

**Bulletin sponsors for this week are for:****The health of:**

**Richard Dantine, Jr.** on his birthday, offered by his family, with love.

**Aris, Svetlana, Elizabet, Svetlana**, offered by Svetlana.

**The memory of:**

Newly departed **Susan Bodulow**, offered by Luba Bodulow, ([obituary](#))

Mother-**Maria** and Brother-**Eugene**, offered by Liz Pastore.

**Lioubov, Ivan**, offered by Svetlana.

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**Readings:** **Colossians 1:12-18** (*33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Matthew 22:1-14** (*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

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**BRETHREN**, Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

**The Lord said this parable:** “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**Sunday Services:**

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| <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 |                                  |

**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 meet** today, **January 21<sup>st</sup>** after Divine Liturgy.
- The next **meeting of the parish council** will be Sunday **January 28<sup>th</sup>** 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>**.
- 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](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.

**Venerable Maximus the Confessor:**

*Let us the faithful fittingly praise the lover of the Trinity,  
the great Maximus who taught the God-inspired faith,  
that Christ is to be glorified in His two natures, wills, and energies;  
and let us cry to him: "Rejoice, herald of the faith."*

Tone 8 – Kontakion

To read about the saints remembered today, see:  
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/01/21>

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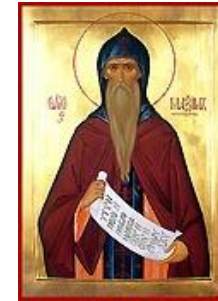
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**Dn. Edward Dawson**

Attached Deacon

**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**



**Glory  
forever**

Venerable Maximus the Confessor

*Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,  
enlightener of the universe and adornment of hierarchs:  
all-wise father Maximus, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.  
Intercede before Christ God to save our souls.*

Troparion – Tone 8

**January 21, 2024**

**Today the Church remembers:**

- Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662) • Martyr Neophytus of Nicæa (303-305) •
- Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila, at Trebizond (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) • Virgin
- Martyr Agnes of Rome (ca. 304) • Martyr Anastasius, disciple of Ven. Maximus the
- Confessor (662) • Venerable Neóphytos of Vatopaidi (Mt. Athos) • Ven. Maxim
- the Greek (1556)

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33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 8 of the Octoechos.