

The bulletin is sponsored this week for:**The health of:**

Elizabeth Wasenda, on her retirement and relocation to Florida, sponsored with love by her church family.

Elizabeth Turpin on her birthday, offered with love by her family.

Julie Mongan her birthday, offered with love by her family.

Our church school children and all children of the parish as another year of church school begins. May they continue to grow in God's love and guidance.

Our church choir, Mat. **Holly** Dawson, **Richard** and **Linda** Dantine, **Tammy** Zimmerman, and **Richard** Dantine Jr. for their dedication to beautifying our Liturgy every Sunday.

Memory of:

Peter Wasenda, father of Elizabeth Wasenda

Readings: II Corinthians 4:6-15 (15th Sunday after Pentecost)**Luke 6:31-36 (2nd Sunday of Luke)**

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

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 Service:**Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

We will no longer be taking temperatures when you enter the Church and signing up for services is no longer necessary. Services are open to all.

Those that are not fully vaccinated are still requested to wear a mask.

Church School

Sunday school will meet today, October 3rd. The meeting schedule for October is as follows: Oct 3rd, Oct 17th, and Oct 31st.

Parents of Sunday school students should check their email for the meeting times of their children's classes.

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

Announcement:

- **Archbishop Michael** will be with us on Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7, 2021. He did not visit us last year due to Covid restrictions. It will be wonderful to have him visit with us this year!
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- If you are unable to attend church, 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.

Reminders:

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via email to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer in time to get it into the bulletin.
- 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.

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens:

*As a disciple of the apostle caught up to the third heaven,
you spiritually entered the gate of heaven, Dionysius.
You were enriched with understanding of ineffable mysteries
and enlightened those who sat in the darkness of ignorance.*

Therefore we cry to you: Rejoice, universal Father!

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/10/03>

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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens

*Having learned goodness and maintaining continence in all things,
you were arrayed with a good conscience as befits a priest.*

*From the chosen Vessel you drew ineffable mysteries;
you kept the faith, and finished a course equal to His.*

Bishop martyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion – Tone 4

Today the Church remembers:

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens, and with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon (96) • Ven. Dionysii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—15th c.) • St. John the Chozebite, Bishop of Cæsarea, Palestine (6th c.)

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October 3, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost
2nd Sunday of Luke

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