

Today's Bulletin Sponsor is:**For the health of:**

All parishioners of the Orthodox Church of the Mother of God, offered by
Fr. Matthew and M. Barbara Searfoorce.

Readings: **Ephesians 2:4-10** (*23rd Sunday after Pentecost*)
Luke 10:25-37 (*8th Sunday of Luke*)

BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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 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:

- 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:

- 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 (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.

Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers:

*You received grace from on high, all-praised martyrs,
and you intercede for those in the midst of temptations!
Therefore, holy ones, you freed a young woman from bitter death.
You are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world!*

Kontakion – Tone2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/11/15>

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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

**Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias,
Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa**

*Christ our God, You have granted us the miracles of Your holy martyrs
Gurias, Samonas and Abibas,
as a stronghold and protection.*

*Through their prayers, strengthen those in authority in every good deed,
for You alone are merciful and the Lover of mankind!*

Troparion – Tone 5

Today the Church remembers:

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa (299-306)

- Martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, and Eustochius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate (4th c)
- Martyr Dēmétrios of Thrace (ca. 307)
- Ven. Paísii (Paisius) Velichkovsky (1794)
- “Fragrant Flower” Icon of the Mother of God

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23rd SUNDAY AFTER ENTECOST

8th Sunday of Luke

Tone 6 [of the Octoechos](#)