

Bulletin sponsors this week are:**For the health of:**

Tamara Zimmerman on her birthday, offered by her family, with love.

Lisa Dantine on her birthday, offered by her family, with love.

Aris, Svetlana, Elizabet and Svetlana, requested by Svetlana.

Tatsiana DaGrosa on her birthday, offered by her family.

Memory of:

Olga Romanofsky, offered by Andrew and Maribeth.

Our brother **Stephen**, offered by Linda and Richard.

Lioubov, requested with love by her daughter, Svetlana.

Readings:

Ephesians 4:7-13 (*Sunday After the Theophany*)

Matthew 4:12-17 (*Sunday After the Theophany*)

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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:**

- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2025. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200 per person. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- The next meeting of the **parish council** will be on **Sunday, January 19th**, after coffee hour.
- **On Sunday February 9th**, we will have our **annual parish meeting after Divine Liturgy**. 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.

Reminders:

- **The long awaited chairlift is now installed and working on the side steps of our church.** Thanks to all who have helped make this happen.
- **Reminder:** Your **weekly donation** to the parish goes a long way! This is how parish expenses such as electric, gas, insurance, salaries, etc are paid. Please be mindful of this as you make your donations! Thank you!
- The **Sisterhood** would like to **remind** everyone that one of their main sources of income is the weekly **coffee hour donation** box. The Sisterhood pays for all kitchen expenses such as coffee and related items, plates and silverware, in addition to making contributions to the needs of the parish. The Sisterhood recently covered the expense of the chairlift for over \$9000. Please be generous when donating to the coffee hour box!
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to:** **Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- 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. A **Venmo account** can also be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- **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 Theophany:

Today is the sixth day of the Afterfeast of Theophany. Divine grace shines forth so that we might be freed from the power of the devil, and cleansed of our sins in Baptism.

“He who once assumed the appearance of a malignant serpent and implanted death in the creation, is now cast into darkness by Christ’s coming in the flesh....” (Ode 3, second Canon at Matins).

“Through the Spirit and by the grace that comes through water, He grants a new birth to all who acknowledge His divinity, delivering them from their faults” (Ode 6, first Canon at Matins).

*Today You have shown forth to the world, O Lord,
and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.
Knowing You, we sing Your praises.
You have come and revealed Yourself,
O unapproachable Light.*

Kontakion — Tone 3

Martyr Tatiana of Rome:

*In your sufferings you shone brightly
in the royal purple of your blood,
and like a beautiful dove you flew to heaven,
passion-bearer Tatiana.
Therefore, always pray for those who honor you!*

Kontakion - Tone 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/01/12>

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*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
forever*

Sunday after Theophany

*When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest
for the voice of the Father bore witness to You
and called You His beloved Son.*

*And the Spirit, in the form of a dove,
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ, our God, You have revealed Yourself
and have enlightened the world, glory to You!*

Tone 1 — Troparion

January 12, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

Afterfeast of the Theophany • Sunday after Theophany • Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (226-235) • Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1483) • Martyr Mertius of Mauretania (284-305) • Martyr Peter Apselamus of Palestine (309-310) • Ven. Eupraxia of Tabenna, in Egypt (393) • The “AKATHIST” and “THE MILKGIVER” Icons of the Mother of God • Icon of the Mother of God, the “Priestly” • Virgin Martyrs Neollina, Domnina, and Parthena (1375)

29th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday after Theophany

Tone 4 of the [Octoechos](#)