

(There are no bulletin sponsors this week.)

Readings: **Ephesians 5:9-19** (26th Sunday after Pentecost)
Luke 18:18-27 (13th Sunday of Luke)

BRETHREN, the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

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."

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 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 started for the new school year.

Announcements:

- Today, **December 3rd**, all parish **children** are invited to help decorate our parish Christmas tree after the Divine Liturgy.
- **Next Sunday, December 10th**, **Archbishop Michael** will be visiting our parish. This coincides with our annual St. Nicholas Day celebration. The Sisterhood will be hosting a luncheon, the cost of which will be \$10 per adult attending, payable at the door. Please invite your family and friends to attend this special event of our parish!
- 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.

Prophet Zephaniah:

*You have been revealed by the Spirit of God to be brilliant, Prophet Zephaniah,
for you proclaimed the coming of God:*

“Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!

Proclaim Him, O Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to save mankind!”

Tone 4 – Kontakion

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Prophet Zephaniah

**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/12/03>

*We celebrate the memory
of Your prophet Zephaniah, O Lord;
through him we entreat You,
save our souls.*

Troparion – Tone 2

December 3, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias—635-605 B.C.) • Ven. Savva (Sabbas),
Abbot of Zvenigorod, disciple of Ven. Sergius of Radonezh (1406) • St.
Theodulus, Eparch of Constantinople (ca. 440) • Ven. John the Silent of St.
Sabbas’ Monastery (558) • Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria
(606) • Monastic Martyr Cosmas of St. Anne’s Skete (Mt. Athos)

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Tone 1 of the Octoechos.
Nativity Fast