

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

Twins **Nicole** and **Xavier** Golden on their 14th birthday as requested by their family. **Cecelia** and **Joanna** on the start of their school and Sunday school year. Requested by the Sunday School teachers.

Kira Dangle on the occasion of her birthday, requested with love by her parents, Fr. Matthew and M. Barbara

Julian Turpin on the occasion of his 12th birthday, requested with love by his grandparents, Fr. Matthew & M. Barbara

The Memory of:

Helen Wolff, sponsored by the Sisterhood

[Galatians 6:11-18](#) (Sunday before Elevation)

II Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

[John 3:13-17](#) (Sunday Before Elevation of the Cross)

Matthew 22:1-14 (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

Readings:

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

The Lord said this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month (General Confession will be today, Sept. 10th, this month)	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr 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 is starting today, Sept 10th, for the new school year.

Please check with your child’s teacher for class times.

Announcements:

- The Sisterhood is holding a food drive to benefit a local food pantry. Please see the listing downstairs of needed items. All donations will be welcomed!
- 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**
- 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.

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Mother of God:

*By Your Nativity, O Most Pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness;
Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death.
And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you:
The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life!*
Kontakion – Tone 4

Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, at Nicomedia:

*O Holy Martyrs,
you wisely exchanged horrible torture and bitter death for Eternal Life!
Three virgins, you confessed the unoriginate Trinity at an evil council,
and for this reason were slain by the sword,
following the way of the Lamb who was slain!
Now ever pray for us
Who commemorate your holy memory!*
Troparion – Tone 4

*Let all who rejoice at their triumph honor these three virgin martyrs,
who are united to God as sisters and who pour forth fair streams of grace:
Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, / who were in all things courageous;
they ever pray to the Trinity for us.*
Troparion – Tone 1

*Invincible in your struggles for the Holy Trinity,
and through your love for each other as sisters,
you defeated the foe of your spiritual life,
and with the five virgins, entered victoriously into the Heavenly Mansions
where you ever rejoice with the angels in the presence of the King of All!*
Kontakion – Tone 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/09/10>

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the
Mother of God

*Your Nativity, O Virgin,
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!
The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
has shone from You, O Theotokos!
By annulling the curse,
He bestowed a blessing.
By destroying death, He has granted us eternal Life.*
Troparion – Tone 4

September 10, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos • Sunday before Elevation • Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, at Nicomedia (305-311) • Ven. Paul the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.) • Bl. Prince Andrew, in monasticism Joasaph, of Kubensk (Vologda—1453) • Holy Apostles of the 70 Apelles, Luke (Loukios), and Clement (1st c.) • Martyr Barypsabas in Dalmatia (2nd c.) • Rt. Blv. Pulcheria, the Empress of the Greeks (453) • Ss. Peter and Paul, Bishops of Nicaea (9thc.)

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 5 of the Octoechos.