Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:

Health of:

Fr. Matthew on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, offered by his parish family with love.

Memory of:

Liudmila, mother of Viktoria**,** 5 years since her passing, offered by the Kuzmitskaya family**.**

(Panikhida service will be held today after the Liturgy.)

Readings:	**Ephesians 2:14-22** *(24th Sunday after Pentecost)* **Luke 10:25-37** *(8th Sunday of Luke)*

BRETHREN, for he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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."

Saturday service: **Vespers** – 6:30 PM

Sunday Services:

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 Father Matthew
Panikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3rd Sunday of each month

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.

Sunday school classes meet after Communion each Sunday.

Announcements:

- **Thank you to everyone who worked on our anniversary celebration**! It was a resounding success, and a good time was had by all!
- There will be **a meeting of the Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God **today** after the Divine Liturgy.
- Our parish will be **participating in the Toys for Tots program** this Nativity season. The program is sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve. Please be generous and **make your donation of a new**, **unwrapped toy** to the bin in our community room. The toy drive will continue **through December 6th.**
- The next **meeting of the parish council** is on Sunday **November 22nd** after coffee hour.

Reminders:

- We celebrate **Great Vespers every Saturday evening at 6:30 PM.**
- The Sisterhood's **food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church.
- **Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish.** There is a basket at the candle stand to accept donations. Also, **a Venmo account** can be used for donations at https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson.
- **Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin**, should be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org **by the Friday before** the date needed.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers**. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- **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.

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habibus, of Edessa:

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 — Tone 2

NATIVITY FAST–Advent:

The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This is a joyous fast in anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods. The six weeks prior to Christmas (the Nativity of our Lord in the Flesh) is a fasting period that many call Advent. Advent means "coming."

The fast is also called St. Philip's Fast, coming immediately after his feast on November 14.

To read about the saints remembered today, see:
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/11/15

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Glory to Jesus Christ



Glory Forever

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habibus, 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!

Tone 5—Troparion

November 15, 2026

Today the Church remembers:

Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habibus, of Edessa (299-306) • Martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus, and Eustochius, who suffered under Julian the Apostate (4th c.) • Martyr Dēmḗtrios of Thrace (ca. 307) • Ven. Paísii (Paisius) Velichkovsky (1794) • "Fragrant Flower" Icon of the Mother of God

24th Sunday after Pentecost 8th Sunday of Luke	Tone 7 of the Octoechos Nativity Fast begins