

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

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

Readings:

I Timothy 1:15-17 (31st Sunday after Pentecost)

Romans 8:28-39 (New Martyrs)

Luke 18:35-43 (14th Sunday of Luke)

Luke 21.8-19 (New Martyrs)

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, 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 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.

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia:

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

*Today the New Martyrs of Russia stand in white robes before the Lamb of God,
and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory:
"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor,
and power, and strength be to our God
unto the ages of ages. Amen."*

Kontakion — Tone 3

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/01/23>

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**Christ is in
our midst!****He is and
ever shall be!**

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

*Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus,
praising her New Martyrs and Confessors;
hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses,
venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians.
Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution,
they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood.
By their protection, O long-suffering Lord,
preserve our land in Orthodoxy until the end of the age.*

Troparion — Tone 4

January 23, 2022**Today the Church remembers:**

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus (312). Ven. Gennádii of Kostromá (1565). Translation of the relics of St. Theóctist, Archbishop of Novgorod (1786). Ven. Mausimas the Syrian (4th c.). Ven. Salamanēs the Silent of the Euphrates (ca. 400). St. Paulinus the Merciful, Bishop of Nola (431). Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council (680-681).
31st Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 6 of the [Octoechos](#)
(14th Sunday of Luke)