

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:****For the health of:**

**Nicole and Xavier** Golden on their 11th birthdays, twin grandchildren of Fr. Dn. Edward and Mat. Holly  
**Kira and Dan** Dangle on their anniversary, offered by their family.

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**Readings:** [Galatians 6:11-18](#) (*Sunday Before Elevation of the Cross*)  
**II Corinthians 1:21-2:4** (*14th Sunday after Pentecost*)  
[Hebrews 3:1-4](#) (*Church*)  
[John 3:13-17](#) (*Saturday Before Elevation of the Cross*)  
**Matthew 22:1-14** (*14th Sunday after Pentecost*)  
[Matthew 16:13-19](#) (*Church*)

**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 service:**

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page nynjoca.org has online services for viewing.**

**Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)**

**Church School**

Church School is temporarily not meeting.

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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.

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**Announcement:**

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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**

The parish still needs to pay its bills. (Our monthly revenue has recently dropped below our monthly expenditures.)

**Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.**

**Reminders:**

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org (there is no longer a signup sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail 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.

**Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross:**

*Your precious Cross rises like the sun  
and mystically makes all things holy and pure.  
Let us prepare to welcome it with faith.*

Kontakion – Tone 4

The Forefeast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross is celebrated for only one day (September 13) and there are seven days of Afterfeast (September 15-21). The Leavetaking of the Feast falls on September 21.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is preceded by the Saturday and Sunday before the Exaltation, and it is followed by the Sunday after the Exaltation.

**Today we also commemorate the Consecration of the church of the Resurrection at Jerusalem.**

*You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Your glory on earth  
to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord.*

*Through the prayers of the Theotokos,  
strengthen it for ever and ever  
and accept our supplication  
which we ceaselessly offer to You therein,  
the life and resurrection of all!*

Troparion (Founding) Tone 4

*The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light,  
which enlightens all the faithful.  
Standing within it we cry: "Establish this house, O Lord!"*

Kontakion (Founding) Tone 4

Saint Constantine the Great (May 21) built the church of the Resurrection on Golgotha. On September 13, 335, the Fathers of the Council of Tyre consecrated it and, at that time, ordained the annual commemoration of its consecration.

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/09/13>

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<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org/>

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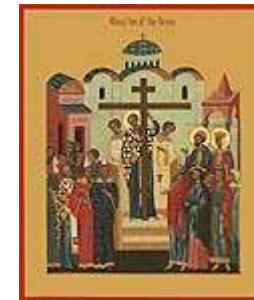
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Glory to Jesus  
Christ

Glory Forever

Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross

*We offer in supplication  
the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord,  
which You have granted to us  
although we are unworthy.*

*Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of mankind.*

Troparion – Tone 5

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross • Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem (335) • Sunday before Elevation • Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion (1st c.) • Martyrs Chronides, Leontius and Serapion, of Alexandria (237) • Martyrs Macrobius and Gordian at Tomi in Romania (4th c.) • Hieromartyr Julian of Galatia (4th c.) • St. Peter of Atroë (9th c.) • Greatmartyr Ketevan, Queen of Georgia (1624) • Ven. Hierotheus the Younger of Iveron (Mt. Athos—1745)**

**September 13, 2020**

**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Tone 5 [of the Octoechos](#)**