

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Romans 6:18-23 (Epistle)** Brethren: Having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

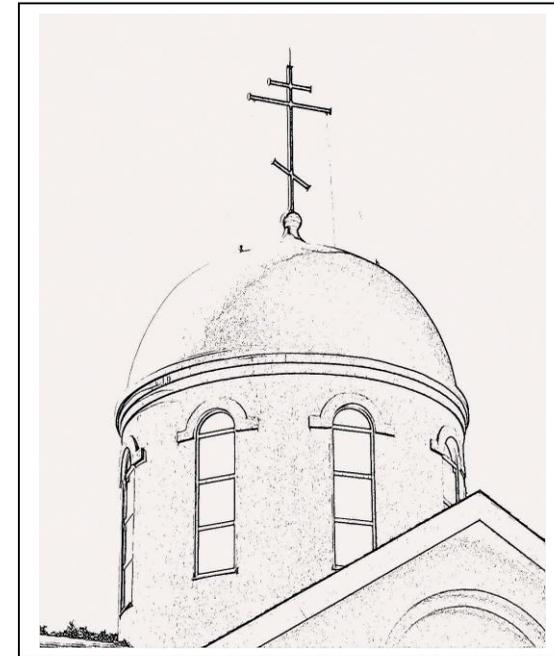
**Matthew 8:5-13 (Gospel)** At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to Him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And He said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have Thee come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed Him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Keep up on OCA news by visiting [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org), diocesan news by visiting [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org), and parish news by visiting [www.occa-brick.org](http://www.occa-brick.org).  
Be sure also to visit [Ancient Faith Radio](#) to visit to hear Orthodox music and presentations on topics of the Faith!

Please have a safe and enjoyable celebration of **Independence Day** this coming weekend.

*In response to the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court regarding "same sex marriage", our OCA hierarchs have issued statements on the issue. A number of copies of Archbishop Michael's statement will be available in the church narthex, and electronic copies will be sent to all the faithful of our parish who have internet access. This is a controversial issue upon which the Church needs to voice her position based on her Tradition of the Orthodox Christian Faith. Please take the time to read this letter and understand the Church's teachings on this volatile issue of our day.*

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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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Tone 3.** Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (412). Ven. Xenophon, Abbot of Robeiksk (Novgorod—1262). Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam (ca. 1353). St. Paul the Physician, of Corinth. Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “THE THREE HANDS” (8th c.).

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**Epistle:** Romans 6:18-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:5-13

### Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

**Sunday – 11:30am** Great Vespers (Ss. Peter and Paul)

**Monday – 9:30am** Divine Liturgy (Ss. Peter and Paul)

**Saturday – 7:00pm** Great Vespers w/General Confession

**Sunday – 9:00am** Divine Liturgy

### Next Sunday’s Readings:

**Epistle:** Romans 10:1-10 and Galatians 5:22-6:2

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:28-9:1 and Luke 6:17-23



Saints Peter and Paul

### Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – TEAM C    Next Sunday – TEAM D

*If you have volunteered to participate on a team, please note your team’s letter designation, and plan to help when your team is scheduled. Many thanks!*

*Please pray for those who have willingly chosen to not worship and pray with us this morning. We pray that those who are sitting in darkness will see a great light – the light of the Risen Christ!*

**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 fellow parishioners, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Julia Katko, Arnold Katko, Natalie May, Dorothy Gornick, Tom Collins, Carol Menzel, Walter Romanofsky, Millie Podolak, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Stephanie Smida, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, George Stavrou, Mary Bionde, and Catherine Ratushnak.**

## Annunciations

The **Apostles’ Fast** (Ss. Peter and Paul Fast) ends today. The Church’s regular fasting rule resumes after the feast!

**Many thanks** to Father Volodymyr Chaikivsky and Father Kenneth Ellis for serving in Father Gary’s absence and being available in case of emergency.

**TODAY – Great Vespers** for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul will be served at approximately 11:30am after a brief Coffee Hour.

**MONDAY – June 29** is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. **Divine Liturgy** for the feast will be served beginning at 9:30am.

**MONDAY – June 29** – After the Divine Liturgy, a **one-year memorial service** (Panikhida) will be served in memory of the dearly departed brother in Christ, **Alexander Horelick**. May his memory be eternal!

**Parish Calendars for July** in both electronic and hard copy versions will be available this coming week.

His Eminence, Archbishop Michael underwent a **medical procedure** this past week and has begun a recovery phase. Please keep Vladyka Michael in your prayers as he continues his recuperation.

The **current phase of iconography** is continuing this week as iconographer Ivan Rumiantsev returns and works on the icons of the Nativity of Our Lord and the Descent into Hades. **Your patience** with the temporary existence of scaffolding in the church is greatly appreciated and will be truly rewarded.

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 26**. This will be the day for our annual **Ethnic Fair and Gift Auction**. In the next several weeks, more information will be made available including **sign-up sheets** for help and for donations. Please keep in mind that this is a parish event that brings great opportunity for fun, fellowship, and exposing our friends and neighbors to our Orthodox Faith and our parish community. Please plan to help out with the preparations and execution of this wonderful event!

### MANY YEARS!

#### Birthdays this week:

Today – Mariana Vajda

Tomorrow – Matt Petrides

Tomorrow – Chloe Petrides

Wednesday – Ruth Federoff

### 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.