Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:

Health of:

Elizabeth Turpin on her birthday requested with love by her parents, Fr. Matthew & M. Barbara

Julia Mongan on her birthday requested with love by Fr. Mathew and M. Barbara

Women of our parish, for all their hard work and service requested by Fr.Dn Edward.

Choir members of our parish, for Church Musician Appreciation Day.

Memory of:

MaryAnn Kuzemchak, offered by the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God

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Readings: **II Corinthians 9:6-11** *(18th Sunday after Pentecost)*
Luke 6:31-36 *(2nd Sunday of Luke)*

BRETHREN, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to 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."

Saturday service: **Vespers** – 6:30 PM

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 Father 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 classes meet after Communion each Sunday.

Announcements:

- **Marriage Banns -** This is to announce to the members of our Parish Family that **Alexander Sanchez and Mary (Yarumi) Parraga Polar intend to enter into the Mystery of Holy Matrimony** on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at Holy Mother of God, Joy of all Who Sorrow Orthodox Church in Mays Landing, NJ at 12:00PM. If anyone who knows of any Canonical impediment to this union, please let me know. May God grant them a peaceful preparation and bless their forthcoming union in Christ. - Thank you. Fr. Matthew
- You are cordially invited to attend a **New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey**. It is hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL on Sunday, October 25, 2026, 6:00 PM, at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, 365 Paramus Road, Paramus, New Jersey 07652. **RSVP by Monday, October 12,** with the number attending, to Fr. John Morris, frjohnmorris3@gmail.com, phone (516) 967-9515
- **Tickets** for the **60th anniversary luncheon** at Villa Fazzolari restaurant are now on sale! The cost for a ticket is **$45** per person (age 12 and up). **Children**'s tickets are **$20**. (Eleven and under, ordering off the children's menu.)
  Please see **Tammy** Zimmerman or **Maribeth** Romanofsky **for tickets**.
- The **Sisterhood** will be celebrating their **feast day** today, **October 4th** with a luncheon at the Mays Landing diner after Divine Liturgy.

Reminders:

- We celebrate **Great Vespers every Saturday evening at 6:30 PM.**
- The Sisterhood's **food drive is.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of
- **Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish.** There is a basket at the candle stand to accept donations. Also, **a Venmo account** can be used for donations at https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson.
- **Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin**, should be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org **by the Friday before** the date needed.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers**. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- **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.

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens:

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.

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 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/10/04

The Diocese of New York and New Jersey will mark Church Musician Appreciation Day today, October 4, the Sunday following the feast day of St. Romanos the Melodist.

VISITATION OF THE HAWAIIAN IVERON MYRRH-STREAMING ICON TO THE DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY OCTOBER - NEW JERSEY DEANERY
All are invited to receive the anointing with the Holy Myrrh! The invitation extends to Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike. Countless healings have occurred for those anointed with the miraculous myrrh that flows from the Icon, by the grace of God and the prayers of the Most-Holy Mother of God. To read about the history and some of the miracles of the Hawaiian Myrrh-streaming Icon. Visit the website of the Orthodox Hawaiian Iveron Icon Association, at https://www.ohiia.org.
Saturday, October 10, 10 AM - SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral, Jersey City NJ Sunday, October 11, 10 AM - Holy Trinity Church, Randolph NJ – Hierarchical Liturgy Monday, October 19, 7 PM - SS. Peter & Paul Church, South River – Archbishop Michael will preside Tuesday, October 20, 11 AM - Assumption Church, Clifton NJ Tuesday, October 20, 6 PM - Christ the Saviour Church, Paramus NJ Wednesday, October 21, 6 PM - Annunciation Church, Brick NJ

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And the website of the Orthodox Church in America: www.oca.org/
See our Website at: ChurchMotherOfGod.org
See our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog
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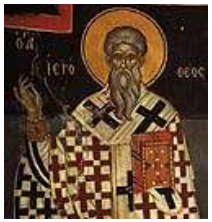
Glory to Jesus Christ



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.

Tone 1—Troparion

October 4, 2026

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 Capitolias (3rd-4th c.) • Martyrs Domnina and her daughters Berenice and Prosdoce of Syria (305-306) • Ven. Ammon (ca. 350) and Paul the Simple (4th c.), of Egypt • St. Stephen Stiljianovich of Serbia (1515)

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