

Bulletin sponsor this week is for the:**Health of:**

Robert Henry on his 75th birthday, offered with love by his wife.

Daniel Dangle on his birthday, offered with love by his family.

James Reilly offered by Fr. Dn. Edward and Mat. Holly.

Memory of:

Newly departed **Doris**, aunt of Andrew Romanofsky.

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 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 Father Matthew	
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3 rd 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 is on hiatus for the summer.**Announcements:**

- There will be a **meeting** of the **Parish Council** today, **August 31st**, after coffee hour.
- **Sunday School** will resume next Sunday, **September 7th** with the **blessing** of Sunday school **students**. Regular classes will start on September 14th. **New students** who have not completed a **registration form** previously should see Maribeth Romanofsky in order to do so.

Reminders:

- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** With students at home for the summer months, some families struggle to provide three meals a day. Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to:** bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **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.

The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Mother of God:

The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos in a church of Constantinople's Chalcoprateia district took place during the reign of the emperor Theodosius the Younger. Before this the holy relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God Herself, was kept by pious Christians at Jerusalem after Her Dormition. During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her.

The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Mother of God were placed upon her. The emperor then asked the Patriarch to open the coffer. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the coffer in which the relic was kept, and the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, then they placed the venerable Belt back into the coffer and resealed it.

In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was established. Parts of the holy Belt are in the Vatopedi monastery on Mt. Athos, in Trier monastery, and in Georgia.

*Today your flock celebrates the enshrinement of your precious sash,
and it earnestly cries out to you:
"Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of all Christians!"*

Kontakion — Tone 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/08/31>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: www.oca.org/

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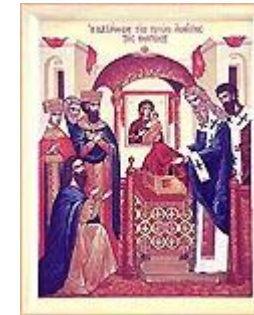
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The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the
Mother of God

*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
Forever*

*Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind,
you have given your people a powerful legacy:
the robe and sash of your most honored body which remained
incorrupt throughout your seedless childbearing;
for through you time and nature are renewed!*

Therefore we implore you: "Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy!"

Tone 8 — Troparion

August 31, 2025**Today the Church remembers:**

The restoration of the church of the Theotokos at Neorion (Neorion) • The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Mother of God (395-408) • Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (258) • St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople (471) • St. Aidan, Bishop of Lindesfarne (651)

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 3 of the [Octoechos](#)