

**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  
**Alex Guedes**, who is hospitalized, and his family, offered by the parish

**Memory of:**

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

**Readings:**

**I Timothy 1:15-17** (*31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Luke 18:18-27** (*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*)

**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**, a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said, “All these I have observed from my youth.” And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” But he said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

**Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM</b> on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession -</b> by appointment, contact Fr Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas –</b> after Divine Liturgy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month	

Mask wearing in church is now optional. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

**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.**

**Church School is now meeting every week after Communion.****Announcements:**

- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- We are taking Collections for the Diocese of Alaska as we did last Sunday. Read more about it at: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/oca-parishes-to-take-collection-for-the-diocese-of-alaska>
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- There will be a meeting of the **parish council** on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour.
- The **Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will have a meeting on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> after Liturgy.
- Our **Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioners** will be held in February. 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 2023. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.

**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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- 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.

**Venerable Paul of Thebes:**

*Today we gather and praise you with hymns as an unwaning ray of the spiritual Sun;  
for you shine on those in the darkness of ignorance,  
leading all mankind to the heights, venerable Paul,  
adornment of Thebes and firm foundation of the fathers and ascetics*

Kontakion – Tone 3

**Venerable John Calabytes “the Hut-Dweller”:**

*From your early youth,  
you longed with fervor for the things of the Lord.  
Leaving the world and its pleasures,  
you became an example of monastic life.*

*Most blessed John, you built your hut at the door of your parents’ house and overcame  
the devil’s guiles.*

*Therefore Christ Himself has worthily glorified you.*

Troparion – Tone 4

*Longing for poverty in imitation of Christ,  
you abandoned your parents’ wealth, wise Father John;  
grasping the Gospel in your hands,  
you followed Christ God, unceasingly praying for us all.*

Kontakion - Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/01/15>

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Venerable Paul of Thebes

**Christ is  
baptized!**

**In the  
Jordan!**

*Inspired by the Spirit,  
you were the first to dwell in the desert in emulation of Elijah the zealot;  
as one who imitated the angels,  
you were made known to the world by Saint Anthony the Great.  
Righteous Paul, entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.*

Troparion – Tone 3

**January 15, 2023**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) • John Calabytes (“the Hut-dweller” - 5<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251) • Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11<sup>th</sup> c.)**

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 6 of the Octoechos.