

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:****For the health of:**

Fr. **Dn. Edward** on his Birthday, offered by the Dawson family.

**Nickolas** Boylan on his Birthday, offered by the Dantine family.

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**Readings:** **II Corinthians 9:6-11** (*18th Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Luke 7:11-16** (*3rd Sunday of Luke*)

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**Brethren**, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**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**

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page nynjoca.org has online services for viewing.**

**Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)**

**Church School**

Church School is temporarily not meeting.

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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:**

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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**

The parish still needs to pay its bills. (Our monthly revenue has recently dropped below our monthly expenditures.)

**Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.**

**Reminders:**

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a signup 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:**

*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

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.

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/10/11>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org/>

and our website:

<https://churchmotherofgod.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** • Ven. Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople (1379) • Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy, one of the Seven Deacons (1st c.) • St. Theophanes the Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicæa (ca. 850) • Ven. Theophanes, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.) • Ven. Leo of Optina (1841) • Synaxis of the Optina elders. Martyrs Zenaïs (Zinaida) and Philonilla, of Tarsus in Cilicia (1st c.)

**October 11, 2020**

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**Tone 1 [of the Octoechos](#)**