

The bulletin sponsors this week are for:**The Memory of:**

Recently departed **MaryAnn** Kuzemchak, offered by her parish family.

Readings: **Galatians 1:11-19** (20th Sunday after Pentecost)
Luke 7:1-10 (5th Saturday of Luke)

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum. Now a centurion had a slave who was dear to him, who was sick and at the point of death. When he heard of Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his slave. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he built us our synagogue." And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this he marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that followed him, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave well.

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 next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **Sunday, October 29th**, after coffee hour.
- The **Sisterhood's Food Drive** to benefit the local food bank is ongoing! Thank you to everyone who has already donated. When doing your weekly grocery shopping, please consider buying an item from the list to help out needy families in our community!
- Save the date! On **Sunday December 10th**, **Archbishop Michael** will be visiting our parish. Invite your family and friends! There will be a luncheon after the Liturgy along with our celebration of St. Nicholas' Day. This will be our only Fall luncheon this year!
- Please pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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.

Saint Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis, Equal of the Apostles:

*All the Church honors you, Abercius,
the Great Bishop equal to the Apostles!
O blessed one worthy of all praise,
through your intercession
keep the Church victorious, calm and unshaken.*

Kontakion – Tone 4

7 Holy Youths “Seven Sleepers” of Ephesus:

*Your holy martyrs, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received their incorruptible crowns from You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.
Through their intercessions, save our souls!*

Troparion – Tone 4

*Those who renounced the perishing comforts of this world,
preferring the eternal things of Heaven,
were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead
and buried the snares of the devils!
O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/10/22>

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Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
forever

Saint Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop
of Hieropolis, Equal of the Apostles

*You emulated the zeal of the Apostles
and shone forth like a morning star,
and your works showed your God-given power:
you guided the erring to God,
O hierarch Abercius.*

Troparion – Tone 5

October 22, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis (ca. 167) • The Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antonius (ca. 250) • Martyrs Alexander the Bishop, Heraclius, Anna, Elizabeth, Theodota, and Glyceria (Glykéria), at Adrianopolis (2nd-3rd c.) • The “KAZAN” Icon of the Mother of God (commemorating the deliverance of Moscow and Russia from the Poles in 1612)

20th Sunday after Pentecost

5th Sunday of Luke

Tone 4 of the Octoechos.