

Bulletin sponsors this week are for:**The health of:**

Newborn **Olivia Jane** Turpin and her parents **Elizabeth** and **Vincent** Turpin, requested with love by grandparents Fr. Matthew and M. Barbara

Readings: **Galatians 2:16-20** (*21st Sunday after Pentecost*)
Luke 12:16-21 (*9th Sunday of Luke*)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Lord said this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As he said these things, he cried out: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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**Pannikhidas –** 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 meets every Sunday after Communion.**Announcements:**

- **There will be a meeting of the parish council** today, November 17th, after coffee hour.
- Upcoming events related to **Nativity season** and **St Nicholas Day:**
Sunday December 1st - Tree decorating for parish children and guests
Sunday December 8th - St Nicholas Day celebration with visit from St. Nicholas.

Reminders:

- Now that **Thanksgiving** is approaching, the **local food bank is gearing up** to provide needed items for those with food insecurity. **The Sisterhood** is asking everyone to **please be generous** with your donations to their **food drive** at this time of year. **Please have all Thanksgiving donations in by this Sunday**, as the donations will be taken to the food bank this week.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- **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.

Saint Gregory, Wonderworker of Neocaesarea:

*You received the power to perform miracles,
frightening the devils and healing the sick through your wonderworking.
All-wise Father Gregory,
your deeds truly entitle you to be called "Wonderworker"!*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/11/17>

Steward Sunday Today:

You're invited to support the ongoing work of the OCA by becoming a Steward of the Orthodox Church in America. Your generous donations this Steward Sunday will help fund ministries and departments of the Church, provide essential resources such as liturgical music downloads, mission grants, clergy support, educational materials, and more. Your support is more important than ever as we look towards a new year in 2025. You can contribute to the special collection at Divine Liturgy today or make a donation online at: oca.org/donate. Thank you for giving!

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ****Glory
forever**

Saint Gregory, Wonderworker of Neocaesarea

*You became worthy of your name through your way of life:
through your vigilance in prayer and your constant works of mercy.
Therefore, O Father Gregory, beseech Christ God to enlighten our minds,
that we may not sleep in sin, which leads to death!*

Tone 8—Troparion

November 17, 2024**Today the Church remembers:**

St. Gregory, Wonderworker of Neo-Cæsarea (ca. 266-270) • Ven. Nikon, Abbot of Rádonezh, disciple of Ven. Sergius (1426) • Ven. Lazarus the Iconographer, of Constantinople (ca. 857) • Martyr Gobron (Michael) and 133 soldiers, of Georgia (914) • Ven. Genadius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos)

21st Sunday after Pentecost
9th Sunday of Luke

Tone 4 of the Octoechos
Nativity Fast