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**Readings:** **I Corinthians 15:1-11** (*12th Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Matthew 19:16-26** (*12th Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Brethren**, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**At that time**, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

**Sunday service:****Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page [nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org) has online services for viewing.**

**Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)**

**Church School**

Church School has ended for the school year.

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We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

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**Announcement:**

- 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.

**Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.**

**Reminders:**

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org) (there is no longer a signup sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer in time to get it into the bulletin.
- 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.

**Afterfeast of the Beheading of the Forerunner:**

*The glorious beheading of the Forerunner  
became an act of divine dispensation,  
for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior.  
Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder,  
loving not the Law of God, nor eternal life,  
but that which is false and temporal.*

Kontakion – Tone 5

**Sts. Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the New (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople:**

*O God of our Fathers,  
always act with kindness towards us;  
take not Your mercy from us,  
but guide our lives in peace//  
through the prayers of the Patriarchs Alexander, John, and Paul!*

Troparion (SS. Alexander, John, and Paul) Tone 4

*Set a flame by the love of Christ, O glorious ones,  
you took up the yoke of His precious Cross, revealing yourselves as  
followers in His footsteps by your way of life,  
and you became partakers of His divine glory,  
divinely-wise Alexander, with wonderful John and glorious Paul.  
As you stand before His throne, earnestly pray for our souls!*

Kontakion (SS. Alexander, John, and Paul) Tone 8

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

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/08/30>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

**and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:**

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

**and our website:**

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/>

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**Glory to Jesus  
Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

**Afterfeast of the Beheading of the  
Forerunner**

*The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,  
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.  
You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets,  
for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the steams of the Jordan Him  
Whom they foretold.*

*Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,  
you proclaimed to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh,  
Who takes away the sin of the world and grants us great mercy.*

Troparion – Tone 2

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Afterfeast of the Beheading of the Forerunner • Translation of the Relics of Rt. Blv. Great Prince St. Alexander Nevsky (1724) • Sts. Alexander (340), John (595), and Paul the New (784), Patriarchs of Constantinople • Repose of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1533) • Uncovering of the Relics of St. Daniel, Prince of Moscow (1652) • St. Christopher of Palestine (6th c.) • St. Fantinus of Calabria (9th c.) • Synaxis of the Serbian Hierarchs: Ss. Sava I (1237), Arsenius I (1266), Sava II (1269), Eustathius I (ca. 1285), James (1292), Nikodemos (1325), and Daniel (1338), Archbishops; Joannicus II (1354), Spyridon (1388), Ephraim II (after 1395), Macarius (1574), Gabriel I (1659), Patriarchs; and Gregory, Bishop**

**August 30, 2020**

**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Tone 3 of the Octoechos**