

**Bulletin sponsors this week are for:****The health of:**

**Father Deacon Edward** on his birthday, from his family  
**Elizabeth Turpin** on her birthday, requested with love by her family  
**Julie Mongan** on her birthday, requested with love by her family  
**Nikolas Turpin** on his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, requested with love by his family

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[Hebrews 7:26-28;8:1-2](#) (*Saint Innocent*)

**Readings:** [II Corinthians 4:6-15](#) (*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)

[John 10:9-16](#) (*Saint Innocent*)

[Luke 7:11-16](#) (*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke*)

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**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.

**At that time**, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”

**Sunday Services:-**

<b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM</b> on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession -</b> by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas –</b> after Divine Liturgy 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 meets every Sunday after Communion.****Announcements:**

- The **Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God will be celebrating their **feast day** today, **October 6<sup>th</sup>** with a luncheon at a neighborhood restaurant, after the Liturgy. All sisters are invited to attend. Please notify Maribeth Romanofsky or Mat. Holly Dawson if you would like to attend.
- All parishioners are cordially invited to attend a **New Jersey Deanery Appreciation Dinner** for the 2024 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, hosted with gratitude by His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM at Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Avenue, South River, New Jersey 08882 - RSVP by Monday, October 14, to Fr. David Garretson, email [dfmg@aol.com](mailto:dfmg@aol.com); phone (732) 257-0102

**Reminders:**

- The **Sisterhood’s food drive** is ongoing. Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> )
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto: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.

**Glorification of Saint Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas:**

St Innocent (Veniaminov), Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomensk (August 26, 1797 – March 31, 1879), was glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church on October 6, 1977. He was born in the village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese. The Apostle of America and Siberia proclaimed the Gospel “even to the ends of the earth”: in the Aleutian islands (from 1823), in the six dialects of the local tribes on the island of Sitka (from 1834), among the Kolosh (Tlingit); in the remotest settlements of the extensive Kamchatka diocese (from 1853); among the Koryak, Chukchei, Tungus in the Yakutsk region (from 1853) and North America (in 1857); in the Amur and the Usuriisk region (from 1860).

Having spent a large part of his life in journeys, St Innocent translated a Catechism and the Gospel into the Aleut language. In 1833, he wrote in this language one of the finest works of Orthodox missionary activity INDICATION OF THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. ( see: [The Way Into the Kingdom of Heaven](#))

In 1859, the Yakut first heard the Word of God and divine services in their native language. Twice (in 1860 and 1861) St Innocent met with St Nicholas the Apostle to Japan (February 3), sharing with him his spiritual experience.

A remarkable preacher, St Innocent said, “Whoever abounds in faith and love, can have mouth and wisdom, and the heart cannot resist their serving it.”

Having begun his apostolic work as a parish priest, St Innocent completed it as Metropolitan of Moscow (January 5, 1868 – March 31, 1879). He obeyed the will of God all his life, and he left behind a theme for the sermon to be preached at his funeral: “The steps of a man are rightly ordered by the Lord” (Ps 36/37:23).

St Innocent is also commemorated on October 5 (Synaxis of the Moscow Hierarchs) and on **October 6 (his glorification).**

*A true celebration of the providence and grace of God  
is your life, O Holy Father Innocent, Apostle to our land.  
In hardships and dangers you toiled for the Gospel's sake  
and God delivered and preserved you unharmed.  
From obscurity He highly exalted you as an example  
that the Lord truly guides a man in the way he should go.*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/10/06>

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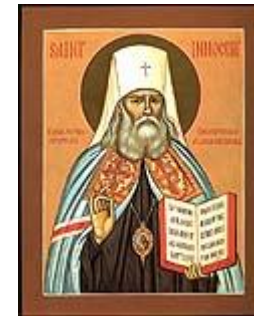
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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
forever**

Glorification of Saint Innocent,  
Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of  
the Aleuts, Apostle to the Americas

*O Holy Father Innocent in obedience to the will of God  
you accepted dangers and tribulations  
bringing many peoples to the knowledge of truth.  
You showed us the way,  
now by your prayers help lead us into the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Tone 4—Troparion

**October 6, 2024**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Glorification of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas (1977—Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> O.S.)** • Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas (1<sup>st</sup> c.) • Monastic Martyr Macarius of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1590) • “O All-Hymned Mother” Icon of the Mother of God

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Luke

Tone 6 of the Octoechos