

Bulletin sponsors this week are for:

The health of:

Cecelia on her birthday, requested with love by her family

Hebrews 4:14-16;5:1-6 (*3rd Sunday of Great Lent, Adoration of the Cross*)

Readings: **Mark 8:34-38; 9:1** (*3rd Sunday of Great Lent, Adoration of the Cross*)

Brethren, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Sunday Services:

<p>Hours - 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month</p>
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Mask wearing in church is now optional. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

Church School is now meeting every week after Communion.

Announcements:

- This Friday, March 24th, there will be an evening Liturgy at 6:30pm for the **Annunciation of the Holy Theotokos**.
- We celebrate the **Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts** every Wednesday during Great Lent at 6:30 pm.
- The Sisterhood's annual **Paschal basket raffle** will be held on Sunday April, 2nd. Tickets for the raffle cost one dollar, and each parishioner is asked to sell or buy 10 tickets. Please see Maribeth Romanofsky or Holly Dawson for tickets. If you wish to contribute an item to the basket, there is a sign-up sheet downstairs.
- The next **meeting of the Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God has been changed to Sunday **March 26th**. Please mark your calendars.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- Prosphora (bread) is available at the candle stand for a donation of \$2. The faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of health and salvation for the living and for the repose of the departed servants of God. (Prosphora should be purchased at least a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)

Reminders:

- 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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross:

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind us of Christ’s redemption and to keep before us the goal of our efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which we must live to be saved. “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both “the power of God and the wisdom of God” for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).

*Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of Eden;
it has mysteriously been quenched by the wood of the Cross!
The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished;
for You, O my Savior, have come and cried to those in hell:
“Enter again into paradise.”*

Kontakion – Tone 7

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/03/17>

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Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
forever

3rd Sunday of Great Lent:

Veneration of the Cross

*O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance.*

*Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians,
over their adversaries.*

*And by virtue of Your Cross
preserve Your habitation!*

Troparion – Tone 4

March 19, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

Veneration of the Cross • Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, and those with them at Rome: Claudius, Hilaria, Jason, Maurus, Diodorus the Presbyter, and Marianus the Deacon (283) • Saint Innocent of Komél and Vologda disciple of Saint Nilus of Sora (Vologdá—1521) • Martyr Pancharius, at Nicomedia (ca. 302) • “Sweet-Kissing” Icon of the Mother of God of Smolensk (1103)

3rd Sunday of Great Lent

Tone 7 of the Octoechos.

Lenten Triodion week 7

[Great Lent](#)