

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

Richard Dantine, Sr. on his birthday, offered by his family with love.

Acts 6:1-7 (3rd Sunday after Pascha)

Readings: [Acts 12:1-11](#) (Apostle James the Brother of St John the Theologian)

Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8 (3rd Sunday after Pascha)

[Luke 5:1-11](#) (Apostle James the Brother of St John the Theologian)

IN THOSE DAYS, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and

Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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 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:**

- There will be a meeting of the Parish council today, April 30th, after coffee hour.
- Please remember our Parish Family in your prayers, especially Lore Stefy, Bill and MaryAnn Kuzemchak, Alex Guedes, Susan, Mike, Jonathan and Gabrielle Guedes.
- 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.

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph:

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30).

Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

*The Noble Joseph,
when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree,
wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices,
and placed it in a new tomb.
But You rose on the third day, O Lord,
granting the world great mercy.*

Troparion – Tone 2

*As the liberator of captives and defender of the poor,
physician of the sick, and champion of kings,
O Victory-bearer Great Martyr George,
intercede with Christ God to save our souls.*

Troparion – Tone 2

*When You proclaimed "Rejoice" to the Myrrhbearers,
You caused the lamentation of the first mother Eve to cease by Your Resurrection;
O Christ God;
You bade Your Apostles to preach:
"The Savior is risen from the tomb."*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/04/30>

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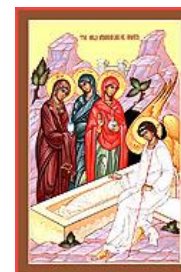
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**Christ is
Risen!**

**Indeed he
is risen!**

Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing
Women with the Noble Joseph

*The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said:
Myrrh is meet for the dead;
but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption!
So proclaim: The Lord is risen,
granting the world great mercy!*

Troparion – Tone 2

April 30, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

**Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the brother of St. John the Theologian (44 A.D.) •
Myrrhbearing Women • Uncovering of the Relics of St. Nikéatas, Bishop of
Novgorod (1558) • St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea in Epirus (ca. 387) • Uncovering of
the Relics of St. Basil, Bishop of Amasea (4th c.) • Martyr Maximus of Ephesus. St.
Ignátii (Ignatius) Brianchaninov, Bishop of the Caucasus and Stavropol (1867). • The
"PASSION" Icon of the Mother of God**

3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA

Tone 2