

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**

(no sponsors this week)

**Readings:****Galatians 1:11-19** (*20th Sunday after Pentecost*)**Luke 8:41-56** (*7th Sunday of Luke*)

**BRETHREN**, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**At that time**, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

**Saturday service:****Vespers – 6:30 PM****(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)****Sunday service:****Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM****(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)****(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)****Church School****All classes will meet every Sunday.****Grades 4-8 – 9:30 am****Preschool and Grades K through 3 – immediately after communion.**

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

**Announcements:**

- The after communion Sunday School classes will not meet today, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. **The 9:30 class will meet as usual.**
- The **parish's annual anniversary dinner** will be held today, Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and Sunday school students are free. Please see Tammy Zimmerman or Linda Dantine for tickets.

**Reminders:**

- **Announcements or Prayer Requests** for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. If using the signup sheet, please give two weeks' notice.
- 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.

**Hieromartyrs Akepsimas, Bishop in Persia, Presbyter Joseph, and Deacon Aithalas:**

Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter and Aethalas the Deacon of Persia were leaders of the Christian Church in the Persian city of Naesson. His flock devotedly loved their hierarch for his ascetic life and tireless pastoral work.

The emperor Sapor ordered his men to seek out and kill Christian clergy. Saint Akepsimas also was arrested, even though he was already an eighty-year-old man. They took him to the city of Arbela, where he came before the judge Ardarkh, a pagan priest of the sun god. The holy Elder refused to offer sacrifice to the Persian gods. For this he was fiercely beaten and thrown into prison, where on the following day the seventy-year-old priest Joseph and the deacon Aethalas were severely beaten and thrown into jail with him. For three years the saints were held in confinement, and suffered from hunger and thirst.

Emperor Sapor came to the temple of the god of fire, located not far from Arbela, and wanted to take a look at the three holy martyrs. Exhausted and covered with festering wounds, the saints were brought before the emperor. When he asked them to worship the pagan gods they firmly refused, confessing their faith in Christ instead.

The holy bishop was beheaded, but the presbyter and deacon were taken into the city to be stoned.

The execution of the presbyter Joseph was prolonged for several hours. A guard was placed near the place of execution, so that Christians would not take the body of the holy martyr. On the fourth night a strong windstorm raged near the city, lightning killed the guard, the wind tossed stones about, and the body of Saint Joseph disappeared.

Deacon Aethalas was taken to the village of Patrias, where he was stoned. Christians secretly buried his body. A tree grew on the saint's grave, and its fruit brought healings.

*You celebrated the mysteries blamelessly, O wise ones,  
and became acceptable sacrifices, O divinely blessed ones!  
You gloriously drank of the cup of Christ, Holy Akepsimas, Joseph, and Aithalas  
and are praying unceasingly to Christ God for us all.*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:  
<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/11/03>

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

See us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog](http://www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog)

E-Mail us at: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

## Orthodox Church of the Mother of God

*"The Joy of All the Sorrowful"*

115 Hudson St. Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330

**The Most Reverend Michael**

Archbishop of NY & the Diocese of NY/NJ

**V. Rev. Dr. Matthew Searforce,**

Temporary Rector

Email: [docandrn1@verizon.net](mailto:docandrn1@verizon.net)

Phone: 856-227-6915



Glory to Jesus  
Christ

Glory  
Forever

**Hieromartyrs Akepsimas,  
Bishop in Persia, Presbyter  
Joseph, and Deacon Aithalas**

*You were pillars of the Church, O servants of godliness,  
and you humbled the proud worshippers of fire.  
Much afflicted hierarch Akepsimas, Joseph the presbyter and Aethalas the deacon,  
pray to Christ our God / to grant us His great mercy.*

Troparion - Tone 3

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenaries.** Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aithalas the Deacon, of Persia (4th c.) • Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George in Lydia (4th c.) • Martyrs Atticus, Agapius, Eudoxius, Carterius, Istucarius (Styrax), Pactobius (Tobias), and Nictopolion, at Sebaste (ca. 320) • Ven. Aepsimas, Hermit, of Cyrhrus in Syria (4th c.) • St. Smandulia of Persia (4th c.)

**November 3, 2019**

20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

**Tone 3** of the Octoechos  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke