

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**Health of:**

Subdeacon Edward and **Holly** on their 50th Anniversary, offered by the Dawson family.

Amy Schneider on her birthday, daughter of Andrew and Maribeth Romanofsky

David Seamon, brother-in-law of Linda, offered by the Jankowski family.

Readings:

Romans 5:1-10 (*3rd Sunday after Pentecost*)

Matthew 6:22-33 (*3rd Sunday after Pentecost*)

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."

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:**

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)

(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)

(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School has ended for the school year.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **Memorial Plaque:** The \$25.00 donation for the submission of names has been extended until September 1, 2019. (Then it will return to \$100 per name.) There is now a sheet at the candle stand to submit names.

Special Announcements:

- **Volunteers are needed to provide coffee hour refreshments.** You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to sign up. Please see the signup sheet downstairs to volunteer.
- Parishioners who would like to donate items for use in the kitchen, can check the blackboard downstairs for what is needed.
- **Please note –** If you are bringing food for coffee hour because you had a Pannikhida, or other special event, please notify Lore Stefy at 609 625-1184 in advance.

Reminders:

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. **If using the signup sheet, please give two weeks' notice.**
- 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.

Venerable Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in the Ladder:

Saint Acacius of Sinai lived during the sixth century and was a novice at a certain monastery in Asia. The humble monk distinguished himself by his patient and unquestioning obedience to his Elder, a harsh and dissolute man. He forced his disciple to toil excessively, starved him with hunger, and beat him without mercy. Despite such treatment, Saint Acacius meekly endured the affliction and thanked God for everything. Saint Acacius died after suffering these torments for nine years.

Five days after Acacius was buried, his Elder told another Elder about the death of his disciple. The second Elder did not believe that the young monk was dead. They went to the grave of Acacius and the second Elder called out: "Brother Acacius, are you dead?" From the grave a voice replied, "No, Father, how is it possible for an obedient man to die?" The startled Elder of Saint Acacius fell down with tears before the grave, asking forgiveness of his disciple.

After this he repented, constantly saying to the Fathers, "I have committed murder." He lived in a cell near the grave of Saint Acacius, and he ended his life in prayer and in meekness. Saint John Climacus (March 30) mentions Saint Acacius in THE LADDER (Step 4:110) as an example of endurance and obedience, and of the rewards for these virtues.

Saint Acacius is also commemorated on November 29.

*Forsaking the world, you followed Christ from childhood.
emulating His voluntary humility, you cast down the prideful tyrant.*

*All-wise and venerable Acacius,
unceasingly pray for us all!*

Kontakion Venerable Acacius - Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Venerable Acacius of Sinai

*O God of our Fathers,
always act with kindness towards us;
take not Your mercy from us,
but guide our lives in peace
through the prayers of Saints Thomas and Acacius!*

Troparion Ss. Thomas and Acacius – Tone 4

Today the Church remembers:

All Saints of Britain and Ireland • Ven. Thomas of Mt. Maleon (10th c.) • Ven. Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in *The Ladder* (6th c.) • Ven. Eudoxia, in monasticism Euphrosyne, Grand Duchess of Moscow (1407) • Martyrs Peregrinus, Lucian, Ompeius, Hesychius, Papius, Saturninus, and Germanus, of Dyrrachium in Macedonia (2nd c.) • Martyr Evangelus, Bishop of Tomi (Constanța) in Romania (3rd-4th c.) • Martyr Cyriaca of Nicomedia (4th c.)

July 7, 2019

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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