

The bulletin is sponsored this week for:**The health of:**

Fr. Deacon Ed for healing and quick recovery, from our parish family.

Elizabeth and **Vinny** Turpin on their anniversary, requested with love from their family.

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

The memory of:

Olga Koss, mother of Matushka Barbara and Julie Mongan, on the anniversary of her passing.

Readings: Romans 6:18-23 (*4th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Matthew 8:5-13 (*4th Sunday after Pentecost*)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, we have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

Sunday Service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

We will no longer be taking temperatures when you enter the Church and signing up for services is no longer necessary. Services are open to all. Those that are not fully vaccinated are still requested to wear a mask.

Church School

Church School will be returning in September.

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

Announcement:

- There will be a **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God**, on Sunday August 1st after the Liturgy. The resumption of coffee hour will be discussed.
- Our church's air conditioner has been replaced. The \$8,243.00 cost of the system was covered by funds in our building fund. The council is asking for donations to our building fund to replenish the money so that we can be prepared for upcoming emergencies. Thank you to everyone that can help.
- Donations are also being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- If you are unable to attend church, 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.

Reminders:

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via email to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer in time to get it into the bulletin.
- 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 1st Six Ecumenical Council:

The Sunday of the Fathers of the First Six Councils is a feast held the Sunday falling from July 13 to 19. 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.

In the Ninth Article of the Nicea-Constantinople Symbol of Faith proclaimed by the holy Fathers of the First and Second Ecumenical Councils, we confess our faith in “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” By virtue of the catholic nature of the Church, an Ecumenical Council is the Church’s supreme authority, and possesses the competence to resolve major questions of church life. An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the “oikumene” (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world).

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 St 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 Church venerates the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils because Christ has established them as “lights upon the earth,” guiding us to the true Faith.

*The preaching of the Apostles
and the dogmas 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 48

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/07/18>

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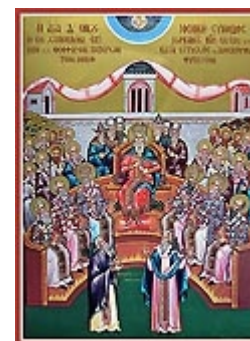
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Fathers of the First Six Councils

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

Today the Church remembers:

Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils • Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria (363). Martyr Hyacinth of Amastridea (4th c.) • Ven. John the Long-suffering of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1160 • Ven. Pambo, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.) • Ven. Pambo, Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.) • Monastic Martyrs Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Barbara (1918—July 5th O.S.) • The “TOLGA” Icon of the Mother of God (1314)

July 18, 20214th Sunday after Pentecost**Tone 3 of the Octoechos**