

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

Parents and grandparents, **Linda and Richard** Dantine, offered with love by their family.

The memory of:

Olga Romanofsky, offered by Maribeth and Andrew.

Ephesians 4:7-13 (*Sunday After the Theophany*)

[Acts:1-8 19](#) (*Forerunner*)

Readings:

Matthew 4:12-17 (*Sunday After the Theophany*)

[John 1:29-34](#) (*Forerunner*)

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

[Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7](#) (*Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ*)

[I Corinthians 10:1-4](#) (*Blessing of Water*)

Other**Readings:**

[Matthew 3:13-17](#) (*Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ*)

[Mark 1:9-11](#) (*Blessing of Water*)

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 Fr 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:**

- Today, we will be celebrating the Holy Day of Theophany and Blessing of water. Please bring a container to take Holy Water home with you.
- The **Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God will have their **next meeting on Sunday, January 21st** after Divine Liturgy.
- The next **meeting on the parish council** will be Sunday **January 28th** 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.
- Our **Annual Parish Meeting of the Parishioners** will be held **February 25th**.
- 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**
- **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.

Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

*Today You have shown forth to the world, O Lord,
and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us.
Knowing You, we sing Your praises.
You have come and revealed Yourself,
O unapproachable Light.*

Tone 4 – Kontakion

Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John:

*The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise,
but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner.
You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets,
for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they
foretold.
Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy,
you proclaimed to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh,
who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.*

Troparion – Tone 2

*The river Jordan trembled and was driven back filled with fear at Your coming in the
flesh,
while John drew back in awe as he fulfilled the ministry of a prophet.
The ranks of angels stood amazed,
when they beheld You in the flesh being baptized in the streams.
And we, who were in darkness, are filled with light as we praise You,
who have appeared to enlighten all.*

Kontakion – Tone 6

To read about the saints remembered today, see:<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/01/07>**To read about the feast of Theophany , see:**<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/01/06/100106-feast-of-the-theophany-of-our-lord-and-savior-jesus-christ>

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ****Glory
forever**

Afterfeast of the Theophany of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ

*When You, O Lord were baptized in the Jordan
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest
for the voice of the Father bore witness to You
and called You His beloved Son.*

*And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ, our God, You have revealed Yourself
and have enlightened the world, glory to You!*

Troparion – Tone 1

January 7, 2024**Today the Church remembers:**

**Afterfeast of the Theophany • Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet,
Forerunner and Baptist John • Sunday after Theophany**

31st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday after Theophany

Tone 6 of the Octoechos.