

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the eternal memory of:**

Recently departed Cousin **Sonny**, who fell asleep on Wednesday, August 14th, offered by Reader Charles

Paul, father of Liz, offered by his daughter.

Recently departed **Joanne**, who passed away on her 20th wedding anniversary, August 17th, offered by Linda Jankowski

Readings:

- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- Matthew 14:14-22

BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:**

Hours – 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Private Confession – Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour – after Liturgy

(Church School has ended for the school year.)

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

Announcements:

- Volunteers are needed to clean the church. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- The **2013 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** program is underway. This is a way to: Support our diocesan seminarians, establish more mission parishes in our Diocese, and support existing parishes that need help. We ask that you help out by contributing directly by mail with a "**Vision for Our Future ~ DDB**" flyer, or online at the website: http://nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html (the page is updated for 2013)
- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be next Sunday, August 25th, after coffee hour.
- There are now new brochures on a table in our vestibule! If you have not seen them, check them out: "**Welcome to The Orthodox Church: An Introduction**" • "**Prayer 101: A basic 'no excuse' daily rule of prayer for the entire year**" • "**The Orthodox Church & The 12 Steps**" • "**Orthodox Church of the Mother of God**" • "**Church History Timeline**" Contributions to defray printing costs (paper and ink) are welcome.

Special Announcements:

- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God:

On the third day of the Afterfeast of the Dormition, the hymns at Vespers call upon us to “sing the praises of the pure and most holy Virgin.” She did not ascend to heaven in a chariot of fire, as did the Prophet Elias, but “He Who is truly the Sun of Righteousness” received her pure soul.

About afterfeasts:

An **afterfeast** is a period of time following certain major feasts of the Christian year during which the feast continues to be celebrated. The liturgical life of the Church reflects this extended celebration by continuing to express the themes of the feast in the divine services celebrated during the afterfeast.

Most commemorations that have an afterfeast also have a forefeast.

How long?

The afterfeast begins on the day after the feast and concludes on the leavetaking of the feast. Accordingly, the period of the afterfeast varies from commemoration to commemoration.

Which feasts?

From the Pentecostarion

- Pascha—afterfeast: 38 days (leavetaking: Wednesday before Ascension)
- Ascension—afterfeast: 8 days (leavetaking: Friday before Pentecost)
- Pentecost—afterfeast: 6 days (leavetaking: following Saturday)
- From the Lenten Triodion
- Palm Sunday—no afterfeast

From the Menaion

- Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8)—afterfeast: 4 days (leavetaking: September 12)
- Elevation of the Holy Cross (September 14)—afterfeast: 7 days (leavetaking: September 21)
- Presentation of the Theotokos (November 21)—afterfeast: 4 days (leavetaking: November 25)
- Nativity of Christ (December 25)—afterfeast: 6 days (leavetaking: December 31)
- Theophany (January 6)—afterfeast: 8 days (leavetaking: January 14)
- Presentation of Christ (February 2)—afterfeast: 7 days (leavetaking: February 9)

NOTE: The afterfeast of the Presentation of Christ may be shortened or omitted altogether if February 2 falls on or after the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee.

- Annunciation (March 25)—no afterfeast
- Transfiguration (August 6)—afterfeast: 7 days (leavetaking: August 13)
- Dormition (August 15)—afterfeast: 8 days (leavetaking: August 23)



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Afterfeast of the Dormition
of the Mother of God

**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

*Neither the tomb, nor death could hold the Theotokos,
Who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,
She was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.*

Kontakion

Today the Church remembers:

- Afterfeast of the Dormition** ● Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.) ● Martyrs Hermes, Serapion and Polyænus, of Rome (2nd c.) ● Hieromartyr Emilian and with him Martyrs Hilarion, Dionysius, and Hermippus (4th c.) ● Ss. John (674) and George (683), Patriarchs of Constantinople. Ven. Macarius, Monk. Repose of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila (946) ● Ven. Sophronius of St. Anne’s Skete (Mt. Athos) ● Ven. Arsenios of Paros (1877)

August 18, 2013

8th Sunday After Pentecost

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