

The bulletin sponsors this week are for:

The health of:

Health of Uncle **George** on his birthday, offered by Linda and Richard

The Memory of:

Recently departed **William** Kuzemchak, offered by his parish family.

Readings: **Galatians 2:16-20** (21st Sunday after Pentecost)
Luke 8:26-39 (6th Sunday of Luke)

BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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:

- There will be a meeting of the Parish Council today, **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.

Monastic Martyr Anastasia of Rome:

*Cleansed by the waters of virginity, and the blood of martyrdom, Anastasia,
you grant healing of every illness to those in need,
and salvation to those who come with love;
for Christ, the ever-flowing fountain of grace, has given you power.*

Kontakion – Tone 3

Venerable Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Blessed Mary, of Mesopotamia:

*The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.
Therefore your spirit, venerable Abramius, rejoices with the angels.*

Tone 8 – Troparion

*Purified by the waters of virginity,
righteous Anastasia, you were crowned by the blood of martyrdom.
You grant healing and salvation to those in need,
and who call on you from their hearts,
for Christ gives you strength, pouring out on you ever-flowing grace.*

Tone 3 – Kontakion

*You lived in the flesh on earth as an angel,
and through your ascetic life you became like a tree nourished by the waters of
abstinence and flourished.
You washed away stains with the streams of your tears
and so you have been revealed, O Abramius
to be a God-like vessel of the Spirit.*

Tone 3 – Kontakion

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/10/29>

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

Monastic Martyr Anastasia of Rome

*Your lamb Anastasia, calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice:
"I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering.
In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You,
and I died so that I might live with You.
Accept me as a pure sacrifice,
for I have offered myself in love."
Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.*

Troparion – Tone 4

October 29, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

Monastic Martyr Anastasia of Rome (3rd c.) • Ven. Abramius the Recluse, and his niece, Bl. Mary, of Mesopotamia (ca. 360) • Ven. Abrámii, Archimandrite of Rostov (1073-77) • Martyr Claudius, Asterius, Neon, and Theonilla of Aegæ in Cilicia (285) • Righteous Anna of Constantinople (826) • Monastic Martyr Timothy of Esphigmenou (Mt. Athos—1820)

21st Sunday after Pentecost
6th Sunday of Luke

Tone 5 of the Octoechos.