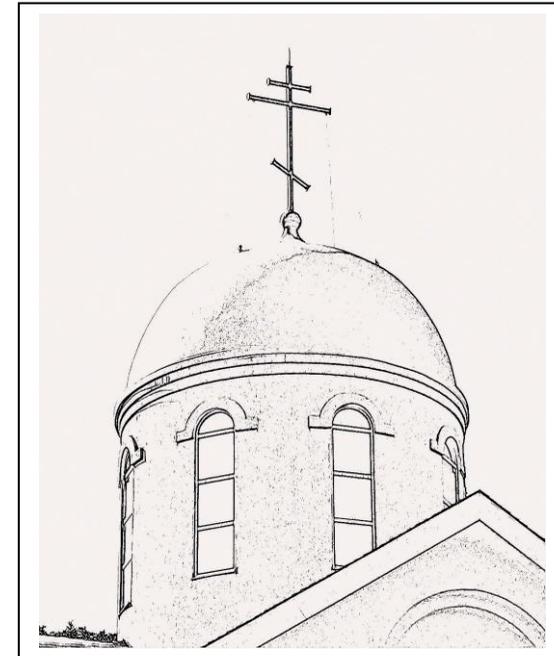
Ephesians 6:10-17 (Epistle) Brethren: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel) At that time, a certain man came to Jesus and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, He said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But He said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

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We are in the midst of the **Nativity Fast**. It is a time for us to reflect on our God-given gifts, especially His ultimate gift to us - His Only-begotten Son whose entrance into the world we prepare for. Through His Church, God gives us opportunities to know Him and love Him. During this fasting period, Our Lord calls us to abstain from a way of eating that feeds our passions. He calls us to build up our prayer and worship life that draws us closer to Him. And He desires that we perform acts of charity and mercy as proof that we understand the importance of His life-giving call for us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Please take advantage of this gift that is the Nativity Fast. It is offered as a gift to us to help us along the road to salvation. Please receive it and put it to use in your life!

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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December 2, 2018

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 2. Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum, Avakkum—6th c. B.C.). Ven. Afanásii (Athanasius) “the Resurrected One”, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1176). Ven. Afanásii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Martyr Myrope of Chios (ca. 251). Ss. John, Heraclemon, Andrew, and Theophilus, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Jesse, Bishop of Tsilkani in Georgia (6th c.). St. Stephen-Urosh, King of Serbia (1367).

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Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday – 7:00pm Great Vespers (St. Nicholas)

Thursday – 9:30am Divine Liturgy (St. Nicholas)

Saturday – 6:15pm Panikhida

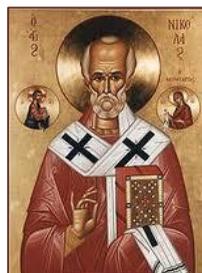
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Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 and Galatians 4:22-31

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19 and Luke 8:16-21



St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM D (Paxton, May, Alpaugh)

Next Sunday – TEAM E (Bass, Petrides)

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!

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, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, Elba Cinciarelli, and Catherine Ratushnik.

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

TODAY – Parish calendars for December are available in the narthex.

THIS MONDAY – All are invited to join a group of parishioners who will be baking cookies and other items in the parish hall kitchen in the evening. This is in anticipation of the Annual Cookie Walk that takes place this Saturday. If you would like to join the group, please speak with Matushka Mary at Coffee Hour or email her at matmaryb@gmail.com.

THIS THURSDAY is the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker and Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. Please consult the Upcoming Service Schedule on the opposite page.

THIS SATURDAY – Our Annual Cookie Walk to be held at the Parish Hall from 9:00am to 12Noon. Parishioners are asked to bake cookies to be sold to the public. A sign-up list is located in the Parish Hall. Flyers are available and can be placed in local businesses and/or distributed to friends and family. Please help make the event a success. Please speak with Joanne Bass for more information.

THIS SATURDAY- A Panikhida (Memorial Service) will be served at 6:15pm to commemorate the forty-days since the repose of the newly departed servants of God, +Ann Budwell (mother of Laura Macmillan) and +Gelu Graff. Also remembered on the anniversary of their death will be: Fr. +Peter Buletza and +Walter Zamerovsky. All are invited.

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

Paper grocery bags are available in the church narthex to be filled with food items for the hungry. This is part of our Nativity Food Drive. Please be generous as you can.

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 this week:

Today – Pani Mary Buletza

Monday – Tom Kopec

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.