

No Bulletin sponsor this week.

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**Readings:** **Romans 5:1-10** (*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Matthew 6:22-33** (*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

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**Brethren**, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man — though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

**The Lord said**, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

### Sunday Services:

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| <p><b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>      <b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b><br/> <b>General Confession – 9:45 AM</b> on the first Sunday of each month<br/> <b>Private Confession -</b> by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month</p> |
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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:

- **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea, in Cappadocia, and those with him:**

Saint Hyacinth, a native of Caesarea in Cappadocia, was raised in a Christian family. The emperor Trajan made the boy his “cubicularius” (chamberlain), unaware that he was a secret Christian.

One day, while the emperor and his entourage were offering sacrifice to idols, the young Hyacinth remained at the palace, shut himself up in a small room, and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the servants overheard him praying and denounced him to the emperor. He said that although Hyacinth was entrusted with an imperial position, he did not honor the Roman gods, and was secretly praying to Christ.

Hyacinth was brought to trial before Trajan, who tried to persuade him to deny Christ and sacrifice to the deaf and dumb idols, but the holy martyr remained steadfast and declared that he was a Christian. He was whipped and thrown into prison, where the only food given to him was what had already been offered to the idols. They hoped that he would be overcome with hunger and thirst and eat it. Saint Hyacinth did not eat the food, and he died after thirty-eight days. When they came to torture him again, they found his dead body.

The jailer saw two angels in the cell. One covered the saint’s body with his own garment, and the other placed a crown of glory on his head.

The twelve-year-old Hyacinth suffered for Christ in the year 108 in the city of Rome. Later, the saint’s relics were transferred to Caesarea.

Saints Diomedes, Eulampius, Asclepiodotus, and Golinduc also suffered with Saint Hyacinth.

*Come, you faithful,  
plait a crown of unfading hyacinths today for the Martyr Hyacinth,  
and let us cry to Him:  
“Rejoice, glory of martyrs.”*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/07/03>

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Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea, in  
Cappadocia, and those with him.

**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
forever**

*Like a fragrant hyacinth of the Church of Christ, O all-blessed Hyacinth,  
you radiate grace to the ends of the world.  
By the brilliance of your confession of faith,  
you were illustrious in contest in emulation of God the Word  
and you ever illumine those who acclaim you.*

Troparion – Tone 4

**July 3, 2022****Today the Church remembers:**

Martyr Hyacinth of Caesarea in Cappadocia (108) • Translation of the Relics of Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow (1652) • Ven. Anatoly (Anatolius) of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.), and Ven. Anatoly (another), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). St. Vasily, Bishop of Riazan’ (1295) • Rt. Blv. Princes Vasily and Constantine of Yaroslavl’ (13th c.) • Ven. John and Longinus, Wonderworkers of Yarensk (Solovétsky Monastery—1544-45) • Bl. John of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (1589) • Ven. Nicodim (Nikódēmos), Abbot of Kozhenezérsk (1640) • St. Alexander, founder of the “Unsleeping Ones” (ca. 430) • St. Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople (458) • Monastic Martyr Gerasimus (1812) • Icon of the Mother of God, the “MILK-GIVER”

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 2 of the Octoechos.