

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**For the health of:**

Michael Guedes on his birthday, offered by his family.

For memory of:

Josephine Hartzel, mother of Joseph, offered by Joseph and Denise.

Readings:

Ephesians 6:10-17 (*27th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Luke 18:18-27 (*13th 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, a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For 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." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

* Because the 11th Sunday of Luke is always read 2 Sundays before the Nativity, the reading from that Sunday is read today.

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:**

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM
(**Private Confession** – After Vespers by appointment.)
(**General Confession** – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)
(**Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School

2nd through 8th grades – 9:30 AM (No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.)

Preschool through 1st grades meet immediately after communion every Sunday.

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- Our parish will celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord in the Flesh on Monday evening December 24 at 6:30 PM with the Nativity Liturgy.

Upcoming Nativity season events:

- Today, Dec. 2 - Tree decorating for parish children after coffee hour.
- Dec. 8 – Our church will be participating in the Mays Landing Open House from 5:00-9:00 pm.
- Dec 9 – Annual St. Nicholas Day Celebration: pizza party and visit from St. Nicholas! All parish and visiting children are invited to participate.
- Related information:
- Parents of parish children who will be participating in the St. Nicholas celebration should bring in a wrapped present for their child on that day, to be given out by St Nicholas.

Special Announcements:

- **Any Announcements or prayer requests for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to:** Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with 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.

Prophet Habakkuk:

Today, the Church remembers the Holy Prophet Habakkuk. Prophet Habakkuk, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C.

The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37).

After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14).

The Fourth Ode of the Psalter ("O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...") is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.

*Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, you announced to the world the coming forth of
God from the south, from the Virgin.*

*Standing on the divine watch, you received a report from the radiant angel:
"You proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ to the world!"*

*Therefore in gladness we cry out to you:
"Rejoice, splendid adornment of the prophets!"*

Kontakion - Tone 8

Reading on all saints remembered today can be found at:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/12/02>

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Prophet Habakkuk

**Glory to
Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

*We celebrate the memory
of Your prophet Habakkuk, O Lord;
through him we beseech You:
"Save our souls."*

Troparion (Prophet Habakkuk) – Tone 2

On this day the Church remembers:

Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum, Avakkum—6th c. B.C.) • Ven. Afanásii (Athanasius) "the Resurrected One", Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1176) • Ven. Afanásii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.) • Martyr Myrope of Chios (ca. 251) • Ss. John, Heraclemon, Andrew, and Theophilus, of Egypt (4th c.) • St. Jesse, Bishop of Tsilkani in Georgia (6th c.) • St. Stephen-Urosh, King of Serbia (1367) • Synaxis of the Gerontissa Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos (1948).

December 2, 2018 - Bulletin

Nativity Fast
Tone 2 of the Octoechos

27th Sunday After Pentecost
11th Sunday of Luke

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