

Bulletin Sponsors this week for the:**Health of:**

Irene Malinchak, sister of Bill Kuzemchak

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

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

Aris on his birthday, offered by Svetlana.

Svetlana, Elizabet, and Svetlana, offered by Svetlana.

Memory of:

Our brother Stephen, offered by Linda and Richard Dantine

Liubov, offered by Svetlana.

Readings: **Colossians 3:12-16** (*30th Sunday after Pentecost*)
Luke 18:18-27 (*13th Sunday of Luke*)

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.

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 Service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

With the increase in COVID cases, it has been requested that we wear masks in Church, (and during Coffee Hour when held)

Coffee hour

While our diocese is experiencing an unprecedented COVID surge due to the omicron variant, coffee hour will temporarily not be held.

Church School

Sunday school will be temporarily suspended due to the current increase in virus cases. Check back here for announcements on when classes will resume.

Announcement:

- Our **Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioners** was to be held in February. It will be postponed until March. Watch this space. 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 2022. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- 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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-Glorious Apostle Peter:

In about the year 42, on the orders of Herod Agrippa, the Apostle Peter was thrown into prison for preaching about Christ the Savior. In prison he was held secure by two iron chains. During the night before his trial, an angel of the Lord removed these chains from the Apostle Peter and led him out from the prison (Acts 12:1-11).

Christians who learned of the miracle took the chains and kept them as precious keepsakes. For three centuries the chains were kept in Jerusalem, and those who were afflicted with illness and approached them with faith received healing. Patriarch Juvenal (July 2) presented the chains to Eudokia, wife of the emperor Theodosius the Younger, and she in turn transferred them from Jerusalem to Constantinople in either the year 437 or 439.

Eudokia sent one chain to Rome to her daughter Eudoxia (the wife of Valentinian), who built a church on the Esquiline hill dedicated to the Apostle Peter and placed the chain in it. There were other chains in Rome, with which the Apostle Peter was shackled before his martyrdom under the emperor Nero. These were also placed in the church.

On January 16, the chains of Saint Peter are brought out for public veneration.

*Christ the Rock radiantly glorifies the Rock of Faith,
the first-enthroned of the disciples;
He calls us to honor the miracles wrought through Peter's chains,
so that He may grant us forgiveness of our sins.*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/01/16>

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**Christ is in
our midst!**

**He is and
ever shall be!**

Veneration of the Precious Chains of the
Holy and All-Glorious Apostle Peter

*You came to us without leaving Rome
through the precious chains that you wore.*

First-enthroned of the apostles,

we bow down to them in faith and pray:

“Through your prayers to God grant us great mercy.”

Troparion – Tone 4

January 16, 2022

Today the Church remembers:

Afterfeast of the Theophany • Sunday after Theophany • Martyr Polyeuktos of Melitēnē in Armenia (259) • Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1570) • Prophet Shemaiah (Samaia, Semeias—^{3[4]}Kings 12:22—10th c. B.C.) • St. Peter, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia (4th c.) • St. Eustratius the Wonderworker (9th c.)

30th Sunday after Pentecost
(13th Sunday of Luke)

Tone 5 of the [Octoechos](#)