

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 2:10-16 (Epistle) Brethren: Glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

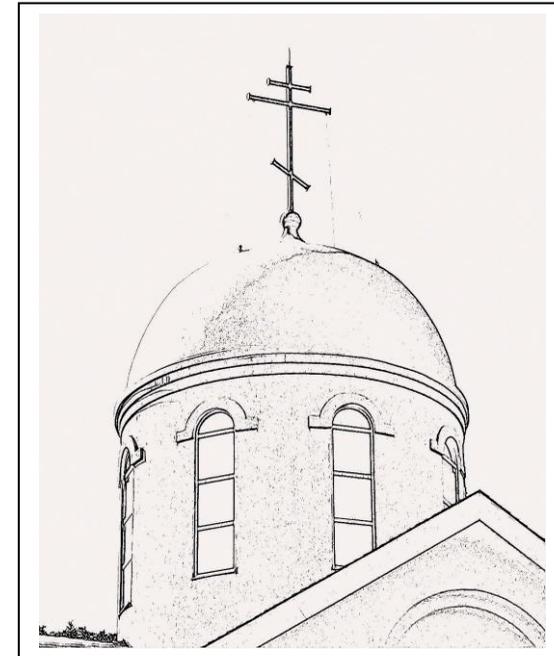
Hebrews 11:33-12:2 (Epistle - Saints) Brethren: All the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Matthew 4:18-23 (Gospel) At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Matthew 4:25-5:12 (Gospel - Saints) At that time, great crowds followed Jesus from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan. Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."



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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June 10, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

All Saints of America

Tone 1. Hieromartyr Timothy, Bishop of Prussa (4th c.). Ven. Silvanus, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Finding of the Relics of St. Vasily (Basil), Bishop of Riazan' (1609). St. John Maximovitch, Metropolitan of Tobol'sk (1715). Martyr Alexander and Virgin Martyr Antonina at Constantinople (ca. 313). Ven. Theophanes of Antioch (369). St. Bassian, Bishop of Lodi in Lombardy (409).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 and Romans 2:10-16

Gospel: Matthew 4:25-5:12 and Matthew 4:18-23

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Saturday – 7:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday – 9:00am Divine Liturgy

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Hebrews 13:7-16 and Romans 5:1-10

Gospel: John 17:1-13 and Matthew 6:22-33



All Saints of America

Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM C (Kozak, Diaz, Price)

Next Sunday – TEAM D (Paxton, May, Alpaugh)

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.

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!

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Walter Romanofsky, Liz Petrides, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, and Catherine Ratushnik.**

Annunciations

TODAY - We begin our **summer service schedule** and begin Divine Liturgy at 9:00am.

TUESDAY, June 12 – The **Parish Council** meets at the parish rectory at 6:30pm.

Saturday, June 30 – This year's diocesan **Parish Council Conference** will take place at **Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus** beginning at 10:00am. The facilitator will be **Father Thomas Soroka**, the Rector of St. Nicholas Church in McKees Rocks, PA, and a featured podcaster on Ancient Faith Radio. All are invited whether or not one serves on a Parish Council. Please **speak with Father Gary** to obtain more information and/or to express your interest in attending.

Saturday, June 30 – The Men's Club of Ss. Peter and Paul Church in South River will be holding their annual **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** from 5:00PM - 8:00PM in the Church Hall at 9 Jeffrie Ave. (Vespers will be held at 4:00PM) Tickets are \$12.00 each, (\$7.00 for children 14 and under) and can be reserved by contacting Phil at (908) 331-1297. Soda and water available for sale; BYOB for anything else. Tricky Tray baskets available for raffle! Proceeds aid the Church in various projects.

Sunday, July 1 – The Parish Council is planning a **farewell celebration for the Kozak family** to take place on this day beginning at 3:00pm at the parish hall. Details for the event will be made known after this week's Parish Council meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The **Apostles' Fast** (Ss. Peter and Paul Fast) continues to the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul (June 29). During this time, all Orthodox Christians are called to **refrain from consuming meat and dairy products** and to follow the non-dietary fasting regulations of the Church.

The Parish Council is **forming a committee** to plan for this year's **Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction**. The event will take place in **September** this year. If you would like to serve on the committee, please contact Tara Paxton of Father Gary as soon as possible.

MANY YEARS!

Birthdays

Today – Melanie Nilsen

Tuesday – Michael Katerinis, Meni Mari, Sylvia Van Ness

Wednesday – Andy Popovchak

Thursday – Sarah Berger

Friday – Reanna Paxton

Wedding Anniversaries

Friday – Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr (#53)

Saturday – Helen & Michael Ciurczak (#45)

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.