Today's Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle) Brethren, I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."
So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."
Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Luke 6:31-36 (Gospel) And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But 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 back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

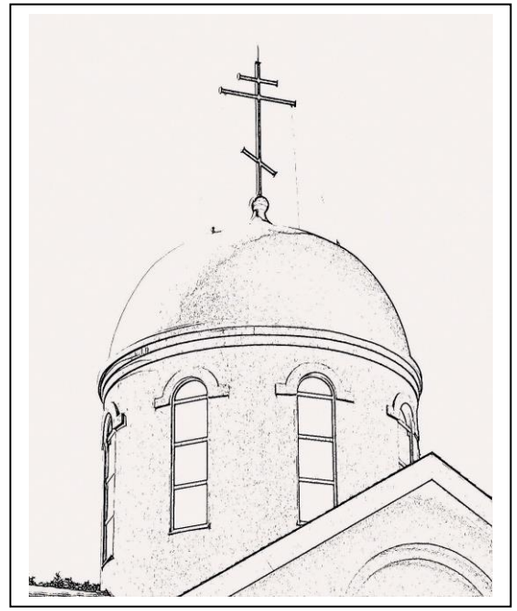
Troparion — Tone 1

We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul, / Hierarch of Athens, / the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith, / who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries / and poured forth streams of godly doctrine. / His life was well-pleasing to God, who is greatly merciful.

Kontakion — Tone 8

Hierarch of Athens, we praise you for you have instructed us in awesome and ineffable things, / and you were revealed to be a divinely-inspired writer of hymns. / Pray that we be delivered from every kind of sin, so that we may cry to you: / "Rejoice, divinely-wise Father Hierótheus."

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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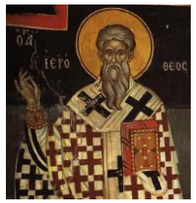
October 4, 2026
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 1. Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1st c.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Gurias, first Archbishop of Kazan, and St. Varsonúphy (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1595). Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan' (1976). Rt. Blv. Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich, Prince of Novgorod (1052). Ven. Helladius and Onesimus of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th-13th c.). Ven. Ammon, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chæremon, of Alexandria (3rd c.). Martyr Peter of Capitolias (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Domnina and her daughters Berenice and Prosdoce of Syria (305-306). Ven. Ammon (ca. 350) and Paul the Simple (4th c.), of Egypt. St. Stephen Stiljianovich of Serbia (1515).

Today's Readings:
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

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 11:31-12:9 and Hebrews 13:7-16
Gospel: Luke 7:11-16 and John 17:1-13



Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

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.

Please pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood!

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Leo Joseph Ganzy, Victorianne Vessio, Mary Herelick, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Mary Tczap, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Michael Getmanov, Alan Diaz, Ellen Norman, Maryann Sivilic, Lia Eickhorn, Jack Rinderer, Ivan Karpyn (father of Mat. Iryna) Lori Ratushnuk, Paul, Sasha, and her child Aurora (granddaughter of Mat. Faith), Ingrid Kopec, Diane Monteverde, Marie Price, Eileen Zamerovsky**

Annunciations

TODAY – Please join us for **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall after the Veneration of the Cross. **Team #2** is in charge.

TODAY – **Church School classes** begin, and will be held during **Coffee Hour**.

TODAY – **Parish calendars** for the month of October are now available. Several copies are located in the parish narthex. The calendar can also be found on our parish website.

TODAY – A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our **Ethnic Fair & Gift Auction** last Sunday a successful event! We are grateful to all who prepared the gift baskets, sold tickets, worked in the kitchen, took and served orders, helped with setup and cleanup, and to the guys from the band for the great music. A special thank you to everyone who was brave enough to come out and support our church despite the Nor'easter! May God bless you all!

THIS MONDAY – We will have **Cathehuman classes** at **7:00 PM**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 – A general **Panikhida** will be served at **5:00pm**. If anyone would like to add names of the departed who are not yet on the list, please send them to Fr. Bohdan.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 – A **Diocesan Distinguished Benefactors** appreciation dinner will be held at Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus, NJ. **Everyone is invited**.

With great joy, we are pleased to announce that our church will welcome the wonderworking **Hawaiian Iveron Icon** of the Mother of God on Wednesday evening, **October 21**. The **Akathist service will begin at 6pm**, followed by the veneration of the Holy Icon and anointing of the faithful with Holy Oil. All are welcome!

ROOF AND DOME! With God's help and your prayers, the roofing work has been completed. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and support. We have raised $44.250 and we still need your help to reach our goal. We will need to make the next payment as soon as we raise the remaining funds. May God bless you and your families for your prayers and generosity!

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week:
Wednesday – **DISCO** Susan
Thursday – **VIVANCO** James
Saturday – **MAY** Natalie

Anniversaries this week:
Today – **BERGER** Paul & Victoria
Monday – **PAXTON** Gary & Tara
Saturday – **ZAMEROVSKY** Eileen

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