

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

Fr. Deacon Ed for healing and quick recovery, from our parish family.
Maribeth and **Andrew Romanofsky** on their 40th wedding anniversary.

The memory of:

Memory of our mother **Ann**, offered by Linda and Richard Dantine.

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

[Galatians 4:22-31](#) (*St. Anna*)

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

[Luke 8:16-21](#) (*Saint Anna*)

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 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** next 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.

Dormition of the Righteous Anna, the Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos:

Saint Anna was the daughter of the priest Matthan and his wife Mary. She was of the tribe of Levi and the lineage of Aaron. According to Tradition, she died peacefully in Jerusalem at age 79, before the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos.

During the reign of Saint Justinian the Emperor (527-565), a church was built in her honor at Deutera. Emperor Justinian II (685-695; 705-711) restored her church, since Saint Anna had appeared to his pregnant wife. It was at this time that her body and maphorion (veil) were transferred to Constantinople.

Portions of Saint Anna’s holy relics may be found on Mount Athos: Stavronikita Monastery (part of her left hand), Saint Anna’s Skete (part of her incorrupt left foot), Koutloumousiou Monastery (part of her incorrupt right foot). Fragments of her relics may also be found in her Monastery at Lygaria, Lamia, and in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian at Sourota. Part of the saint’s incorrupt flesh is in the collection of Saints’ relics of the International Catholic Crusaders. The church of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome has one of the saint’s wrists.

Saint Anna is also commemorated on September 9.

*We celebrate the memory of the progenitors of Christ,
and with faith we ask their help,
that deliverance from every affliction be granted to those who cry out:
“Be with us, O God, who in Your good pleasure glorified them.”*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/07/25>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Dormition of the Righteous Anna, the
Mother of the Most Holy Theotokos

*Divinely-wise Anna, you carried in your womb the pure Mother of God,
who gave life to our Life.*

*Therefore, you are now carried joyfully to the inheritance of heaven,
to the abode of those who rejoice in glory,
where you seek forgiveness of sins for those who faithfully honor you, ever blessed one.*
Troparion – Tone 8

Today the Church remembers:

The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most-holy Theotokos • Holy Women Olympias (Olympiada—408-410) the Deaconess, of Constantinople, and the Virgin Eupraxia of Tabenna (413) • Ven. Makáry, Abbot of Zheltovódsk and Unzha (1444) • Commemoration of the Holy 165 Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council (553)

July 25, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 4 of the Octoechos