

The bulletin sponsors this week are for:

The Health of:

Elizabeth Searforce Turpin on her birthday, requested with love by her family
Julie Mongan on her birthday, requested with love by her family
Nickolas Turpin on his 1st birthday, requested with love by his family
Our choir members in honor of Music Appreciation Sunday, requested with love by their parish family.
Fr. Dn. Edward on the anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate, requested with love and thanks by Fr. Matthew and our parish family.
Members of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God, on their Feast Day, from their parish family.

Readings: [Hebrews 9:1-7](#) (*Most-Holy Theotokos*)
II Corinthians 6:16-7:1 (*17th Sunday after Pentecost*)
[Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28](#) (*Most-Holy Theotokos*)
Luke 6:31-36 (*2nd Sunday of Luke*)

Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain.

The Lord said, “And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd 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 has started for the new school year.

Announcements:

- The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will celebrate their feast day on Sunday, October 8th with a luncheon at a local restaurant. Please see Mat. Holly Dawson, Maribeth Romanofsky or Tammy Zimmerman for information. The luncheon is for Sisterhood members.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

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. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand.)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: 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.

The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary :

*Today the Virgin stands in the church,
and with hosts of Saints, and invisibly prays to God for us.
Angels worship with Hierarchs,
and Apostles rejoice with Prophets,
for the Theotokos prays to the Pre-eternal God for us*

Kontakion – Tone 3

Venerable Romanus the Melodist, “Sweet-Singer”:

*You gladdened Christ’s Church by your melodies
like an inspired heavenly trumpet.
You were enlightened by the Mother of God
and shone on the world as God’s poet.
We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanus.*

Troparion – Tone 4

*You were adorned from childhood with the godly virtues of the Spirit;
you were a precious adornment of the Church of Christ, all-wise Romanus,
for you made it lovely with beautiful hymnody.*

*Therefore, we entreat you, grant your divine gift to those who desire it,
that we may cry out to you: “Rejoice, all-blessed Father, beauty of the Church.”*

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/10/01>

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

The Protection of our Most Holy Lady
the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

*On this day we, the Orthodox people, joyously keep festival,
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God;
and, beholding your most pure image, we cry out with compunction:
“Cover us with your Protecting Veil and deliver us from all evil,
entreating your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls.”*

Troparion – Tone 4

October 1, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary • Apostle of the Seventy Ananias (1st c.) • Ven. Romanus the Melodist (“Sweet-singer”—5th c.) • Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbot of Vishera (Novgorod—1461) • Martyr Dominus of Thessalonica (4th c.) • Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Fathers with him (780-790) • Ven. John (Koukouzelis) the Hymnographer of Mt. Athos (Albanian—12th c.) • Ven. Gregory of Lavra (Mt. Athos—12th c.) • “Pskov-Protection” Icon of the Mother of God

17th Sunday after Pentecost

2nd Sunday of Luke

Tone 8 of the Octoechos.