

**Bulletin sponsors this week are for:****The health of:**

**Adam Romanofsky** on his birthday, offered by his parents with love

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

**Readings:** **II Corinthians 6:1-10** (*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

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

**Luke 8:5-15** (*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*)

**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.

**The Lord said this parable:** "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.

**Sunday Services:-**

<b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM</b> on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession -</b> by appointment, contact Father Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month	

**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.**

**Sunday school meets every Sunday after Communion.****Announcements:**

- All parishioners are cordially invited to attend a **New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner** for the 2024 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Avenue, South River, New Jersey 08882. RSVP by Monday, October 14, to Fr. David Garretson, email [dfmg@aol.com](mailto:dfmg@aol.com); phone (732) 257-0102

**Reminders:**

- The **Sisterhood's food drive** is ongoing. Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> )
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)**
- **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.

**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 Son, Who shone forth ineffably from the Father,  
was born of a woman, in two natures.  
Beholding Him, we do not deny the image of His form,  
but depicting it piously, we revere it with faith.  
Therefore, the Church, holding the True Faith,  
venerates the Icon of Christ's Incarnation.*

Kontakion – Tone 6

**The Seventh Ecumenical Council [Second at Nicea]:**

The Seventh Ecumenical Council was convened in 787 A.D., in the city of Nicea, under the Empress Irene, widow of the Emperor Leo IV, and was composed of 367 fathers.

The Council was convened against the iconoclastic heresy, which had been raging for sixty years before the Council, under the Greek Emperor Leo III, who, wishing to convert the Mohammedans to Christianity, considered it necessary to do away with the veneration of icons. This heresy continued under his son, Constantine V Copronymus, and his grandson, Leo IV.

The Council condemned and repudiated the iconoclastic heresy and determined to provide and to put in the holy churches, together with the likeness of the honored and Life-giving Cross of the Lord, holy icons, to honor and render homage to them, elevating the soul and heart to the Lord God, the Mother of God and the Saints, who are represented in these icons. After the Seventh Ecumenical Council, persecution of the holy icons arose anew under the Emperors Leo V, of Armenian origin, Michael II, and Theophilus, and for twenty-five years disturbed the Church.

Veneration of the holy icons was finally restored and affirmed by the local synod of Constantinople in 843 A.D., under the Empress Theodora.

At this council, in thanksgiving to the Lord God for having given the Church victory over the iconoclasts and all heretics, the celebration of the Triumph of Orthodoxy was established on the first Sunday of Great Lent, which is celebrated by the Orthodox Church throughout the world.

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/10/13>

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
forever**

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of  
the Seventh Ecumenical Council

*Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God,  
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as luminaries on the earth.  
By them Thou hast guided us on the path of the True Faith.  
O Most Merciful One, glory to Thee!*

Tone 8—Troparion

**October 13, 2024**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council** • Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamum (251) • Ven. Benjamin of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14<sup>th</sup> c.) • Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> c.) • Martyr Benjamin, Deacon, of Persia (421-424) • St. Nikéas the Confessor of Paphlagonia (838) • New Martyr Zlata of Meglena, Bulgaria (1795) • Translation of the “Ivêron” (“Iberian”) Icon of the Mother of God to Moscow (1648) • “Seven Lakes” Icon of the Mother of God (17<sup>th</sup> c.)

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Tone 7 of the Octoechos