Today's Scripture Readings

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle) See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Luke 8:26-39 (Gospel) Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. When those who fed them saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

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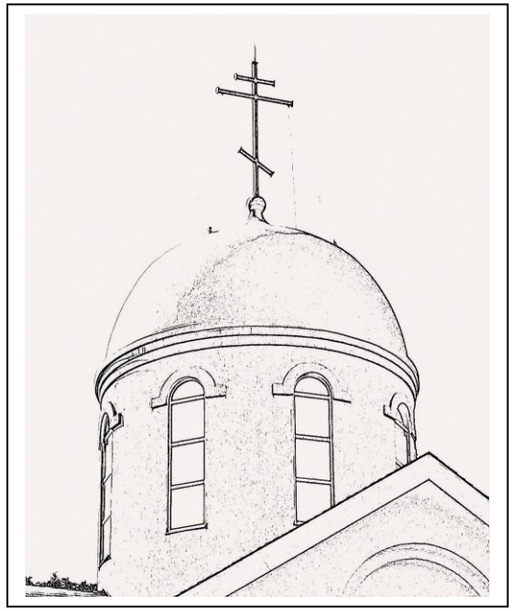

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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October 25, 2026
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 5. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345). Martyrs Kyriaina and Juliana in Cilicia (4th c.). Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586). Martyrs Cæsarius, Dacius, Savva, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.). Monastic Martyrs James and his two disciples, James the Deacon, and Dionysios the Monk (Mt. Athos—1520).

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Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Upcoming Service Schedule:
Today – 9:00am Divine Liturgy
Saturday – 6:00pm Great Vespers
Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:
Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10 and Hebrews 2:2-10
Gospel: Luke 8:41-56 and Luke 10:16-21

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian

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), Marie Price, Lisa Olszowy, Alexandra sister of Mat. Tatiana.**

Annunciations

Reminder: Daylight saving Time Ends!
Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night. We look forward to seeing you at church!

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** will be held during **Coffee Hour.**

TODAY– **Parish Calendars for November 2026** are available on the parish website and in the church narthex.

TODAY – After Coffee Hour, **help is needed** to remove the round tables and chairs from the parish hall to allow for the hall to be used as a polling place this Tuesday. **All help is appreciated.**

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

NOVEMBER 15 – During **Coffee Hour** St. Catherine Society will be offering homemade **Lenten soup for sale**. Please save the date!

Saturday, December 12 - Our annual **Cookie Walk** is scheduled to take place from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. We would greatly appreciate your help! Here is a date we have so far to add to your calendar:

- **Sunday, November 15th**: group baking after Coffee Hour.

The sign-up lists are available in the Parish Hall to add what type of cookie you can bring and another for volunteering. We could use all the help we can get to make this another successful event. **Thank you all in advance!**

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 $49.305 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:
Friday – **BAIR** Genevieve
Wedding Anniversaries this week:
Tuesday – **GANZY** Joseph & Allyson

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