

Bulletin sponsors for this week are for:

The health of:

Anthony Douglas on his reception into Orthodoxy
Andrea Prendergast, sister of Julie and M. Barbara, on her birthday, offered with love.
Claudia Searfoorce, on her birthday, offered with love by her family.

The memory of:

Andrew Koss, father of Julie and M. Barbara, offered with love.

Readings: **I Timothy 1:15-17** (*31st Sunday after Pentecost*)
Matthew 15:21-28 (*17th Sunday after Pentecost*)

BRETHREN, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

At that time, Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 meets every Sunday after Communion.

Announcements:

- 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!
- Our **Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioners** will be held on **Sunday February 25th**. The annual meeting of the parishioners is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, reports by the Rector and Council members, and for other business. Please email Andrew Romanofsky, the Council President, if you have an item that you want included on the agenda or if you plan to nominate someone for a Parish Council position.
- Dues and assessments are now being collected for the year 2024. Total Parish Membership is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.

Reminders:

- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- 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.)
- 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>
- 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.

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste:

*Godly shoot, unfading flower,
most fruitful branch of Christ the Vine, God-bearing Blaise,
fill with joy those who in faith honor your memory
as you unceasingly intercede for us all*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/02/11>

Why today's readings do not say "36th Sunday after Pentecost". It is because of the Nativity interruption and yearly adjustment.

From about two Sundays before Christmas, to the Sunday after the Theophany Adven-Nativity-Theophany readings interrupt the reading cycle. And after that, and before the Pre-Lenten Season, there is usually an adjustment to the cycle. Readings may be repeated or skipped depending on when Pascha fell the previous year and when it falls in the coming year. There are a different number of weeks between Pentecost and Lent each year.

On Zacchaeus Sunday, the Sunday before the Triodion begins, the apostolic reading for the 32nd Sunday after Pentecost, and the gospel reading for the 15th Sunday of Luke, is used. This is why readings may be skipped if needed. If readings need to be repeated, many churches just count backwards from this Sunday back to the Nativity–Theophany interruption. (This skipping or repeating of scripture readings does not change the cycle of Tones (Prokeimenon or Alleluia Verses).

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Attached Deacon



Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
forever

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste

February 11, 2024

*By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.*

*Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O
inspired one of God;*

*by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith,
even to the shedding of your blood.*

Hieromartyr Blaise, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Tone 4 – Troparion

Today the Church remembers:

Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (ca. 316) • Ven. Dimitri (Demetrios), Wonderworker of Priluki (Vologdá—1392) • Rt. Blv. Great Prince Vsevolod (in Baptism Gabriel), Wonderworker of Pskov (1138) • Righteous Theodora, wife of Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (ca. 867)

36th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 3 of the Octoechos.