

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

**Joanna** on her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, from Mommy and Cecelia, wishing her health and joy.

**Mark Dantine**, on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday, offered with love by Tammy, Nick, and Elizabeth.

**Bill Dawson** on his birthday. Brother of Fr Dn Edward.

**The Memory of:**

**Florence Dawson Smith**, mother of Fr Dn Edward.

---

**Readings:** **II Peter 1:10-19** (*Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ*)  
**Matthew 17:1-9** (*Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ*)

---

**Brethren**, be more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

**At that time**, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led him up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

**Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM</b> on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession - by appointment</b> , contact Fr Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy</b> 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.****Announcements:**

- Today is **The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**. The blessing of fruit will take place after Divine Liturgy.
- **The Holy Day of the Dormition** is Tuesday, August 15. We will have an evening **Liturgy at 6:30 on Monday, August 14**. We will bless flowers and seeds after Liturgy.
- The **Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God will have a **meeting today, August 6<sup>th</sup>**, after the Liturgy.
- The Sisterhood is holding a food drive to benefit a local food pantry. Please see the listing downstairs of needed items. All donations will be welcomed!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

**Reminders:**

- 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.)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto: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.
- Prospora (bread) is again available at the candle stand for a donation of \$2. The faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of health and salvation for the living and for the repose of the departed servants of God. (Prospora should be purchased at least a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)

**The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ:**

In order to strengthen the faith of His disciples when they would see His suffering, Jesus Christ took three disciples, Peter, James and John, and led them up on a high mountain to pray. According to ancient Church Tradition, it was the beautiful Mount Tabor covered with luxurious growth from the foot to the summit.

As the Saviour was praying, the disciples slept from fatigue. When they woke up, they saw Jesus Christ transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His garments became white as snow and glistened as light. There, two prophets, Moses and Elijah, in heavenly glory appeared with Him, and they were talking with Jesus about the suffering and death which He would have to endure in Jerusalem. Extraordinary joy filled the hearts of the disciples during this time. Peter exclaimed, "Lord, it is well that we are here. If you wish, I will make three booths here: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not understanding what He was saying. Suddenly, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and they heard the voice of God the Father saying, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces. Jesus Christ came to them, touched them, and said, "Rise, and have no fear." When the disciples lifted up their eyes, they saw Jesus Christ as He usually appeared.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus Christ commanded them to tell no one about the vision until He was raised from the dead.

The Holy Orthodox Church celebrates the glorious Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This day is one of the major feast days. By His Transfiguration, the Saviour has showed us how people become in the future life, in the Kingdom of Heaven, if they follow God's Law and how the entire earthly world would be transfigured. The Lord also reminds us that we can be transfigured even now if we lead a truly Christian life.

On the Feast of Transfiguration, after the Liturgy, fruit is brought to the church to be blessed for eating: grapes and, in general, fruit from orchards such as apples, pears, and plums in order to ask the Lord's blessing on the fruits of the harvest.

*On the Mountain You were Transfigured, O Christ God,  
and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it;  
so that when they would behold You crucified,  
they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary,  
and would proclaim to the world,  
that You are truly the Radiance of the Father!*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/08/06>

Please check the website of our Diocese: [nynjoca.org/](http://nynjoca.org/).

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: [www.oca.org/](http://www.oca.org/)

See us on the web at: [ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin](http://ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin)

See us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog](http://www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog)

Email us at: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

**Orthodox Church of the Mother of God**

*"The Joy of All the Sorrowful"*

115 Hudson St. Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330

**The Most Reverend Michael**

Archbishop of NY & the Diocese of NY/NJ

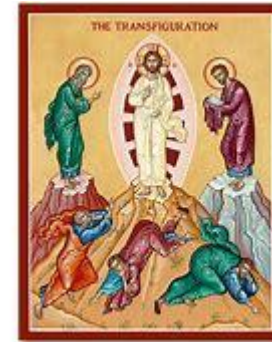
**V. Rev. Dr. Matthew Searforce,**

Temporary Rector

Email: [searbks1@verizon.net](mailto:searbks1@verizon.net) Phone: 856-227-6915

**Dn. Edward Dawson**

Attached Deacon



**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
forever**

The Holy Transfiguration of our  
Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

*You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God,  
revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it.  
Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners,  
through the prayers of the Theotokos.  
O Giver of Light, glory to You!*

Troparion – Tone 7

**August 6, 2023**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**The Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Transfiguration of the Lord

Tone 8 of the Octoechos.  
Dormition Fast