

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

Jocelyn Corigliano, on her second birthday, offered with love by Grammy and Gramps

Kate Searfoorce on her birthday, requested with love by her family.

Aris, requested with love by his mother, Svetlana.

Readings:

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

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

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."

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 Father 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 meets every Sunday after Communion.**Announcements:**

- Today, Sunday **December 8th**, we will celebrate **St Nicholas Day** with a visit from St. Nicholas and other events for the children of the parish.
- We have been asked to support the **Clergy Fund** of our mother **Diocese of Sitka and Alaska**. For three weeks, our parish will be taking collections to help the priests who are making only \$7,200 a year. Today is the 2nd week. Please use the collection basket **this week, and next Sunday December 15th**.
- We will be celebrating the **Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ** in the Flesh with a Liturgy on **Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 am**.

Reminders:

- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- 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.

Venerable Patapius of Thebes:

*Finding your temple to be a place of spiritual healing,
people flocked to it eagerly, O Saint.
They seek to be healed of their diseases and to receive the remission of the sins
which they committed during their lives,
for you are seen as a protector of all those in need,
O Venerable Patapios.*

Kontakion – Tone 3

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/12/8>



Dear Diocesan Family:

Beginning today, December 1st, we challenge everyone to read one chapter from the Gospel according to Saint Luke each evening.

There are 24 chapters.

On Christmas Eve you will have read the whole account of Christ's life and wake up on Christmas morning knowing WHY we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please join us in this challenge!

Wishing everyone a blessed remainder of the Nativity Fast. We can't wait to see you in 2025!

In Christ,
Fr. Martin & Matushka Dennise Kraus
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Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
forever

Venerable Patapius of Thebes

*In following your divine calling from your youth,
you shone forth upon the world with the gift of your ascetical labors.
And as one made glorious by the grace of dispassion,
you healed diverse passions.
O Venerable Father Patapios,
entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.*

Tone 3 – Troparion

December 8, 2024

Today the Church remembers:

362 Martyrs of Africa (62 Clergy and 300 Laypeople) (475) ● Ven. Patapius of Thebes (8th c.) ● Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Chelmogorsk (1378) ● Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar, and Onesiphorus (1st c.) ● Martyr Anthusa, at Rome (5th c.)

24th Sunday after Pentecost

12th Sunday of Luke

Tone 7 of the [Octoechos](#)

Nativity Fast