

There are no bulletin sponsors this week.

Readings: **I Corinthians 16:13-24** (*13th Sunday after Pentecost*)
Luke 5:1-11 (*1st Sunday of Luke*)

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Steph'anas were the first converts in Acha'ia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Steph'anas and Fortuna'tus and Acha'icus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aq'uila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Sunday Services:

<p>Hours - 9:40 AM</p> <p>General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month</p> <p>Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew</p> <p>Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month</p>	<p>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</p>
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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 meets every Sunday after Communion

Announcements:

- The next meeting of the parish council will be next Sunday, September 29th, after coffee hour.
- The **Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God will be celebrating their **feast day** on Sunday **October 6th** with a luncheon at a neighborhood restaurant, after the Liturgy. If any **gentleman** would like to volunteer to **provide the coffee hour meal** that day, there is a sign-up sheet downstairs.

Reminders:

- The **Sisterhood's food drive** is ongoing. Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- 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.

Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope:

*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

Lukan Jump:

The interruption of the reading of the Gospel of Matthew after the Elevation of the Holy Cross is known as the "**Lukan Jump**" The jump occurs only in the Gospel readings, there is no corresponding jump in the Epistle. From this point on the Epistle and Gospel readings do not exactly correspond, the Epistles continuing to be determined according to the moveable Paschal cycle and the Gospels being influenced by the fixed cycle.

The Lukan Jump is related to the chronological proximity of the Elevation of the Cross to the Conception of the Forerunner (St. John the Baptist), celebrated on September 23rd. In late Antiquity, this feast marked the beginning of the ecclesiastical New Year. Thus, beginning the reading of the Lukan Gospel toward the middle of September can be understood. The reasoning is theological, and is based on a vision of Salvation History: the Conception of the Forerunner constitutes the first step of the New Economy, as mentioned in the stikhera of the matins of this feast. The Evangelist Luke is the only one to mention this Conception (Luke 1:5-24).

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/09/22>

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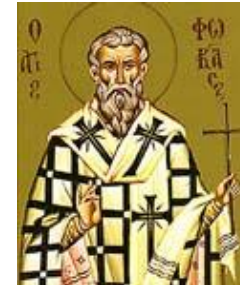
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**Glory to
Jesus Christ****Glory
forever**

Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope

*By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation,
O inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding
of your blood.*

Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Tone 4—Troparion

September 22, 2024**Today the Church remembers:**

Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinopè (117) • Prophet Jonah (8th c. B.C.) • St. Jonah the Presbyter (9th c.), father of Ss. Theophanes the Hymnographer and Theodore Graptus • Ven. Jonah, Abbot of Yashezérsk (1589-92) • Martyr Phocas the Gardener, of Sinopè (ca. 320) • St. Peter the Tax-collector (6th c.) • "Hearer" Icon of the Mother of God

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1st Sunday Luke

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