

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

**Elizabeth and Vincent** Turpin on their anniversary, offered with love by their family.

**The memory of:**

**Andrew and Olga** Koss offered with love by M. Barbara, Julie and Andrea.

**Romans 5:1-10** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

[Hebrews 13:7-16](#) (Fathers)

**Readings:**

**Matthew 6:22-33** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

[John 17:1-13](#) (Fathers)

**Brethren**, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man — though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

**The Lord said**, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

**Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month</b>	
<b>Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month</b>	

**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 has ended for the summer.****Announcements:**

- There will be a **meeting** of the **parish council** next Sunday, **July 21**, after coffee hour.
- **Archbishop Michael will be visiting our parish on Sunday, July 28.**  
Please invite your family and friends to welcome our Archbishop that day! The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a luncheon to honor His Eminence. The cost of the luncheon will be \$10 per adult (13 years and up). Tickets are now available for purchase, please see Maribeth Romanofsky. A sign-up sheet for food donations for the luncheon is posted in the community room.

**Reminders:**

- 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!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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. Or a **Venmo account** 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.

**Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils:**

The Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Councils is a feast held, by those following the *Slavic Typikon*, on the Sunday falling from July 13 to 19 (the churches following the *Typikon of the Great Church* celebrate only the Fourth Ecumenical Council on this Sunday).

The Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils are honored by the Church because, based upon the preaching of the Apostles, they have established one faith for the Church. Guided by the grace of the Holy Spirit and accepted by the Church, the Ecumenical Councils are the highest canonical and dogmatic authority in the Church.

The Fathers of the First Six Councils are also commemorated on other days of the liturgical year:

- **The Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, Nicea I**, are commemorated on May 29 and also on the seventh Sunday after Pascha.
- **The Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council, Constantinople I**, are commemorated on May 22.
- **The Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council, Ephesus**, are commemorated on September 9.
- **The Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council Chalcedon**, are commemorated on July 16 (on the Sunday falling July 13-19 according to the *Typikon of the Great Church*).
- **The Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council, Constantinople II**, are commemorated on July 25.
- **The Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council, Constantinople III**, are commemorated on January 23.

**The Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, Nicea II**, are commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11 and not with this feast.

*The preaching of the Apostles and the dog-mas of the Fathers have confirmed one faith for the Church;*

*and She, clad in the garment of truth woven from heavenly theology, teaches aright and glorifies the great mystery of piety.*

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/07/14>

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Fathers of the First Six Councils

Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory  
forever

*You are most glorious, O Christ our God,  
You have established the Fathers as lights upon the earth,  
and through them, You have guided all of us to the true Faith!  
O greatly compassionate one, glory to You.*

Tone 8 – Troparion

**July 14, 2024**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Six Ecumenical Councils** ● Apostle Aquila of the Seventy (1<sup>st</sup> c.) ● Ven. Stephen, Abbot of Mákhreshche (Vologdá—1406) ● Martyr Justus at Rome (1<sup>st</sup> c.) ● Ven. Ellius (Hellius), of Egypt (4<sup>th</sup> c.) ● Ven. Onesimus of Magnesia (4<sup>th</sup> c.) ● Repose of Ven. Nikodemos the Hagiorite (1809)

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

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