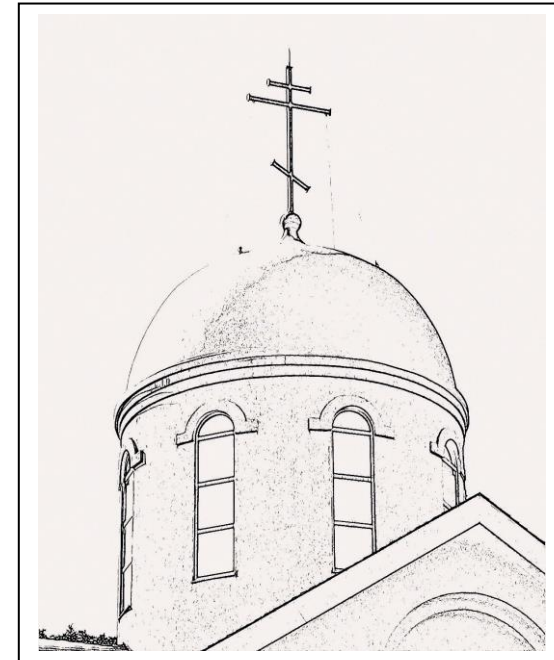


TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 (Epistle) For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

John 17:1-13 (Gospel) Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

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!

Preparation of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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May 24 , 2026

7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA –Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension. .

Tone 6. Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of the Wonderful Mountain (596). Ven. Niketas the Stylite, Wonderworker of Pereyaslavl’—Zalesskii (1186). Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John, and 1,218 soldiers, with women and children, including Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, Faustus, the women: Marciana, Susanna, and Palladia, two children: Cyriacus and Christian, and twelve Tribunes—Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, and Didymus, all of whom suffered in Galatia (138-161). St. Vincent of Lérins.

Today’s Readings:

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

Gospel: John 17: 1-13

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Saturday – 6:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy Pentecost

Sunday – 10:30am Vespers (Kneeling prayers)

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Epistle: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12



Fathers of 1st
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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 **Victorianne Vessio, Mary Herelick, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Mary Tczap, George Stavrou, 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).**

Annunciations

Memory Eternal! On this weekend of Memorial Day, we commemorate those who lost their lives defending this country. May their souls dwell with the blessed!

TODAY – Please join us for **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall after the Veneration of the Cross. **Team #1** is in charge.

TODAY – **St. Catherine Society** will meet during Coffee Hour.

THIS MONDAY – We will **NOT** have **Cathehuman classes!**

CHURCH SCHOOL GARDENING EVENT. It will take place **this Saturday** in the rectory backyard. Kids all ages are welcome to participate. Please contact **Sarah Bair** if you have any questions.

Congratulations to all graduating seminarians from our Orthodox seminaries: St. Tikhon’s, St. Vladimir’s, St. Herman’s, and Holy Cross!

SUNDAY, Septemer 27 – is the date set for the **Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction.** Please save this date on your calendar.

The **clothing bin** located in the church parking lot is intended to be the receptacle for all clothing and shoes donated by parishioners, friends, and the public. The bin is able to receive these items year-round, 24-7. If you or those you know wish to donate used clothing or shoes, they should be placed in a plastic bag and deposited in the bin. Proceeds from the collection of these items will financially help the parish. **Please, spread the word!**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for Coffee Hour after the veneration of the Cross. The reception of the Holy Eucharist is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.

Many Years:

Birthdays:

Thursday – **ANDERSON Thomas**

Friday – **HUMPHREY Meghan**

Saturday – **CHAIKIVSKA Mat. Iryna**

Anniversaries:

Tuesday – **DIAZ Kathryn & Alan**

Saturday – **FLOOD Darren & Julie**

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