

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:****For the Health of:**

**Naomi** Searfoorce on the occasion of her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, offered by the Searfoorce family.

**Angela** Lundberg on her birthday, offered by the Dawson family (daughter)

**Tara** Golden on her birthday, offered by the Dawson family (daughter)

**Linda** on her birthday, offered by the Dantine family

**Greg**, son-in-law of Andrew and Maribeth, on his birthday, offered by the Romanofsky family.

**Readings:** **Hebrews 11:33-12:2** (*1st Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30** (*1st Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Brethren**, who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**The Lord said to his disciples**, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

**Sunday service:**

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page nynjoca.org has online services for viewing.**

**Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)**

**Church School**

Church School has ended for the school year.

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:**

- The Sisterhood's paschal basket raffle has been canceled. Anyone who has purchased tickets to the raffle and would like a refund should call Maribeth 609-204-1007.

**Thank you for your support.**

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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**

The parish still needs to pay its bills.

**Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.**

**Reminders:**

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- 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 signup sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer two weeks in advance so that we can 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 All Saints:**

The doctrine of the Church comes alive in the lives of the true believers, the **saints**. The saints are those who literally share the holiness of God. *“Be holy, for I your God am holy”* (Lev 11:44; 1 Pet 1:16). The lives of the saints bear witness to the authenticity and truth of the Christian gospel, the sure gift of God’s holiness to men.

In the Church there are different classifications of saints. In addition to the **holy fathers** who are quite specifically glorified for their teaching, there are a number of classifications of the various types of holy people according to the particular aspects of their holiness.

Thus, there are the **apostles** who are sent to proclaim the Christian faith, the **evangelists** who specifically announce and even write down the gospels, the **prophets** who are directly inspired to speak God’s word to men. There are the **confessors** who suffer for the faith and the **martyrs** who die for it. There are the so-called **“holy ones”**, the saints from among the monks and nuns; and the **“righteous”** those from among the lay people.

In addition, the church service books have a special title for saints from among the ordained clergy and another special title for the holy rulers and statesmen. Also there is the strange classification of the **fools for Christ’s sake**. These are they who through their total disregard for the things that people consider so necessary—clothes, food, money, houses, security, public reputation, etc.—have been able to witness without compromise to the Christian Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven. They take their name from the sentence of the Apostle Paul: *“We are fools for Christ’s sake”* (1 Cor 4:10; 3:18).

By Fr. Thomas Hopko

*The universe offers You the God-bearing martyrs,  
As the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator.*

*Through the Theotokos, and their prayers establish Your Church in peace!*

Kontakion – Tone 8

**To read more about the saints remembered today, see:**

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/06/14>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

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

and our website:

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Synaxis of All Saints

**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

*As with fine porphyry and royal purple,  
Your church has been adorned with Your martyrs’ blood shed throughout all  
the world.*

*She cries to You, O Christ God:*

*Send down Your bounties on Your people,*

*Grant peace to Your habitation, and great mercy to our souls!*

Troparion – Tone 4

**Today the Church remembers:**

**1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • All Saints •** Glorification of St. John of Kronstadt (1990) • Prophet Elisha (9th c. B.C.) • St. Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople (847) • St. Mstislav (George), Prince of Novgorod (1180) • Ven. Methodius “Peshnosh” (1392) • Ven. Elisha of Sumsk (Solovétsky Monastery—15th-16th c.) • Ven. Niphon (Mt. Athos—1330)

**June 14, 2020**

**1st SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**Tone 8** of the Octoechos