

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**For the health of:**

Elizabeth Turpin on her birthday, offered by the Searfoorce family

Julie Mongan birthday, offered by the Searfoorce family

All members of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God, on their feast day, offered by Mat. Holly Dawson.

Fr. Dn. Edward Dawson on his birthday, offered by the Dawson family

President of the United States and First Lady and all others suffering in this pandemic, offered by the Dawson family

For our choir director, **Richard** Dantinne, and the **members of our choir who are able to attend Divine Services**, for those who have not been able to attend during this trying time, for **Elisa** Sofis who sang all our Pre-Sanctified Liturgies and Divine Liturgies during the beginning of the pandemic, we thank them for all their work and continued diligence to provide and inspire us during the Divine Services.

We specifically thank **Linda** Dantinne, **Tammy** Zimmerman, **Richard** Dantinne, Jr. and Mat. **Holly** Dawson. who comprise our wonderful choir.

We also thank **David** Searfoorce who chants the hours for us each Sunday. (Church Musician Appreciation Day is this Sunday)

For the memory of:

Mary, mother of Bill Kuzemchak

Readings: **II Corinthians 6:16-7:1** (*17th Sunday after Pentecost*)
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 service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page nynjoca.org has online services for viewing.

Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)

Church School

Church School is temporarily not meeting.

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:

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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**

The parish still needs to pay its bills. (Our monthly revenue has recently dropped below our monthly expenditures.)

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.

Reminders:

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a signup sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail 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 Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens:

*Hierarch of Athens, we praise you for you have instructed us in awesome and ineffable things,
and you were revealed to be a divinely-inspired writer of hymns.
Pray that we be delivered from every kind of sin, so that we may cry to you:
"Rejoice, divinely-wise Father Hierótheus."*

Kontakion – Tone 8

The Hieromartyr Hierotheus, the first Bishop of Athens, was a member of the Athenian Areopagos and was converted to Christ by the Apostle Paul together with Saint Dionysius the Areopagite (October 3).

The saint was consecrated by the Apostle Paul to the rank of bishop. According to Tradition, Bishop Hierotheus was present with Saint Dionysius at the funeral of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Saint Hierotheus died a martyr's death in the first century.

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/10/04>

Looking ahead this week:

- Tuesday, October 6th – Read about the **Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas** - <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/10/06/102884-glorification-of-saint-innocent-metropolitan-of-moscow-enlighten>
- Friday, October 9th – Read about the **Glorification of Saint Tikhon, Apostle to America** - <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/10/09/102906-glorification-of-saint-tikhon-apostle-to-america>

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Glory to Jesus Christ

Glory Forever

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

*We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul,
Hierarch of Athens,
the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith,
who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries
and poured forth streams of godly doctrine.
His life was well-pleasing to God, who is greatly merciful.*

Troparion – Tone 1

Today the Church remembers:

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens (1st c.) • Uncovering of the Relics of St. Gurias, first Archbishop of Kazan, and St. Varsonúphy (Barsanuphius), Bishop of Tver' (1595) • Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Kazan' (1976) • Rt. Blv. Prince Vladimir Yaroslavich, Prince of Novgorod (1052) • Ven. Helladius and Onesimus of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th-13th c.) • Ven. Ammon, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.) • Martyrs Gaius, Faustus, Eusebius, and Chæremon, of Alexandria (3rd c.) • Martyr Peter of Capetolis (3rd-4th c.) • Martyrs Domnina and her daughters Berenice and Prosdoco of Syria (305-306) • Ven. Ammon (ca. 350) and Paul the Simple (4th c.), of Egypt. St. Stephen Stiljjanovich of Serbia (1515)

October 4, 2020

17th SUNDAY AFTER ENTECOST

2nd Sunday of Luke

Tone 8 [of the Octoechos](#)