

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:*(no sponsors this week)***Readings:****I Corinthians 3:9-17** (9th Sunday after Pentecost)**Matthew 14:22-34** (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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 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:

- There will be a **meeting of the parish council next Sunday** after coffee hour.
- **Memorial Plaque:** The \$25.00 donation for the submission of names has been extended until **September 1, 2019**. (Then it will return to \$100 per name.) There is now a sheet at the candle stand to submit names.
- The parish is happy to announce that His Grace, **Archbishop Michael will visit our parish Saturday, September 28th for Vespers at 6:30 pm and on Sunday September 29th for Divine Liturgy**. During the Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Michael will ordain Subdeacon Edward Dawson to the Holy Diaconate.
- **After Vespers on September 28th, a light supper will be served in our community room.** Everyone planning on attending the supper is asked to RSVP as soon as possible by signing up on the sheet at the candle stand.
- **On Sunday September 29th we will be celebrating after the Liturgy with a luncheon at Cousin Mario's restaurant in Mays Landing.** Tickets for the luncheon are \$25 per person, \$11 for children 6 through 9, children 5 and under are free. If you plan on attending the luncheon at Cousin Mario's, please RSVP as soon as possible by signing up at the candle stand. Tickets will be available shortly.

Special Announcements:

- There will be a **Paint and Sip Party** on Thursday, August 22nd, in the church hall. All proceeds from this event benefit the Sisterhood. It is hosted by Susan Coll-Guedes. [See our Facebook page for more information.](#)

Reminders:

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the signup sheet at the candle stand
- 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.

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)

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

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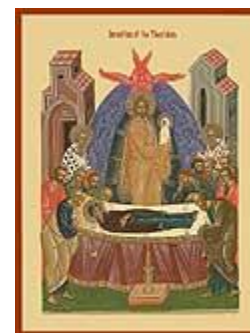
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Glory to Jesus
Christ

Glory
Forever

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

*In giving birth you preserved your virginity.
In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos.
You were translated to life O Mother of Life,
and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.*

Troparion Afterfeast of the Dormition – Tone 1

Today the Church remembers:

Afterfeast of the Dormition • Martyrs Florus and Laurus of Illyria (2nd c.) • Martyrs Hermes, Serapion and Polyæn us, 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, MonkRepose of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila (946) • Ven. Sophronius of St. Anne’s Skete (Mt. Athos) • Ven. Arsenios of Paros (1877)

August 18, 2019

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Dormition Fast

Tone 8 of the Octoechos