

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

**Mark** DaGrosa on his 15th Birthday, offered by his parents.

**For the Memory of:**

Newly departed **Matushka Linda** Dudash, wife of Fr. Gregory Dudash, offered by the Romanofsky family.

**Kathleen & Joseph**, parents of Maribeth, offered by the Romanofsky 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."

**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](http://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:**

- 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 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.

See us on the web at: [ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin](http://ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin)

See us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog](https://www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog)

Email us at: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

### **Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John:**

The Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs, Unmercenaries and Wonderworkers, Cyrus and John from the city of Konopa, near Alexandria (where they suffered in the year 311) to the nearby village of Manuphin, took place in the year 412. This Egyptian village prompted fear in everyone, since in a former time there was a pagan temple inhabited by evil spirits. Patriarch Theophilus (385-412) wanted to cleanse this place of demons, but he died. His wish was fulfilled by his successor in the See of Alexandria, the holy Patriarch Cyril (412-444). He prayed fervently in carrying out this project. An angel of the Lord appeared in a vision to the hierarch and commanded the venerable relics of Saints Cyrus and John be transferred to Manuphin. His Holiness Patriarch Cyril did the angel's bidding and built a church at Manuphin in the name of the holy martyrs.

From that time this place was purified of the Enemy's influence, and by the prayers of the holy Martyrs Cyrus and John there began to occur many miracles, healings of the sick and infirm. An account Saints Cyrus and John is located under [January 31](#).

*Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints,  
you work wonders in the world unceasingly.  
You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery,  
divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John,  
for you are truly divine physicians.*

Kontakion — Tone 3

### **Apostles fast:**

We are now observing the Apostles Fast, also called the Fast of the Holy Apostles, or the Fast of Peter and Paul. The Fast begins on the second Monday after Pentecost (the day after All Saints' Sunday). It continues until the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29. Since All Saints' Sunday is a movable feast and the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul is a fixed feast, the duration varies from year to year. Some years, it may not occur at all.

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

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/06/21>

Please check the website of our Diocese:

<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

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

and our website:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/>

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

**Translation of the Relics of the holy and  
wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and  
John**

*O Christ God,*

*You have given us the miracles of Your martyrs, Cyrus and John,  
as an invincible rampart;  
through their prayers, frustrate the plans of the heathens,  
and strengthen the faith of the Orthodox Christians,  
for You alone are good and love mankind.*

Troparion — Tone 5

### **Today the Church remembers:**

**All Saints of Britain and Ireland • Translation of the Relics of the holy and wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John (412) • Ven. Xenophon, Abbot of Robeiksk (Novgorod—1262) • Ven. Sergius and Herman, Wonderworkers of Valaam (ca. 1353) • St. Paul, Physician of Corinth. Icon of the Mother of God "Of the Three Hands" (8th c.) • Hieromartyr Basil (1918). Holy Martyr Pappias (4th c.)**

**June 28, 2020**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**Tone 2 of the Octoechos  
Apostles fast**