

Today's Bulletin Sponsors is for:

The health of:

Jean Kosko, sister-in-law of Maryann Kuzemchak as requested by the family

Readings: **Romans 13:11-14;14:1-4** (*Sunday of Cheesefare, Sunday before lent*)
Matthew 25:31-46 (*Meatfare, 2nd Sunday before lent*)

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Wednesday: Presanctfird Liturgy - 6:30 PM

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 is temporarily not meeting.

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 is preparing for their annual Paschal basket raffle.** Please help out by purchasing at least 10 entries at \$1.00 each. Checks for the raffle should be made to the Sisterhood and mailed to Maribeth Romanofsky, 8 Willowbrook Lane, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234. Cash purchases should be left at the candle stand in an envelope marked "Sisterhood raffle". Please include your name and a list of individual entries if desired. The drawing will be held on April 24th. Thank you!
- 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. **(Our monthly revenue has recently dropped below our monthly expenditures.)**
 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 (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 e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer.
- 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.

Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of Adam from Paradise:

On the eve of Great Lent, the day called **Cheesefare Sunday** and **Forgiveness Sunday**, we sing of Adam’s exile from paradise. We identify ourselves with Adam, lamenting our loss of the beauty, dignity and delight of our original creation, mourning our corruption in sin. We also hear on this day the Lord’s teaching about fasting and forgiveness, and we enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive us.

If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Mt 6:14-18).

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/03/14>

(Daylight Saving Time starts today)

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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of
Adam from Paradise

*Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue,
You teach the thoughtless and protect the poor:
Strengthen and enlighten my heart.*

Word of the Father,

*let me not restrain my mouth from crying to You:
Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O merciful Lord!*

Troparion – Tone 6

Today the Church remembers:

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE • The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise
• Ven. Benedict of Nursia (543) • St. Theognostus, Metropolitan of Kiev and All
Russia (1353) • Rt. Blv. Great Prince Rostilav (Michael), Prince of Kiev and
Smolensk (1167) • St. Euschemon the Confessor, Bishop of Lampsacus (9th c.) • The
“FEODOROVSKAYA” Icon of the Mother of God.

March 14, 2021

40th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Triodion week 4

Tone 7 of the Octoechos

Forgiveness Sunday
