

Bulletin sponsors for 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.

The memory of:

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

Readings: **Ephesians 6:10-17** (*Saturday After the Theophany*)
Luke 18:35-43 (*14th Sunday of Luke*)

BRETHREN, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

At that time, as he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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** of the Protection of the Mother of God will have their **next meeting on Sunday, January 21st** after Divine Liturgy.
- The next **meeting of the parish council** will be Sunday **January 28th** 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 25th**.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Please pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

Reminders:

- 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.

Leavetaking of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

God Is With Us - The consecration of the waters on the feast of the Theophany places the entire creation – through its “prime element” of water – in the perspective of the cosmic sanctification and glorification of the Kingdom of God brought to the world by Christ and the Spirit. The Great Blessing of Water tells us that man and the world were indeed created and saved to be “filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:19), the “fullness of him who fills all in all.” (Ephesians 1:22) It tells us that Christ, in Whom “the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,” is and shall be truly “all in all.” (Colossians 2:9, 3:11) It tells us as well that the “new heavens and the new earth” which God has promised through His prophets and apostles are truly “with us”-for God is with us – already now in the mystery of Christ and the Church. (Isaiah 66:22, 2 Peter 3:13, Revelation 21:1)

Thus the sanctification and drinking and sprinkling of water on the Feast of the Lord’s Epiphany is no pagan ritual. It arises from the depths of the biblical and churchly faith and experience of the People of God as the expression of its most central doctrine. It proclaims and it celebrates the deepest conviction and vision of the Christian Faith that man and his world have the vocation and destiny “to be filled with all the fullness of God.”

*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.*

Tone 4 – Kontakion

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/01/14>

To read about the feast of Theophany, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/01/06/100106-feast-of-the-theophany-of-our-lord-and-savior-jesus-christ>

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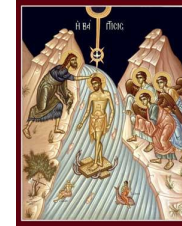
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Attached Deacon

**Glory to
Jesus Christ****Glory
forever**

Leavetaking of the Theophany of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ

*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!*

Troparion – Tone 1

January 14, 2024**Today the Church remembers:**

Leavetaking of the Theophany • St. Savva I, first Archbishop of Serbia (1237) • The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu: Isaiah, Savva, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others (4th-5th c.) • St. Nina (Nino), Equal-to-the-Apostles, Enlightener of the Georgians (355) • St. Joseph Analytinus of Raithu (4th c.) • Ven. Theodulus, son of Ven. Nilus of Sinai (5th c.) • Ven. Stephen, Abbot of Khenolakkos Monastery near Chalcedon (8th c.) • Saint Meletios, Bishop of Ryazan (19th c.) • Hieromartyr Platon, the first Bishop of Estonia, and all the New Martyrs of Estonia (1869)

32nd Sunday after Pentecost
Leavetaking of the Theophany

Tone 7 of the Octoechos.