

**Bulletin sponsors this week.****Eternal memory of:**

**Ernie** Braca recently departed friend of Bill and Maryann Kuzemchak.

**Readings:**     **Galatians 6:11-18** (*22nd Sunday after Pentecost*)  
                           **Hebrews 9:1-7** (*Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos*)  
                           **Luke 12:16-21** (*9th Sunday of Luke*)  
                           **Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28** (*Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos*)

**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.

**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 Service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

Covid restrictions have been lifted, but those that are not fully vaccinated are still requested to wear a mask.

**Coffee hour - after Liturgy**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

**Church School**

The meeting schedule for November will be Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcement:**

- The Sisterhood is now accepting donations to help offset the cost of the luncheon for the Archbishop. If you wish to donate, please make checks out to the Sisterhood and leave them at the candlestand. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked ‘Sisterhood luncheon.’
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

**Reminders:**

- If you are unable to attend church, 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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org) (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via email 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.

**The Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple:**

When Mary was three years old, her aged parents, Joachim and Anna took her three days journey to present her in the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill their promise to dedicate her to the Lord's work. The Virgin was clad in royal garments and she was accompanied by a grand procession of her kinsmen each carrying a lighted candle. There were 15 steps leading up to the Temple. Her parents stood her on the first step, then Mary ran to the top. She was received by St. Zacharias, the father of St. John the Forerunner, as he was the High Priest at that time. He took her by the hand and led her into, not only the Holy Place, but into the Holy of Holies. This was the place that only the High Priest was to enter, only on the Day of Atonement. The only explanation is that he was moved by the Spirit of God. Joachim and Anna offered sacrifices to God, received the priest's blessing and returned home. Mary lived in the Temple for nine years. Her parents visited her often until they reposed. She wanted to remain in the Temple all of her days and never marry. The law had no provision for this. It was unheard of for a girl to vow perpetual virginity. So she was betrothed to Joseph. Joseph was an older man whose wife had died leaving him with small children to care for. He needed someone to help him care for the children and she needed someone to protect her in a society that had no place for a single woman. This allowed her to remain a virgin after she left the Temple at age twelve.

*The most pure Temple of the Savior;  
the precious Chamber and Virgin;  
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,  
is presented today to the house of the Lord.  
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,  
therefore, the angels of God praise her:  
"Truly this woman is the abode of heaven."*

Kontakion – Tone 4

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

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/11/21>

**Please check the website of our Diocese:**

<http://www.nynjoca.org/>

**and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:**

[s://www.oca.org/](https://www.oca.org/)

**See us on the web at:** [ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin](http://ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin)

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ****Glory  
Forever**

The Entry of the Most  
Holy Mother of God  
into the Temple

*Today is the prelude of the good will of God,  
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.*

*The Virgin appears in the temple of God,  
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.*

*Let us rejoice and sing to her:*

*"Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."*

Troparion – Tone 4

**Today the Church remembers:****The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple****November 21, 2021**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Tone 5 of the Octoechos

**Nativity Fast**