

# CROSSROADS

## Sunday's Scriptures:

### *Epistle:*

**Romans 10:1-10**

### *Gospel:*

**Matthew 8:23-9:1**

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### *Birthdays:*

Annelore Butler (5)

Barbara Mosser (8)

Greg Stosuy (9)

Nikolai Gotowchikov (10)

John Pierman (11)

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### *Anniversaries:*

Yulia & Thomas Cunningham  
(7)

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### *Shop Rite Cards*

Our parish benefits from the purchase of these cards.

See *Larry Skvir*

## *Exploring the Book of Psalms*

[Note: Over the next few weeks, I'm taking an online class on the Psalms from St. Vladimir's Seminary. I'll be sharing some of the material.]

### **ST. ATHANASIUS: "Letter to Marcellinus"**

**Psalms encompass all of Scripture.** "Each [scriptural book], you see, is like a garden which grows one special kind of fruit; by contrast, the Psalter is a garden which, besides its special fruit, grows also some of those of all the rest."

**Psalms encompass the life of Christ.** They speak of His coming, His incarnation, suffering and death, resurrection, ascension, judging of the world. "Before He came among us, He sketched the likeness of this perfect life for us in words, in this same book of Psalms."

**Psalms encompass the human mind and personality.** "[The Psalter] has this peculiar marvel of its own, that within it are represented and portrayed in all their great variety the movements of the human soul." Psalms as mirror.

**Psalms encompass all situations.** There are psalms for all times of life: "If you want to declare anyone to be blessed ... are persecuted by your own family ... give thanks to God at affliction's end ... feel beneath the cloud of God's displeasure ... wish your prayer to reach God's ears ... pray against your enemies."

**SUNDAY, JULY 19 – SPECIAL APPRECIATION LUNCHEON  
IN HONOR OF LYNN SIRY**

We want to make this day special for the Founding Lady of our church.

**Photos:** If you have any photos of Lynn, please give or sent them to:

**Phyllis Pritchard** (phyllis.pritchard@gmail.com)

**Maureen Sapnar** (maureensapnar@gmail.com)

We are creating a **Memory Book** for Lynn. Please send any written memories to

Maureen at: [maureensapnar@gmail.com](mailto:maureensapnar@gmail.com)

**Sign-up Sheet:** There is a sign-up sheet for the appreciation luncheon in the social hall.

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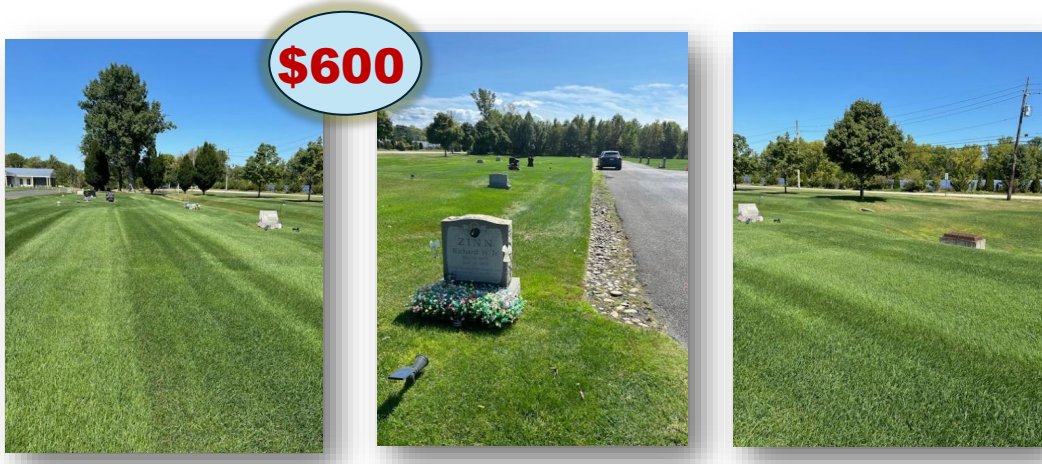
**PROJECT: BACKPACK – NOW THRU AUGUST 10**



Would you like to help K-12 kids get ready for school? Our Inreach/Outreach group is going to partner with Senator Troy Singleton's Office, the Burlington County Library, and the Burlington County Sheriff's Department to make certain that needy children from the County have new school supplies for the 2026-27 school year. Check out the poster in the vestibule to see what is needed. What ever you can donate will be much appreciated! Items will be organized into groups and students will have the opportunity to select what they will need.

**All donations must be in by August 9 so we can deliver them on August 10.**

# BEAUTIFUL Cemetery Plots



Dear Parishioners,

Holy Cross is offering 12 graves for sale at Park View Cemetery at Kirby's Mill in Medford.

- ❖ **\$600 per grave**, with a limited purchase of two. Each grave allows for one interment right.
- ❖ A second interment right can be acquired within the same grave from Park View directly at a cost determined by Park View and their price list at the time of acquisition.
- ❖ Interment fees – opening and closing at the time of burial – are not included in the purchase and will be the responsibility of the grave buyer.

Please see Michelle or send an email to [mwash5760@icloud.com](mailto:mwash5760@icloud.com).

Please note that your interest in this opportunity must be confirmed with the submission of your \$600 check.

### ***Some Ways to Support our Parish***

Here are some ways that this can be done:

- 1) **Cash** (If an annual record of this donation is desired then it should be put in an envelope with your name on it, so that a record can be kept and a receipt eventually will be prepared and available).
- 2) **Monthly Envelopes** can be sent to your home (see Fr. John if you would like to donate this way).
- 3) **A Check** can be made out to the church and given in the donation basket or left in the church office.
- 4) **Having a check sent directly from your bank account to the church** (in the same way that bills can be paid on your computer through your bank).

Address the check to:

Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross  
Box 805  
Medford, NJ 08055

- 5) **Using our online app, tithe.ly** – Please note that there is a 3% processing fee - this can be added to the donation or it will be subtracted from the donation):
  - 1) You can use the **QR Code** at our website: <https://holycrossmedford.org/>



- 2) Go to: [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1197928](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1197928)
- 3) TEXT the word, **“Give” to: 1-833-854-9049**

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### **SHOP RITE COUPONS**

**Cards are available in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25, and \$20.**

Shop-Rite sells the cards in bulk to us at a 5% discount. The gift cards are available from **Larry Skvir** every Sunday at coffee hour. If you regularly shop at Shop-Rite and don't use the gift cards, please consider purchasing them in 2026.