

**Bulletin sponsors for this week are for:**

**The health of:**

**Nicole** Zimmerman, on her birthday, offered with love by (Godmother) Aunt Tammy, Nicholas, & Elizabeth

**The memory of:**

**Joseph**, father of Maribeth, offered by the Romanofsky family

**Walter**, father of Andrew, offered by the Romanofsky family

**Readings:** **Colossians 3:12-16** (*30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Matthew 25:14-30** (*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

**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. 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, saying, '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.'

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** will have a **meeting today, February 4**, after coffee hour.
- 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 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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.

**Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple :**

*By Your birth, You sanctified a virginal womb,  
and fittingly You blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God;*

*even now You have saved us by anticipation.*

*Grant peace to Your faithful people whom You have loved, O only Lover of mankind.*

Kontakion – Tone 1

**Venerable Isidore of Pelusium:**

*In your wisdom you adorned the Church of Christ gloriously with your many  
homilies,*

*O Venerable Isidore,*

*you were purified by abstinence, great deeds, and divine vision,  
and you shone forth in the world.*

*By your words, O Father, we are guided and initiated into a more excellent life.*

Troparion – Tone 4

*Finding you to be another morning star, O glorious one,*

*the Church is illumined by the brilliance of your words,*

*and she cries out to you: "Rejoice, most blessed and godly-minded Isidore."*

Kontakion – Tone 4

**To read about the saints remembered today, see:**

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/02/04>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: [www.oca.org/](http://www.oca.org/)

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
forever**

Afterfeast of the Meeting of our Lord in the  
Temple

**February 4, 2024**

*Hail, Virgin Theotokos, full of grace;*

*for from you has shone forth the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,  
giving light those in darkness.*

*Be glad, O righteous Elder;*

*for you received in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,*

*Who bestows upon us resurrection.*

Tone 1 – Troparion

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Afterfeast of the Meeting** • Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 436-440) • Rt. Blv. George, Great Prince of Vladimir (1238) • Ven. Kirill (Cyril) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Novoezersk (Novgorod—1532) • Ven. Abraham and Coprius, of Pechenga (Vologdá—15<sup>th</sup> c.) • Martyr Jadorus (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) • Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria (ca. 344-347) • Ven. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion (868)

35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 2 of the Octoechos.