

Bulletin sponsors for this week are for the:

Health of:

Aris, Svetlana, Elizabet, and Svetlana, requested with love by Svetlana.
Joshua Turpin on his 10th birthday, offered with love by his family.

Memory of:

Christopher Dawson, offered by his family.
Olga Romanofsky, offered by Andrew and Maribeth
Lioubov and **Ivan**, requested with love by Svetlana.

Hebrews 1:10-14;2:1-3 (2nd Sunday of Great Lent, St. Gregory

Readings: *Palamas)*

Mark 2:1-12 (2nd Sunday of Great Lent, St. Gregory Palamas)

Brethren, “You O Lord, in the beginning, didst found the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end.” But to what angel has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?” Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “My son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins’-he said to the paralytic-“I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Sunday School meets every Sunday after Communion.

Announcement:

- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council** today, March 31, after coffee hour.
- **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served **every Wednesday during Great Lent at 6:30 PM**
- **Tickets** are now available for the Sisterhood’s annual **Pascha basket raffle**. Tickets cost \$1.00 each, and the Sisterhood is asking each parishioner to buy or sell 10 tickets. Included in the basket will be a variety of delicious traditional ethnic foods. The raffle will be held on **April 28th**. **To purchase tickets please see Maribeth Romanofsky.**
- The **next meeting of the Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God has been rescheduled to **Sunday April 14th**.

Reminders:

- The **Sisterhood’s food drive** is ongoing. Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

2nd Sunday of Great Lent: St Gregory Palamas:

The second Sunday is dedicated to the memory of St. Gregory Palamas, a great Byzantine mystic and theologian of the 14th century, who centered his teaching on the high calling of man, on his “deification” in Christ.

*Now is the time for action!
Judgment is at the doors!
So let us rise and fast,
offering alms with tears of compunction and crying:
“Our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea;
but forgive us, O Master of All,
so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns.”*

Kontakion – Tone 4

Rest of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas (1879):

*O holy father Innocent
in obedience to the will of God
you accepted dangers and tribulations
bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth.
You showed us the way,
now by your prayers help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Troparion – Tone 4

*Your life, O holy father Innocent, Apostle to our Land,
proclaims the dispensation and grace of God!
For laboring in dangers and hardships for the Gospel of Christ
you were kept unharmed and exalted in humility.
Pray that He may guide our steps in the way we should go.*

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/03/31>

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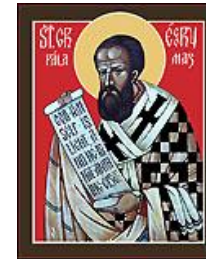
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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

2nd Sunday of Great Lent:
St Gregory Palamas

*O luminary of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church,
ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians,
O wonderworker Gregory, boast of Thessalonika and herald of grace,
always intercede for all of us that our souls may be saved.*

Tone 8—Troparion

March 31, 2024

Today the Church remembers:

Gregory Palamas ● Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra ●
Rest of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and
Apostle to the Americas (1879) ● St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of
Gangra (ca. 336) ● Rest of St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia
(1461) ● Ven. Hypatius the Healer, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.) ● Ven.
Apollonius, Ascetic, of Egypt (4th c.) ● Hieromartyr Avdas, Bishop of Persia, and
Martyr Benjamin the Deacon (418-424) ● Ven. Hypatius, Abbot of Rufinus in
Chalcedon (ca. 446) ● Appearance of the “Ivëron” (Iberian) Icon of the Mother of
God

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Tone 2
Great Lent