

**Bulletin sponsors this are for:**

**Health of:**

**Aris, Svetlana, Elizaveta, Svetlana**, offered by Svetlana Sunday school student **Joanna**, who is recuperating from surgery, requested by her parish family.

**Memory of:**

**Lubov** mother of Svetlana , offered by her daughter.

**Readings:** **Ephesians 2:14-22** (*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Luke 13:10-17** (*10<sup>th</sup> 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**, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your infirmity.” And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.” Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?” As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

**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 Fr Matthew **Pannikhidas –** after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

Mask wearing in church is now optional. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

**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.**

**Church School is now meeting every week after Communion.**

**Upcoming Nativity season events for children:**

**Sunday December 4** - Tree decorating after Divine Liturgy

**Sunday December 11** - St. Nicholas Day celebration

**Announcements:**

- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Dec. 4, 2022 after Coffee Hour.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

**Reminders:**

- 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, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- 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.

**Greatmartyr James the Persian:**

The Holy Great Martyr James the Persian (the Sawn-Asunder) was born in the fourth century into a pious Christian family, both wealthy and illustrious. His wife was also a Christian, and the couple raised their children in piety, inspiring in them a love for prayer and the Holy Scriptures. James occupied a high position at the court of the Persian emperor Izdegerd (399-420) and his successor Barakhranes (420-438). But on one of the military campaigns James, seduced by the emperor’s beneficence, was afraid to acknowledge himself a Christian, and so he offered sacrifice to idols with the emperor.

Learning of this, James’ mother and wife wrote him a letter, in which they rebuked him and urged him to repent. Receiving the letter, James realized the gravity of his sin. Faced with the horror of being cut off not only from his family, but also from God Himself, he began to weep loudly, imploring the Lord for forgiveness.

His fellow-soldiers, hearing him pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, reported this to the emperor. Under interrogation, Saint James bravely confessed his faith in the one True God. No amount of urging by the emperor could make him renounce Christ. The emperor then ordered the saint to be put to death.

They began to cut off his fingers and his toes one by one, then his hands and his feet, and then his arms and legs. During the prolonged torture Saint James offered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, Who had granted him the possibility of redemption from his sins by enduring these terrible torments. Finally, the martyr was beheaded. Christians gathered up the pieces of his body and buried them with great reverence.

*You listened to your faithful wife  
and contemplated the judgment of God, holy James;  
you despised the threats and commands of the Persians,  
accepting the cutting of your body as though you were a vine.  
Therefore you were revealed as a martyr worthy of honor.*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/11/27>

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
forever**

Greatmartyr James the Persian

*You astounded all, long-suffering James, by enduring horrible tortures with great patience.  
As the evil assembly performed the slaughter,  
you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord.  
Through your sufferings you received your crown,  
and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God.  
Entreat Him to save our souls!*

Troparion – Tone 4

**November 27, 2022**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Greatmartyr James the Persian (421)** ● Ven. Palladius of Thessalonica (6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>c.) ● St. Jacob the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1392) ● Uncovering of the Relics of St. Vsévolod (Gabriel) of Pskov (1192) ● Seventeen Monastic Martyrs in India (4<sup>th</sup> c.) ● St. Romanus the Wonderworker (5<sup>th</sup> c.) ● Repose of Ven. Diodorus, Abbot of Yuriev Monastery (Solovétsky Monastery—1633 ). ● Commemoration of the Weeping Icon of the Mother of God, called “ZNAME NIYE” (“THE SIGN”) at Novgorod in 1170, and the other Icons of the Mother of God, “OF THE SIGN”: the “KURSK-ROOT” (1295), “ABALATSKAYA” (1637), and others

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 7 of the Octoechos.

**Nativity Fast**

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke