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

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

**II Corinthians 9:6-11** (*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Readings:**

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

**Luke 8:5-15** (*4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month</b>	

Mask wearing in church is now optional. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

**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.**

**Church School has resumed as of September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Classes are meeting immediately after Communion every week.+

**Announcements:**

- **Bishop Michael** will visit our parish on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. The Sisterhood will host a luncheon following Divine Liturgy that day. Tickets will be required for those age 12 and up attending the luncheon. Tickets will cost \$5 per person. See Tammy Zimmerman for information on tickets.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.**
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- **Next meeting of the Parish Council** will be Sunday, October 30, 2022 after Coffee Hour.

**Reminders:**

- 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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- 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 ineffably from the Father,  
was born of a Woman, in two natures.  
Knowing this, we do not deny His image,  
but piously depict Him, and devoutly revere Him.  
Therefore, the Church, holding the True Faith,  
kisses the Icon of the incarnate Christ.*

Kontakion — Tone 8

\* **Note:** Due to the coincidence of the **Feast of St. Tikhon** falling last Sunday, October 9, in keeping with OCA practice, the **Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council** is transferred to today.

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/10/16>

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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!*

Troparion — Tone 8

**October 16, 2022**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council** ● Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1<sup>st</sup> c.) ● Ven. Lóngin the Gatekeeper of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> c.) ● Ven. Lóngin of Yarensk (1544-45) ● St. Domna of Tomsk (1872)

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke