

**The bulletin sponsors this week are for:****The Health of:**

**Fr. Dn. Edward** on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday today from his family.

**Elizabeth** Searfoorce Turpin on her birthday, requested with love by her family

**Julie** Mongan on her birthday, requested with love by her family

**Nickolas** Turpin on his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, requested with love by his family

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**Readings:** **II Corinthians 9:6-11** (*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Luke 7:11-16** (*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke*)

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**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.

**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</b> - 9:40 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> – 10:00 AM
<b>General Confession</b> – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession</b> - by appointment, contact Fr 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 has started for the new school year.****Announcements:**

- The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will celebrate their feast day this Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with a luncheon at a local restaurant. Please see Mat. Holly Dawson, Maribeth Romanofsky or Tammy Zimmerman for information. The luncheon is for Sisterhood members.
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

**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. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand.)
- 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.

**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council:**

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25).

The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI.

The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because “no man has seen God at any time” (John 1:18).

In Greek practice, the holy God-bearing Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council are commemorated on October 11 (if it is a Sunday), or on the Sunday which follows October 11. According to the Slavic menaion, however, if the eleventh falls on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, the service is moved to the preceding Sunday.

*The Son, Who shone forth ineffably from the Father,  
was born of a Woman, in two natures.  
Knowing this, we do not deny His image,  
but piously depict Him, and devoutly revere Him.  
Therefore, the Church, holding the True Faith,  
kisses the Icon of the incarnate Christ.*

Kontakion – Tone 6

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/10/08>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: [www.oca.org/](http://www.oca.org/)

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Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory  
forever

Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of  
the Seventh Ecumenical Council

*Most glorious art Thou, O Christ our God,  
Who hast established the Holy Fathers as luminaries on the earth.  
By them Thou hast guided us on the path of the True Faith.  
O Most Merciful One, glory to Thee!*

Troparion – Tone 8

**October 8, 2023**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council** • Ven. Pelagía the Penitent (457) •  
Ven. Dosiféi (Dositheus), Abbot of Verkneóstrov (Pskov—1482) • Ven.  
Tryphon, Abbot of Vyatka (1612) • Ven. Thaïs (Taïssia) of Egypt (4<sup>th</sup> c.) •  
Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Antioch (303) • Monastic Martyr Ignatius of  
Prodromou (Mt. Athos—1814)

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke

Tone 1 of the Octoechos.