

No Bulletin Sponsors for this week.

Readings: **I Timothy 1:15-17** (*31st Sunday after Pentecost - repeat **)
[Hebrews 13:7-16](#) (*Hierarchs*)
Matthew 15:21-28 (*17th Sunday after Pentecost **)
[Matthew 5:14-19](#) (*Hierarchs*)

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.

* **Nativity interruption and yearly adjustment** - From about two Sundays before Christmas, to the Sunday after the Theophany, Advent-Nativity-Theophany, readings interrupt the cycle. And after that, and before the Pre-Lenten Season, there is usually an adjustment to the cycle. Readings may be repeated or skipped depending on when Pascha fell the previous year and when it falls in the coming year. On Zacchaeus Sunday, the Sunday before the Triodion begins, the apostolic reading for the 32nd Sunday after Pentecost, and the gospel reading for the 15th Sunday of Luke, is used. This is where readings may be skipped if needed. If readings need to be repeated, many churches just count backwards from this Sunday back to the Nativity-Theophany interruption. The adjustment of returning to Matthew readings after the Luken Jump also happens near this time. (This skipping or repeating of scripture readings does not change the cycle of Tones (Prokeimenon or Alleluia Verses).

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. 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.

Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom:

Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom: During the eleventh century, disputes raged in Constantinople about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. Some preferred Saint Basil (January 1), others honored Saint Gregory the Theologian (January 25), while a third group exalted Saint John Chrysostom (November 13).

Dissension among Christians increased. Some called themselves Basilians, others referred to themselves as Gregorians, and others as Johnites.

By the will of God, the three hierarchs appeared to Saint John the Bishop of Euchaita (June 14) in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God. "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another."

They ordered that the disputes should stop, and that their common commemoration should be celebrated on a single day. Bishop John chose January 30 for their joint Feast, thus ending the controversy and restoring peace.

*O Lord, You have received the Holy and God-proclaiming heralds,
the crown of Your Teachers,
for the enjoyment of Your good things and for repose;
for You have accepted their sufferings and labors above every sacrifice,
for You alone glorify Your Saints.*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/01/30>

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**Christ is
in our
midst!**

**He is and
ever shall
be!**

Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

Let us who love their words come together, honoring with hymns, the three greatest luminaries of the Three-Sunned divinity:

Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, together with the renowned John Chrysostom, of golden speech.

*They have illumined the entire world with the rays of divine doctrines;
they are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom,
who with divine knowledge have watered all of creation with clear streams;
for they always intercede with the Trinity for us.*

Troparion – Tone 1

January 30, 2022

Today the Church remembers:

Synaxis of the Ecumenical Teachers and Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom • Hieromartyr Hippolytus, and those with him (268-270) • Ven. Zenon the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.) • Ven. Zeno, Hermit, of Antioch, disciple of St. Basil the Great (5th c.) • Martyr Theophilus the New in Cyprus (784). Rt. Blv. Petar (Peter), King of Bulgaria (967) • The "TINOS" Icon of the Mother of God (1823)

32nd Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 7 of the [Octoechos](#)