Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:

For eternal memory of:

Anthony Daniel Jankowski, offered by his parents, Linda and Paul Joseph Sheehan, Father of Maribeth Romanofsky, offered by Maribeth and Andy

Mary, mother of Bill Kuzemchak, offered by Bill and MaryAnn

Readings:

- Colossians 3:12-16
- Matthew 25:14-30

BRETHREN, put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

The Lord said this parable: "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saving, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:00 PM

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AMDivine Liturgy - 10:00 AM(Private Confession - Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)(General Confession - 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month.)(Pannikhidas - after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School – 9:30 AM No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

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:

- There will be a meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Theotokos today after coffee hour.
- The **annual parish meeting of the parishioners** will be Sunday **February 10, 2013** right after coffee hour. 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 contact Holly Dawson, the Council President, if you have an item that you wish to be included on the agenda or if you plan to nominate someone for a Parish Council position. All members of the parish are invited to attend. (Only parishioners who are "voting members" can be nominated to Parish Council positions.)
- On February 22, 2013 the teens of Holy Resurrection Church, 285 French Hill Rd, Wayne NJ, are hosting a "Youth Night" Teen Gathering at 7:00 pm. Info or RSVP (973)696-6572 or office@heisrisen. You are invited! Games!!! Food!!! Fun!!!

Special Announcements:

- Dues and assessments are being collected for the year 2013, Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. (2012 Membership Fee payments can still be made, in order to be a "voting member" this year.)
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.
- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: <u>Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org</u>

Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple:

Yesterday, the Church commemorated an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses, a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous **Elder Simeon** (who the Church remembers today) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, St Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and St Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel". St Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed".

Also at the Temple, was the 84-year-old widow **Anna the Prophetess** (also remembered today by the Church), daughter of Phanuel, who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when St Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem.

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.



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Glory Forever

Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. Enlightening those who sat in darkness! Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder; You accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.

Troparion - Meeting

Today the Church remembers:

Afterfeast of the Meeting ● Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess ● Rt. Blv. Prince Roman of Uglich (1285) ● Prophet Azariah (2 Chronicles 15th-10th c. B.C.) ● Martyrs Papias, Diodorus and Claudianus, at Perge in Pamphylia (250) ● Martyrs Adrian and Eubulus, at Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 308-309) ● Martyr Blaise of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 308-309)

February 3, 2013

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Glory to

Jesus Christ

35th Sunday after Pentecost