

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

Kate Searfoorce on her birthday, offered with loved by her family.

Readings:

Ephesians 2:14-22 (24th Sunday after Pentecost)

[Galatians 5:22-26:6:1-2](#) (St Sabas)

Luke 17:12-19 (12th Sunday of Luke) *

[Matthew 11:27-30](#) (St Sabas)

Brethren, for he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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."

* The 11th Sunday of Luke is always read 2 Sundays before the Nativity, and that Sunday's reading from Luke is read on the 11th Sunday of Luke.

Sunday Service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Covid restrictions have been lifted, but those that are not fully vaccinated are still requested to wear a mask.

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.

Church School

Parents please note dates for December Sunday School: Dec 12th & 19th

Dates to remember: Today, Dec 5th - Tree decorating for parish children

Dec 12th - annual St. Nicholas Day party

Announcement:

- On **Christmas Eve**, Friday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 PM, we will celebrate the Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh.
- On **Theophany Eve**, Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022 6:30 PM, we will celebrate the Liturgy for Theophany and Great Blessing of Water.
- The Sisterhood is now accepting donations to help offset the cost of the luncheon for the Archbishop. If you wish to donate, please make checks out to the Sisterhood and leave them at the candlestand. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked 'Sisterhood luncheon.'
- 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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a sign up 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.

Venerable Savva the Sanctified:

*From your youth you were offered to God as a spotless sacrifice because of your virtue,
having been dedicated to Him before your birth, O blessed Savva.
You were an adornment of monastics and a praiseworthy citizen of the desert.
Therefore, we cry to you: "Hail, greatly renowned Father."*

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/12/05>

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Venerable Savva the Sanctified

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

www.oca.org/

*With the streams of your tears you cultivated the barrenness of the desert;
and by your sighs from the depths, you bore fruit a hundredfold in your labors.
You became a luminary, shining upon the world with miracles.
O our righteous Father Savva, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.*

Troparion – Tone 8

Today the Church remembers:

Ven. Savva the Sanctified (532). St. Gurias, Archbishop of Kazan' (1563). Martyr Anastasius. Ven. Karion (Cyrion) and his son, Ven. Zachariah, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Nectarius of Mt. Athos (1406). Ven. Philotheus of Karyes (Mt. Athos—14th c.). Monastic Martyrs of Karyes (Mt. Athos). St. Crispina (304). December 5, 2021

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24th Sunday after Pentecost

11th Sunday of Luke

Tone 7 of the [Octoechos](#)

Nativity Fast