

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

Kira and Dan Dangle on their anniversary requested with love by their family

The memory of:

Elena Wolff, sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God.

Readings: I Corinthians 15:1-11 (*12th Sunday after Pentecost*)

[Philippians 2.5-11](#) (*Most-Holy Theotokos*)

[Galatians 6.11-18](#) (*Sunday before Elevation of the Cross*)

Matthew 19:16-26 (*12th Sunday after Pentecost*)

[Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28](#) (*Most-Holy Theotokos*)

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

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Sunday Service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

We will no longer be taking temperatures when you enter the Church and signing up for services is no longer necessary. Services are open to all.

Those that are not fully vaccinated are still requested to wear a mask.

Church School

Church School will begin on October 3rd. Parents who responded yes to the questionnaire should check their email for information on when their children’s classes will meet.

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:

- **The Holy Day of the Elevation of the Precious Cross (9/14), will be celebrated next Sunday, 9/19.** All music, Epistle and Gospel readings will be for the Elevation of the Precious Cross. We will also have the Blessing of Children at the beginning of their school year on that Sunday.
- **Archbishop Michael** will be with us on Saturday, November 7th and Sunday, November 8, 2021. He did not visit us last year due to Covid restrictions. It will be wonderful to have him visit with us this year!
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.
- If you are unable to attend church, 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.

Reminders:

- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via email 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.

Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Mother of God:

When the time drew near for the birth of the Saviour of the world, in the Galilean city of Nazareth, there lived a descendant of King David, Joachim, with his wife Anna. They were both pious people and were known not for their royal ancestry but for their humility and charity.

Their entire lives were permeated with love for God and people. They lived to a ripe old age but never had children, and this grieved them very much. In spite of their old age, they did not cease to petition God to send them children. They made a vow that, if a child was born to them, they would have consecrated it to the service of God. At that time, every Jew hoped that his posterity would have taken a part in the kingdom of the Messiah, that is, Christ the Saviour. Therefore, every childless Jew was held in contempt by the others, for this was considered a great punishment by God for one's sins. This was especially trying to Joachim as a descendant of King David because from his seed Christ meant to be born.

For their patience, great faith, and love for God and for each other, God sent Joachim and Anna great joy. Toward the end of their lives, a daughter was born to them. According to the command of an angel of God, She was given the name Mary. The birth of Mary brought a joy not only to Her parents but to all people because She was foreordained by God to be the Mother of the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. The Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Holy Orthodox Church as one of its major holidays on the 8th of September.

*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

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/09/12>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

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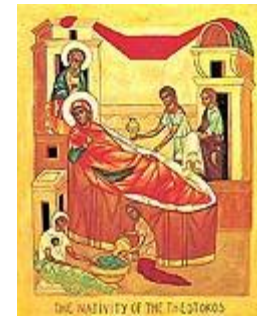
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**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

Leavetaking 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

Today the Church remembers:

Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Theotokos • Sunday before Elevation •
Hieromartyr Autonomus, Bishop in Italy (313) • Ven. Vassian (Bassian) of Tiksnensk (Vologdá—1624) • Translation of the Relics of Righteous Simeon of Verkhotúr'e (1704) • Martyr Julian of Galatia and forty Martyrs with him (4th c.) • Hieromartyr Theodore of Alexandria. St. Coronatus, Bishop of Nicomedia (3rd c.) • Ven. Afanásy of Vysótsk, Wonderworker of Serpukhóv (1395)

September 12, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost

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