

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the health of:****Katelin** on her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday, offered by the Inferrera family.**Elizabet** on the occasion of leaving home for boarding school.**Readings:****I Corinthians 4:9-16** (*10th Sunday after Pentecost*)**Matthew 17:14-23** (*10th Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Brethren**, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**At that time**, when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 today** 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 29<sup>th</sup> for Divine Liturgy**. During the Sunday Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Michael will ordain Subdeacon Edward Dawson to the Holy Diaconate.
- **After Vespers on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Please RSVP for the luncheon by using the sign-up sheet at the candle stand. Tickets are now available, see Tammy Zimmerman or Linda Dantine.

**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.

## Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew

The Transfer of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew took place at the end of the sixth century. His apostolic activity and martyr's end are remembered by the Church on June 11. The Apostle Bartholomew suffered for Christ in Armenian Albanus (now Baku) in the year 71, where his holy relics were. Numerous miracles occurred from the relics of the holy Apostle, and many of the unbelieving were converted to Christ. Under the emperor Anastasius (491-518) the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew were transferred into the newly constructed city of Anastasiopolis (or Dura) and remained there until the end of the sixth century.

When the city of Anastasiopolis was captured by the Persian emperor Chozroes, Christians took up the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and fled with it to the shores of the Black Sea. Having overtaken them, pagan priests threw the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew into the sea. Four other chests containing the relics of the holy Martyrs Papias, Lucian, Gregory and Acacius were also thrown into the sea.

By the power of God the chests did not sink into the depths of the sea, but miraculously floated upon the waves and reached Italy. The chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew came to land at the island of Lipari, and the remaining chests continued their journey and came to land at various places in Italy. The chest with the relics of the Martyr Papias halted at Sicily, the Martyr Lucian at Messina, the Martyr Gregory at Calabria, and the Martyr Acacius at Askalon.

The arrival of the relics of the holy Apostle Bartholomew was revealed to Bishop Agathon of the island of Lipari, who went with clergy to the shores of the sea, took the chest from the waters and solemnly transferred it to church.

Myrrh flowed from the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew, healing people of various illnesses. The holy relics remained in the church of the island of Lipari until the middle of the ninth century when the island was captured by pagans. Christian merchants took up the holy relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and transferred them to the city of Beneventum, near Naples, where they were received with great veneration and placed in the main church of the city.

*You appeared as a great sun to the world with miracles and rays of teaching.  
You guide to the light all who venerate you,  
O Apostle of the Lord, Bartholomew.*

Kontakion Apostle Bartholomew – Tone 4

*Titus, worthy of all praise and preacher of Christ's mysteries,  
You were Paul's companion, and with him taught us the doctrine of God.  
Therefore we cry out to you:  
Never cease to intercede for the sake of us all!*

Kontakion Apostle Titus – Tone 2

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

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/8/25>

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Glory to Jesus  
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Glory  
Forever

Return of the Relics of the  
Apostle Bartholomew / Holy  
Apostle Titus

*Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Titus,  
Entreat the merciful God,  
To grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.*

Troparion Apostle Bartholomew / Holy Apostle Titus – Tone 1

### Today the Church remembers:

**Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari (6th c.). Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.). Ss. Barse and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhæ, Confessors (4th c.). St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552).**

## August 25, 2019

10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
Dormition Fast

Tone 1 of the Octoechos