

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**For the Memory of:**

Nikolai Taran Sr. on his birthday, Father of Holly Dawson. Offered by his family

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

[Galatians 3:23-29](#) (*Saint*)

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

[Luke 7:36-50](#) (*Saint*)

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."

Saturday service:

Vespers – 6:30 PM

(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)
(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School

All classes will meet every Sunday.

Grades 5-8 – 9:30 am

Preschool and Grades K through 4 – immediately after communion.

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

Announcement:

- Because of the **Coronavirus Pandemic**, services will be celebrated with only the minimum required number of people in attendance. **(no one else should attend in person)**
- **We will not have Coffee Hour, Council meetings, or Sunday School** until this emergency has subsided.
- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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
 The parish still needs to pay its bills.
- **The Paschal basket and children's basket raffles, scheduled for April 5th and April 12th, have been postponed until it is safe for the entire congregation to meet again.** Raffle ticket entries into the children's basket will be based on children's attendance at Sunday School for the school year. Questions about either raffle can be addressed to Maribeth Romanofsky (609)204-1007.

Reminders:

- **Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may no longer be valid.**
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: **Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

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

Fifth Sunday-**St. Mary of Egypt**, whose life is a most wonderful example of repentance. Please use the link below to read about Saint Zosimas' encounter with St Mary of Egypt.

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

Kontakion -Tone 3

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2020/04/5>

Or for the reading about St Mary, that is read in monasteries, see it on our website:

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

To read more about any day, see:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/church-calendar/daily-evets.html>

Please check the website of our Diocese:

<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org/>

And, as always, our website:

<https://ChurchMotherOfGod.org>

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Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
Forever

5th Sunday of Great Lent:
St Mary of Egypt

*The image of God was truly preserved in you, mother,
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 instead for the soul, since it is immortal.
Therefore your spirit, holy mother Mary, Rejoices with the angels!*

Troparion – Tone 8

Today the Church remembers:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT • St Mary of Egypt • Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader, and those with them, at Thessalonica (ca. 303) • Ven. Publius of Egypt (4th c.) • Ss. Theonas, Simeon and Phorbinus, of Egypt (4th c.) • Ven. Mark the Anchorite, of Athens (400) • St. Plato the Confessor, of Studion (814) • Ven. Theodora of Thessalonica (892) • Translation of the Relics of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1652).

April 5, 2020

**5th Sunday of Great Lent
Triodion week 9**

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