

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

Jaclyn and **John** Dantine as they begin their new careers, offered by their family.
Kira and **Daniel** Dangle on the occasion of their anniversary, requested with love by
 Fr. Matthew and M. Barbara

Readings:

[Galatians 2:16-20](#) (Sunday after Elevation)

II Corinthians 4:6-15 (15th Sunday after Pentecost)

[Mark 8:34-38; 9:1](#) (Sunday After Elevation of the Cross)

Matthew 22:35-46 (15th Sunday after Pentecost)

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, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet’? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each 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 has started for the new school year.
Please check with your child’s teacher for class times.

Announcements:

- The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will celebrate their feast day on Sunday, October 8th 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**
- 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 Elevation of the Cross:

*As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries,
by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.*

Kontakion – Tone 4

Martyr Sophia and her three daughters at Rome:

*The Church celebrates and rejoices
in the feast of the three daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love
and their Mother Sophia, named for her wisdom:
For in them she gave birth to the three godly virtues.
Now they eternally behold their bridegroom, God the Word.
Let us rejoice spiritually in their memory and cry:*

*O our three Heavenly Protectors,
establish, confirm and strengthen us
in Faith, Hope and Love*

Troparion – Tone 4

*You blossomed in the courts of the Lord
as a fruitful olive tree,
holy martyr Sophia;
in your contest you offered to Christ the sweet fruit of your womb,
your daughters Faith, Hope, and Love.
Together with them intercede for us all.*

Troparion – Tone 5

*The holy branches of noble Sophia,
Faith, Hope, and Love,
confounded Greek sophistry through Grace.
They struggled and won the victory and have been granted an incorruptible crown by
Christ the Master of all.*

Kontakion – Tone 1

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/09/17>

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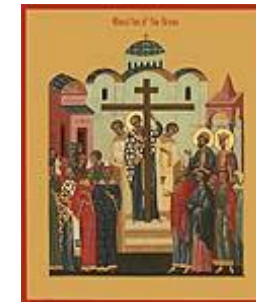
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Attached Deacon

**Glory to
Jesus Christ****Glory
forever**Afterfeast of the Elevation of the
Cross

*O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance.
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries.
And by virtue of Your Cross,
preserve Your habitation..*

Troparion – Tone 1

September 17, 2023**Today the Church remembers:**

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross • Sunday after Elevation • Martyr Sophia, and her three daughters: Faith (Vera), Hope (Nadézhda), and Love (Liubóv', Charity), at Rome (ca. 137) • Martyrs Theodota at Nicæa (ca. 230) • Martyr Agathocleia (ca. 230) • 156 Martyrs of Palestine, including Bishops Peleus and Nilus, the Presbyter Zeno, the Noblemen Paternuthius and Elias, and others (ca. 310)

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6 of the Octoechos.