

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For health of:**

**Natalie Morris**, on her birthday, daughter of Lore Stefy.

**Adam Romanofsky**, on his birthday, son of Andy and Maribeth, offered by his family.

**Readings:**

- 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9
- Luke 8:5-15

**BRETHREN**, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Ar'etas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows-- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

**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.

**Saturday service: Vespers – 6:PM****Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM**

**Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

**(Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)**

**(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 – 9:30 AM**

No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

**Coffee hour - after Liturgy**

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

**Announcements:**

- **The next meeting of the Parish Council** will be on **October 28<sup>th</sup>** after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will be on November 4<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour.
- **Our Parish Anniversary Dinner will be held on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>**. Cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 per person. Church school students and those under 12 are free. The dinner will feature ethnic food specialties. A sign-up sheet is posted downstairs. Let us know if you would like to contribute your specialty.

**Reminder:**

- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand. Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to:  
[Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

## **Fathers of the 7th 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 Porphyrogenitos

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.

Sunday Bulletin

## **Church of the Mother of God**

*"The Joy of All the Sorrowful"*

115 Hudson St. Mays Landing,  
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**Very Reverend Daniel Hubiak,  
Temporary Rector**



**Glory to Jesus  
Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

**Fathers of the 7th  
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!*

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### **Today the Church remembers:**

**Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council** • Martyrs Nazarius, Gervase, Protase, and Celsus, of Milan (1st c.) • Ven. Paraskeva of Serbia (11th c.) • Ven. Nikóla Sviatóssha, Prince of Chernigov and Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1143) • Hieromartyr Silvanus of Gaza (4th c.).

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**Tone 2** of the Octoechos

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke