

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

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

**Readings: Romans 2:10-16** *(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)*

Hebrews 11:33-12:2 *(Saints)*

**Matthew 4:18-23** *(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)*

Matthew 4:25-5:12 *(Saint)*

**Brethren**, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

**At that time**, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

**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:**

- Our church's air conditioner is being replaced. It is a 14 year old unit and the price of repair is about half the cost of replacement with a new HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system. The \$8,243.00 cost of the system is being 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](mailto: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.

**Synaxis of the Saints of North America:**

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Saints of all times, and in every country are seen as the fulfillment of God's promise to redeem fallen humanity. Their example encourages us to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us" and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). The saints of North America also teach us how we should live, and what we must expect to endure as Christians.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous. Prophets, of course, lived in Old Testament times and predicted the coming of Christ.

- St. [Herman of Alaska](#), Wonderworker of All America
- St. [Tikhon of Moscow](#), Patriarch of Moscow and Apostle to America
- St. [Innocent of Alaska](#), Equal to the Apostles and Enlightener of North America
- St. [Raphael](#), Bishop of Brooklyn
- St. [Alexis Toth](#), Confessor & Defender of Orthodoxy in America
- St. [Jacob](#), Enlightener of the Native Peoples of Alaska
- St. [John Kochurov](#), Missionary to America and First Hieromartyr under the Bolshevik Yoke
- St. [Alexander Hotovitzky](#), New Hieromartyr of Russia and Missionary to America
- St. [Juvenal of Alaska](#), the Protomartyr of America
- Martyr [Peter the Aleut](#) of Alaska, America, and San Francisco
- St. [John of San Francisco and Shanghai](#) [Maximovitch]
- St. [Barnabas the New Confessor](#) (Varnava Nastić)
- St. [Nicholas of South Canaan](#)
- St. [Nicholas \(Velimirović\) of Žiča](#)
- St. [Anatole \(Kamensky\) of Irkutsk](#)
- St. [Brendan the Navigator](#)
- St. [Seraphim of Uglich](#)
- New Martyr Archpriest [Basil](#) [Vasily] Martysz

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we remember these saints, let us also remember that we too are called by God to a life of holiness.

*Today the choir of Saints who were pleasing to God in the lands of North America now stands before us in the Church and invisibly prays to God for us.*

*With them the angels glorify Him,  
and all the saints of the Church of Christ keep festival with them;  
and together they all pray for us to the Pre-Eternal God.*

Kontakion – Tone 3

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/07/04>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org/>

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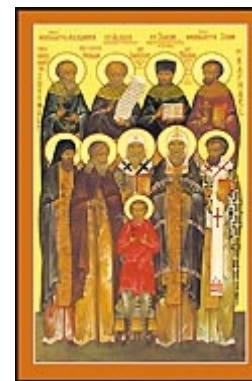
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Attached Deacon



Glory to Jesus  
Christ

Glory  
Forever

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*As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation,  
the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them.  
By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace  
through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!*

Troparion – Tone 8

**Today the Church remembers:**

**All Saints of America (All Saints of Russia)** • St. Andrew, Archbishop of Crete (712) • Ven. Andrei Rublev (14th-15th c.) • Ven. Martha, mother of Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger—554) • Burial of St. Andrei Bogoliubsky (1174) • Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Evfimii (Euthymius), Archimandrite, of Suzdal' (1507) • Martyrs Theodotus and Theodotia at Caesarea in Cappadocia (108) • Hieromartyr Theodore, Bishop of Cyrene in Libya and with him Martyrs Cyprilla, Aroa, and Lucia (310) • Ven. Tikhon, Vasily and Nikon, Monks, of Solovetsky Monastery (16th c.)

**July 4, 2021**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Saints of North America**

**Tone 1 of the Octoechos**