

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

Luba Bodulow, who is hospitalized, offered by her parish family.

David and **Kate** Searfoorce on their Anniversary, requested with love by their family

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

Memory of

Olga Koss, mother of Julie Mongan and M. Barbara, requested with love from their family

Grigore, Grandfather of Iana.

Romans 10:1-10 (*5th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Hebrews 13:7-16 (*Fathers*)

Readings:

Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 (*5th Sunday after Pentecost*)

John 17:1-13 (*Fathers*)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and

when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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 3 rd Sunday of each month	

Mask wearing in church is optional for vaccinated persons.

Those who are unvaccinated should continue to mask up.

Thank you for caring about your fellow parishioners!

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.

Church School is presently on summer hiatus.**Announcements:**

- We will celebrate a **Pannikhida for Grigore** today after the Liturgy.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.**
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on July 31st after coffee hour.

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.

Fathers of the First Six Councils:

Today is the Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) "Concerning the Three Chapters," was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

The preaching of the Apostles and the dog-mas of the Fathers sealed the one Faith of the Church;

*and clad in the garment of truth woven of theology from on high,
it teaches aright and glorifies the great mystery of piety.*

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/07/17>

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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..*

Troparion – Tone 8

July 17, 2022

Today the Church remembers:

Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils • Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.) • Ven. Irenarchus, Abbot of Solovétsky Monastery (1628) • Translation of the Relics of Ven. Lazarus of Mt. Galesius near Ephesus. Royal Passionbearers Tsar Nicholas (Nikolai), Tsaritsa Alexandra, Tsarevich Aleksy, Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia (1918—July 4th O.S.)

5th Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 4 of the Octoechos.