Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:

Health of:

Anna Riley and **Jarod** Munoz on their marriage yesterday (10/31/26) requested with love by their Parish Family.

Readings:	**Galatians 6:11-18** *(22nd Sunday after Pentecost)* **Luke 8:26-39** *(6th Sunday of Luke)*

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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
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 classes meet after Communion each Sunday.

Announcements:

- Next Sunday**, November 8th,** our parish will be celebrating our **60th anniversary** with a hierarchal Liturgy officiated by **Archbishop Michael**. The service will begin at 9:30 am. There will be a **luncheon** following at **Villa Fazzolari restaurant** in Buena, NJ. The deadline for purchasing tickets for the luncheon was last weekend.
- There **will not be a coffee hour meal** in the community room **next Sunday**.
- **Sunday school will not meet on November 8th.**
- We will be participating in **Toys for Tots this Nativity season**. More details will follow.

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 Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia:

The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia (also associated with Asia Minor) were two Christian brother physicians who healed the sick and treated animals without ever accepting payment, living out the Gospel command: *"Freely have you received, freely give"* (Matthew 10:8).

Having received the grace of healing,
you grant healing to those in need.
Glorious wonder workers and healers, Cosmas and Damian,
visit us and put down the insolence of our enemies,
and bring healing to the world through your miracles.

Kontakion — Tone 2

To read about the saints remembered today, see:
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/11/1

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Glory to Jesus Christ



Glory Forever

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia

Holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian,
heal our infirmities.
Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

Tone 8—Troparion

November 1, 2026

Today the Church remembers:

Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota • Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345) • Martyrs Kyriaina and Juliana in Cilicia (4th c.) • Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586) • Martyrs Cæsarius, Dacius, Savva, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.) • Monastic Martyrs James and his two disciples, James the Deacon, and Dionysios the Monk (Mt. Athos—1520)

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