

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

Barbara Funk, offered by the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God

Readings: **I Corinthians 1:10-17** (*8th Sunday after Pentecost*)
Matthew 14:14-22 (*8th Sunday after Pentecost*)

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 Crispus 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.

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 3rd 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.

Sunday School has ended for the summer.

Sunday school classes will begin again on September 15th.

Announcements:

- The Holy Day of the **Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos** was August 15th. **We will celebrate that Holy Day on Sunday, August 18th and will bless flowers and seeds at that time.**
- Fr. Matthew will be away August 14-29. Fr. Bohdan Chaikivsky will serve Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 18th and Fr. Dennis Rhodes will serve Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 25th.

Reminders:

- The **Sisterhood's food drive** is ongoing. Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- **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.

Afterfeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God:

The feast of the Dormition or Falling-asleep of the Theotokos is celebrated on the fifteenth of August, preceded by a two-week fast. This feast, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ’s mother. It proclaims that Mary has been “assumed” by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.

It is the custom in some churches to bless flowers on the feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos.

*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*
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To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/08/18>

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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.*

Tone 1 – Troparion

August 18, 2024

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)

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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