

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:****For the Health of:****Bill and MaryAnn Kuzemchak on their 60th Anniversary****Readings: Acts 20:16-18,28-36 (7th Sunday of Pascha)  
John 17:1-13 (7th Sunday of Pascha)**

**IN THOSE DAYS**, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

**At that time**, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made.

"I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

**Sunday service:**

**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:**

- 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)
- 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.

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council:**

On the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the holy God-bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.

The Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council has been celebrated by the Church of Christ from ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise, "I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Mt. 16:18). Although the Church of Christ on earth will pass through difficult struggles with the Enemy of salvation, it will emerge victorious. The holy martyrs bore witness to the truth of the Savior's words, enduring suffering and death for confessing Christ, but the persecutor's sword is shattered by the Cross of Christ.

*The Apostles' preaching and the Fathers' doctrines have established  
one faith for the Church.*

*Adorned with the robe of truth, woven from heavenly theology,  
It defines and glorifies the great mystery of Orthodoxy!*

Kontakion – Tone 8 (Fathers)

*You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
granting joy to Your Disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.  
Through the blessing, they were assured  
that You are the Son of God,  
the Redeemer of the world.*

Tone 4 – Troparion (Ascension)

*When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake,  
and united earth to heaven:*

*You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,  
not being parted from those who love You,  
but remaining with them and crying:*

*"I am with you, and there is no one against you!"*

Tone 6 – Kontakion (Ascension)

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

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/05/31>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

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

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Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

*You are most glorious, O Christ our God!  
You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth!  
Through them you have guided us to the true faith!  
O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!*

Troparion – Tone 8

**Today the Church remembers:**

- 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA • Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council •
- Afterfeast of Ascension • St. Apollonios (Apollo) of the Egyptian Thebaid (395) •
- Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1st c.) • Martyr Hermias at Comana (2nd c.) •
- Martyr Philosophus at Alexandria (3rd c.) • Metropolitan Philotheos of Tobolsk, the
- Enlightener of Siberia (1727)

**May 31, 2020**

**7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA**

Pentecostarion

**Tone 6** of the Octoechos