

The bulletin is sponsored this week for:**The health of:**

Nicholas Boylan on his birthday, offered by his family, with love

Readings: II Corinthians 6:1-10 (16th Sunday after Pentecost)

[Hebrews 13:7-16](#) (Fathers)

Luke 7:11-16 (3rd Sunday of Luke)

[John 17:1-13](#) (Fathers)

Brethren, working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

Sunday Service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

We will no longer be taking temperatures when you enter the Church and signing up for services is no longer necessary. Services are open to all.

Those that are not fully vaccinated are still requested to wear a mask.

Church School

The meeting schedule for October Sunday school is as follows: Oct 3rd, Oct 17th, and Oct 31st.

Parents of Sunday school students should check their email for the meeting times of their children's classes.

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

Announcement:

- **Archbishop Michael** will be with us on Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7, 2021. He did not visit us last year due to Covid restrictions. It will be wonderful to have him visit with us this year!
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- 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.

Reminders:

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: 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.

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council:

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

*The Son who shone forth from the Father
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.
Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,
but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.
Thus, keeping the True Faith,
the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.*

Kontakion – Tone 6

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/10/10>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

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Glory to Jesus Christ

Glory Forever

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Most glorious are You, O Christ our God!

You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth!

Through them you have guided us to the true faith!

O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!

Troparion – Tone 8

Today the Church remembers:

Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council • Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, at Nicomedia, and 200 Martyrs with them (303-311) • St. Amphilókhy (Amphilochius), Bishop of Vladimir, Volyn’ (1122) • Synaxis of the Saints of Volyn’: Ven. Job of Pochaev, Ss. Stephen and Amphilókhy, Bishops of Vladimir in Volyn’; Hieromartyr Makáry, Archimandrite of Kanev; St. Yaropolk, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn’; Ven. Theodore (in monasticism Theodosius), Prince of Ostrog; and St. Juliana Ol’shánskaya. Bl. Andrew of Tot’ma, Fool-for-Christ (1673) • Martyr Theotecnus of Antioch (3rd-4th c.) • St. Bassian of Constantinople (5th c.) • St. Theophilus the Confessor of Bulgaria (8th c.) • Ven. Amvrosy of Optina (1891) • Hieromartyr Peter (Polianskii), Metropolitan of Krutitsy (1937—Sept 27th O.S.) • The “AKATHIST” Icon of the Mother of God at Zographou (Mt Athos)

October 10, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

3rd Sunday of Luke

Tone 7 of the Octoechos