

Bulletin sponsors this ar for:**Health of:**

Mat. **Barbara**, offered by the parish.

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

Readings: **Galatians 1:11-19** (*20th Sunday after Pentecost*)
Luke 8:26-39 (*6th Sunday 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, 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	

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 18th

Classes are meeting immediately after Communion every week.+

Announcements:

- **Bishop Michael** will visit our parish on **Sunday, November 20th**. 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 today, October 30, 2022 after Coffee Hour.
- The **Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will have a meeting next **Sunday, November 5th**.

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** (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.

Hieromartyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia:

The Hieromartyr Zenobius, Bishop of Aegea, and his sister Zenobia suffered a martyr's death in the year 285 in Cilicia. From childhood they were raised in the holy Christian Faith by their parents, and they led pious and chaste lives. In their mature years, shunning the love of money, they distributed away their inherited wealth giving it to the poor. For his beneficence and holy life the Lord rewarded Zenobius with the gift of healing various maladies. He was also chosen bishop of a Christian community in Cilicia.

As bishop, Saint Zenobius zealously spread the Christian Faith among the pagans. When the emperor Diocletian (284-305) began a persecution against Christians, Bishop Zenobius was the first one arrested and brought to trial to the governor Licius. "I shall only speak briefly with you," said Licius to the saint, "for I propose to grant you life if you worship our gods, or death, if you do not." The saint answered, "This present life without Christ is death. It is better that I prepare to endure the present torment for my Creator, and then with Him live eternally, than to renounce Him for the sake of the present life, and then be tormented eternally in Hades."

By order of Licius, they nailed him to a cross and began the torture. The bishop's sister, seeing him suffering, wanted to stop it. She bravely confessed her own faith in Christ before the governor, therefore, she also was tortured.

By the power of the Lord they remained alive after being placed on a red-hot iron bed, and then in a boiling kettle. The saints were then beheaded. The priest Hermogenes secretly buried the bodies of the martyrs in a single grave.

Saint Zenobius is invoked by those suffering from breast cancer.

*Let us honor with inspired hymns the two martyrs for truth:
The preachers of true devotion, Zenobius and Zenobia;
as brother and sister they lived and suffered together
and through martyrdom received their incorruptible crowns.*

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/10/30>

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Hieromartyrs Zenobius and his sister
Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia

**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

*As brother and sister united in godliness together you struggled in contest,
Zenobius and Zenobia.*

*You received incorruptible crowns and unending glory
and shine forth with the grace of healing upon those in the world.*

Troparion – Tone 4

October 30, 2022

Today the Church remembers:

Hieromartyrs Zenobius and his sister Zenobia, of Aegæ in Cilicia (285) •
Apostles Tertius, Mark, Justus, and Artemas, of the Seventy (1st c.) • Hieromartyr
Marcian, Bishop of Syracuse (2nd c.) • Martyr Eutropia of Alexandria (ca. 250) •
Martyr Anastasia of Thessalonica (3rd c.) • St. Stephen Milutin, his brother Ven.
Dragutin (Theoctistus in monasticism), and their mother, St. Helen (Jelena), of Serbia.

20th Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 3 of the Octoechos.
6th Sunday of Luke