

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

Jocelyn Sophia Corigliano, on her first birthday, offered by grandparents Andrew and Maribeth

Kate Searforce on her birthday requested with love by her family.

All the Nicholas' of our parish on their name day.

Readings: **Ephesians 6:10-17** (*27th Sunday after Pentecost*)
Luke 17:12-19 (*12th Sunday of Luke*)

BRETHREN, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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	
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 meets every Sunday after Communion.

- **Today, December 10th, we welcome Archbishop Michael** to our parish. This coincides with our annual St. Nicholas Day celebration. The Sisterhood is hosting a luncheon, the cost of which will be \$10 per adult attending, payable at the door.
- We will be celebrating the **Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ in the Flesh** with a Liturgy on Monday, December 25 at 10:00 am.
- Our treasurer, Hala Dawson, set up a Venmo account that can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Please pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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**
- 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.

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS, of Alexandria :

The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313).

Saint Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint EUGRAPHUS, the secretary of Saint Menas, who had declared himself a Christian upon witnessing the endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes; and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria. Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these holy martyrs.

*The Lord snatched you from the temporal army making you a fellow inheritor of the eternal, O Menas;
together with Hermogenes and EUGRAPHUS with whom you suffered,
you are granted an incorruptible crown.*

Tone 4 – Kontakion

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/12/10>

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Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
forever

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and
EUGRAPHUS, of Alexandria

*Having slain the fiery ragings and fierce movements
of the passions though their ascetic labors,
the Martyrs of Christ, Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS,
received grace to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work wonders both
while alive and after death.*

*It is a truly great wonder that bare bones pour forth healing.
Glory to our only God and Creator.*

Troparion – Tone 2

December 10, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and EUGRAPHUS, of Alexandria (ca. 313) • St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod (1754) • Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (ca. 361)
• Ven. Thomas of Bithynia (10th c.) • Righteous King John of Serbia, and his parents Righteous Stephen, Despot of Serbia, and Venerable Angelina of Serbia

27th Sunday after Pentecost
(12th Sunday of Luke)

Tone 2 of the Octoechos.
Nativity Fast