

# ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin for Week of September 11-17, 2017

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

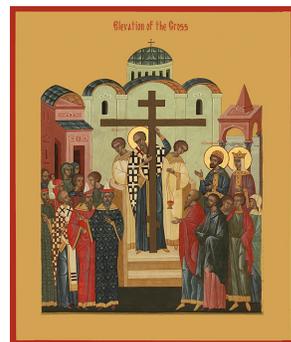
**EPISTLE:** Brethren: Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you. *(2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4)*

Brethren: 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. *(Gal. 6:11-18, Sunday before Cross)*

**GOSPEL:** The Lord spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

"But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.



## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

**TODAY: 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Postfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos.**

**Sunday before Elevation.** Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, at Nicomedia. Ven. Paul the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves. Bl. Prince Andrew, in monasticism Joasaph, of Kubensk. Apostles Apelles, Lucius, and Clement of the Seventy. Martyr Barypsabas in Dalmatia. Rt. Blv. Pulcheria, the Empress of the Greeks. Ss. Peter and Paul, Bishops of Nicaea.

*Hours:* E. Tesfay

*Greeters:* Demko/Morozova

*Epistle:* Abraham

*Coffee:* Church School Picnic

*Post-Communion:* Halliday

**WEDNESDAY, September 13:** Great Vespers with Litiya, 6:30 PM

**THURSDAY, September 14:** Divine Liturgy, 8:00 AM; **EXALTATION OF THE CROSS (Strict Fast)**  
Eritrean Service, 9:30 AM

**SATURDAY, September 16: FEEDING THE HOMELESS, 10:30 AM**

Great Vespers, 5:00 PM; CONFESSIONS; CHOIR REHEARSAL

**SUNDAY, September 17: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM; 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Postfeast of the Elevation. Sunday after Elevation.** Martyr Sophia, and her three daughters: Faith (Vera), Hope (Nadézhda), and Love (Liubóv', Charity), at Rome. Martyrs Theodota at Nicæa. Martyr Agathocleia. 156 Martyrs of Palestine, including Bishop Peleus and Nilus, the Presbyter, Zeno, the Noblemen Patermuthius and Elias, and others.

*Hours:* Brooks

*Greeters:* Campbell/Geralt

*Epistle:* Halliday

*Coffee:* Makunen

*Post-Communion:* Bitsko

## CHURCH SCHOOL

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"But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen." (*Matthew 22:1-14*)

The Lord said: "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (*John 3:13-17, Sunday before Cross*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HELP NEEDED

Our beloved Parish Council Vice President, Ginny (Veronica) Hood, is finally after almost three weeks, going to be coming home, probably Tuesday or Wednesday. Due to unforeseen issues, she needs help paying for her surgery (a minimum of \$100,000). We are making every effort to assist her family with the costs. We ask you to consider a donation by check, card, or online, earmarking it for the Hood Collection.

We have also setup a YouCaring Page:

<https://www.youcaring.com/viginiaginnyyhood-899443>

In whatever way you care to make a donation, please make a donation and be generous, along with lifting Ginny and her family into the very presence of God in prayer.

### CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School begins **today**, September 10, with prayers during liturgy, then our annual Orientation and Picnic. If you have not registered your child yet, please do so by seeing Amy. If you would like to volunteer to teach or serve as a "second" in a classroom, we would appreciate it. See Amy or Fr. John to volunteer.

### FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Next Saturday, September 16, is our next **Feeding the Homeless** outreach. We will meet at the church hall at 10:30 AM to prepare the lunches and hygiene kits, then distribute them. We are usually done by 1:00 PM or so. Please join us for this most beneficial outreach.

### REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest Michael (Margitich)	David (Poe)
Archpriest Paul (Lazor)	Peter (Jolevski)
Archpriest John (Bruchok)	Colleen (Sufana)
Matushka Mary (Perez)	Justin (Pechonis)
Michelle (Chong)	Stacy (Kim)

Laura (Draskovic)  
 Anita (Maresca)  
 Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch)  
 Marteen (Moore)  
 Christine (Sechrist)  
 Veronica (Hood)

Kathryn (Kessler)  
 Micah (Demko)  
 Ann (Prochko)  
 Monique (Miller)  
 Alla (Jascolt)  
 Robert (Kuhn)

### Newly departed Meril, Duane, Andrew

### HELPFUL ADVICE BASED ON LOVE • ST. ISAAC OF SYRIA

As often as you find your way to be peaceful, without variations, be suspicious. For you are deviating from the divine ways trodden by the weary footsteps of the saints. The more you proceed on the way towards the city of the kingdom and approach its neighborhood, this will be the sign: you will meet hard temptations. And the nearer you approach, the more difficulties you will find. The hard temptations into which God brings the soul are in accordance with the greatness of His gifts. If there is a weak soul which is not able to bear a very hard temptation and God deals meekly with it, then know that it is not capable of bearing a hard temptation and so is not worthy either of a great gift.

God never gives a large gift and small temptations. So temptations are to be classed in accordance with gifts. Thus from the hardships you are called to endure you may understand the measure of the greatness which your soul has reached. And your comfort will be in proportion to your endurance.

In accordance with your humility you will be given endurance in your distress. And in accordance with your endurance its weight will be lifted from your soul and you will be comforted in your troubles. And in accordance with your comfort, your love of God will increase. And in accordance with your love, your spiritual joy will increase.

When our compassionate Father is of the will to relieve those who are real children in their temptations, He does not take their temptations away from them, but He imparts to them endurance under temptations, and all that good which they receive through it, to the perfection of their souls. May Christ in His grace make us worthy of bearing evils for the sake of His love, with thanksgivings in the heart. Amen.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Sep 11: Galatians 2:11-16</b>	<b>Mark 5:24-34</b>
<b>Sep 12: Galatians 2:21-3:7</b>	<b>Mark 6:1-7</b>
<b>Sep 13: Galatians 3:15-22</b>	<b>Mark 6:7-13</b>
<b>Sep 14: Galatians 3:23-4:5</b>	<b>Mark 6:30-45 (Thur)</b>
<b>Sep 15: Galatians 4:8-21</b>	<b>Mark 6:45-53</b>
<b>Sep 16: 1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5</b>	<b>Matthew 24:1-13</b>

## STEWARDSHIP 2017

<b>Stewardship 9/3:</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>
<b>Total Income 9/3:</b>	<b>\$ 2,684.00</b>
<b>Weekly income needed:</b>	<b>\$ 4,995.27</b>
<b>2017 INC GOAL (37 wks):</b>	<b>\$ 184,824.99</b>
<b>2017 INC ACTUAL:</b>	<b>\$ 192,583.69</b>
<b>Percentage of Budgeted Income:</b>	<b>104.2%</b>