

Bulletin sponsors for this week are for:

The health of:

Joshua Turpin on his 8th birthday, requested with love by his family.

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

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
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

With COVID cases falling , mask wearing will again be optional. Unvaccinated persons should continue to mask up, however. Thank you for caring about 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

Schedule for next month: April 3 & April 17

Announcements:

- The Sisterhood is sponsoring their annual **Paschal basket raffle**. Chances are \$1.00 each. The raffle will be held on **April 10th**. To purchase chances, make your check payable to the Sisterhood, place in an envelope marked “Raffle”, and leave at the candlestand. If you wish to list individual names for your entries, enclose the list of names in your envelope. Entries may also be mailed c/o Maribeth Romanofsky, 8 Willowbrook Lane, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.**
- **Presanctified Liturgy** services are at 6:30 PM every Wednesday during lent.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

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 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.

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 men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man 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 Great Lent, see:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/articleschurch/about-services-and-prayers/420-great-lent-its-meaning-for-orthodox-christians.html>

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/03/27>

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**Christ Is in our
midst!**

**He is and
ever shall be!**

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 27, 2022

Today the Church remembers:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT • Veneration of the Cross • Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica (3rd-4th c.) • Martyrs Manuel and Theodosius (304) • Ven. John the Clairvoyant, Anchorite, of Egypt (394-395) • The "GLYKOPHYLOUSA" and the "AKATHIST" Icons of the Mother of God on Mt. Athos

3rd Sunday of Great Lent
Sunday of the Precious Cross

Triodion week 7
Tone 7 of the Octoechos.