

Bulletin sponsors this week are for:**The health of:**

Anna, requested by Maria.

Elizabet on her 18th birthday, requested with love by her Grandmother, Svetlana.

Memory of:

Christopher Dawson, offered by his family.

Hebrews 9:11-14 (*5th Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt*)

[Galatians 3:23-29](#) (*St. Mary of Egypt*)

Readings:

Mark 10:32-45 (*5th Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt*)

[Luke 7:36-50](#) (*St. Mary of Egypt*)

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

At that time, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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 Pannikidas – after Divine Liturgy 3 rd 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.

Church School is now meeting every week after Communion.**Announcements:**

- We celebrate the **Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts** every Wednesday during Great Lent at 6:30 pm.
- There will be a **separate collection basket today** and next Sunday for contributions towards Paschal flowers. Please be generous.
- The Sisterhood's annual **Paschal basket raffle** will be held today, Sunday April, 2nd. Tickets for the raffle cost one dollar, and each parishioner is asked to sell or buy 10 tickets. Please see Holly Dawson for tickets.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

Reminders:

- 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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- 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.
- Prospora (bread) is available at the candle stand for a donation of \$2. (Prospora should be purchased in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)

5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt:

Fifth Sunday of Great Lent is called “St. Mary of Egypt”, whose life is a most wonderful example of repentance.

*Having been a sinful woman,
you became a Bride of Christ through repentance.
Having attained the angelic life,
you defeated demons by the weapon of the Cross;
therefore, O most glorious Mary you are a Bride of the Kingdom.*

Kontakion – Tone 3

Please read about her life:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/articleschurch/about-saints-and-icons/6293-mary-of-egypt.html>

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/04/02>

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Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
forever

5th Sunday of Great Lent:
St Mary of Egypt

*In you, O Mother, was preserved with exactness what was according to the image;
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away;
but to care for the soul, since it is immortal.
Therefore, O Venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.*

Troparion – Tone 8

April 2, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

St Mary of Egypt • Virgin Martyr Theodora of Tyre • Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.) • Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and Edesius (Aedesius) of Lycia (306) • Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4th c.)

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Tone 1 of the Octoechos.
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