

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

Mark Gorga, friend of the Dawson family.

The Memory of:

Kathleen and Joseph, parents of Maribeth Romanofsky

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 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 3rd Sunday of each month

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.

Have a healthy and happy 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.
- 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 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.)

The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most Holy Mother of God at Blachernae:

*O Pure One, full of the grace of God,
you have given your sacred robe as a garment of incorruption to all the faithful,
with it you covered your holy body, O divine protection of all mankind.
We celebrate its enshrinement in Blachernae with love and we cry aloud with awe:
“Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians.”*

Kontakion – Tone 4

Saint John [Maximovitch], Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco:

*Your care for your flock in its sojourn prefigured your prayers,
which you always offer up for the whole world.
Thus we believe, having come to know your love, O holy hierarch and
wonderworker John.
Wholly sanctified by God through the ministry of the all-pure Mysteries,
and ever strengthened by them yourself, / you hastened to the suffering, O healer,
easing their afflictions.
Hasten now to help us, who honor you with all our heart.*

Troparion – Tone 5

*Your heart went out to all who entreat you with love, O hierarch John,
and who remember the struggle of your life, and thy painless and easy repose,
O faithful servant of the all-pure Directress.**

Kontakion – Tone 4

* Directress refers to the Mother of God as Hodōgētria (She who shows the way).

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/07/02>

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

The Placing of the Honorable Robe of
the Most Holy Mother of God at
Blachernae

*Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind, you have given your people a powerful legacy:
the robe and sash of your most honored body, which remained incorrupt throughout your
seedless childbearing; for through you time and nature are renewed!*

Therefore we implore you: “Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy!”

Troparion – Tone 8

July 2, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-holy Mother of God at Blachernæ (5th c.) • St. Photius, Metropolitan of Kiev (1431) • St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (ca. 458) • St. John [Maximovitch] (20th c.)

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 3 of the Octoechos.