

Bulletin sponsors this week are:

For the health of:

Mat. **Holly** on her birthday, requested by her family. Happy 75th!

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

[Romans 8:28-39](#) (*New Martyrs*)

Readings:

Matthew 15:21-28 (*Canaanite woman*)

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, Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 Father 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:

- **Dues and assessments** are now being collected for the year 2025. Total Parish Membership Fee is \$200 per person. Partial payments are gladly accepted. Please indicate on the check that it is to be applied to Membership.
- **On Sunday, February 9th, we will have our annual parish meeting after Divine Liturgy.** The annual meeting of the parishioners is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, reports by February 23rd, Meatfare Sunday the Rector and Council members, and for other business.
- Upcoming events: **Sunday, February 23rd, Meatfare Sunday** luncheon after Divine Liturgy. **Sunday, March 2nd, Cheesefare Sunday** luncheon after Divine Liturgy. Cost of both luncheons will be \$10 per adult over 12 years old. A sign-up sheet will be posted downstairs for anyone wishing to contribute food items for either luncheon.

Reminders:

- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- 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. A **Venmo account** can also be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- **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.

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.

*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

Saint Vladimir, Metropolitan of Kiev and Gallich:

In our church, rest relics of our father among the saints, the holy New Martyr Metropolitan Vladimir (Bogoyavlensky) of Kiev and Gallich, the first bishop to be tortured and slain by the Communists at the time of the Russian Revolution. (also remembered on January 25th)

(<https://churchmotherofgod.org/articles/metropolitan-vladimir-of-kiev/>)

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/01/26>

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*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
forever*

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.*

Tone 4 – Troparion

January 26, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia • Ven. Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople (5th-6th c.) • Translation of the Relics of Ven. Theodore, Abbot of Studion (845) • St. Xenophon of Robeika (1262) • Martyrs Ananias—Presbyter, Peter, and seven soldiers, in Phœnicia (284-305) • St. Simeon “the Ancient” of Mt. Sinai (ca. 390) • St. Joseph, Bishop of Thessalonica, brother of St. Theodore of Studion (830) • Rt. Blv. David (Dató) III, King of Iberia and Abkhazia (Georgia—1125)

31st Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6 of the [Octoechos](#)