

**Bulletin sponsors this week are for:**

**The Health of:**

**Mat. Barbara** on her birthday, from Fr. Dn. Edward and Mat. Holly. Wishing you Many More Years!

**Rich and Lisa** on their anniversary, offered by their family, with love

**Elizabeth Zimmerman** in her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, offered with love by her family.

**The Memory of:**

Our mother, **Ann**, offered by Linda and Richard.

**Readings:** **Romans 15:1-7** (*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Matthew 9:27-35** (*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Brethren**, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

**At that time**, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

**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</b>	
<b>Pannikhidas – 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:**

- The Sisterhood will be holding a food drive to benefit a local food pantry. Please see the listing downstairs of needed items. All donations will be welcomed!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- 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.)
- 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.
- Prospora (bread) is again available at the candle stand for a donation of \$2. The faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of health and salvation for the living and for the repose of the departed servants of God. (Prospora should be purchased at least a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)

**Icon of the Mother of God “the Joy of All who Sorrow” (with coins) in St. Petersburg:**

On July 23, the Church commemorates the Icon of the Mother of God, Joy of All Who Sorrow of St. Petersburg, Russia. This icon was glorified in the year 1888 in St. Petersburg, when during the time of a terrible thunderstorm lightning struck in a chapel. All was burned or singed, except for this icon of the Queen of Heaven. It was knocked to the floor, and the poor box broke open at the same time. Somehow, twelve small coins (half-kopeck pieces), became attached to the icon. A church was built in 1898 on the site of the chapel.

The design of this icon depicts the Theotokos, a most beautiful blossom of heaven, standing among the flowers of paradise. Her Son is visible above her in the clouds, the King of heaven and earth. Along both sides of the icon, framing the Mother of God, are suppliants asking for her intercession. She stands with her arms spread open and her head tilted as if listening. The tenderness and kindness of a loving mother are evident in her face. She stands in paradise and yet among us.

Also, on [October 24](#), the Church commemorates the Icon of the Mother of God, Joy of All Who Sorrow. A woman named Euphymia (sister of Patriarch Joachim) received healing from sickness after obeying a voice telling her to find this icon and have the priest celebrate a Molieben with a blessing of the waters. This miracle occurred on October 24, 1688.

On November 19, a third icon of similar name and design is commemorated.

*Let all of us, priests and monks, men, women, and children, the healthy and the sick,  
turn in repentance to the ever-flowing fountain of mercy,  
the Most Pure Virgin Theotokos, crying out and humbly saying,  
"O Sovereign Lady, help your sinful servants,  
as your glory is revealed, be ever merciful to us,  
and entreat the purification of our souls and bodies from the Fountain of our life,  
the God to Whom you gave birth, O only Blessed One."*

Troparion – Tone 8

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/07/23>

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Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory  
forever

Icon of the Mother of God “the Joy of All who Sorrow” (with coins) in St. Petersburg

*We have no other help, we have no other hope, but you, O Lady.*

*Help us, for in you we hope,*

*and of you we boast, for we are your servants.*

*Let us not be put to shame.*

Kontakion – Tone 6

**July 23, 2023**

**Today the Church remembers:**

Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia (4<sup>th</sup> c.) • Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna (ca. 75) • **Icon of the Mother of God, “THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW” (with coins) in St. Petersburg (1888)**

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6 of the Octoechos.