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**Readings:** **II Corinthians 4:6-15** (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)  
**Galatians 5:22-26;6:1-2** (St Sergius)  
**Luke 5:1-11** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke)  
**Luke 6:17-23** (St Sergius)

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**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**, 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><b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>      <b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>  <b>General Confession – 9:45 AM</b> on the first Sunday of each month  <b>Private Confession -</b> by appointment, contact Fr Matthew  <b>Pannikhidas –</b> after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month</p>
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Mask wearing in church is now optional. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

**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.**

**Church School has resumed as of September 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 Classes are meeting immediately after Communion every week.+

### Announcements:

- **There will be a meeting of the Church Council today, September 25<sup>th</sup>,** immediately after coffee hour.
- **Bishop Michael** will visit our parish on **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. The Sisterhood will host a luncheon following Divine Liturgy that day. Tickets will be required for those age 12 and up who are attending the luncheon. Tickets will go on sale shortly and will cost \$5 per person.
- **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.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- 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.

**Rest of Venerable Sergius the Wonderworker, Abbot of Radonezh:**

*In the purity of your life,  
you combined the stream of your tears with later ascetical contests of faith,  
thereby exuding a spiritual font, O Venerable Sergius,  
in which you wash the spiritual and bodily impurity of all those who lovingly  
revere your memory.*

*Therefore, we your children cry out to you:  
"O Father, pray to the Holy Trinity for our souls."*

Troparion – Tone 8

*Wounded by love for Christ, O venerable one, and following Him with  
unwavering desire,  
you despised all carnal pleasures, and as the sun, you shone upon the land of  
your birth.*

*Therefore, Christ has enriched you with the gift of working miracles.  
Remember us who honor your most illustrious memory,  
that we may call to you: "Rejoice, O divinely-wise Sergius."*

Kontakion – Tone 8

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:  
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/09/25>

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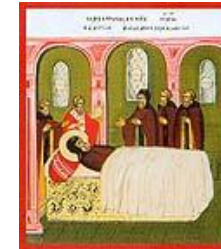
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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ****Glory  
forever**

Rest of Venerable Sergius the  
Wonderworker, Abbot of Radonezh

*Athlete of virtues, true warrior of Christ God,  
you struggled mightily against the passions in this temporal life;  
in psalmody, vigils, and fasting, you were an example to your disciples;  
therefore, the most Holy Spirit dwelt in you,  
and you were radiantly adorned by His activity.  
Since you possess boldness before the Holy Trinity,  
remember the flock which you gathered wisely,  
and do not forget to visit your children as you promised, O Venerable Sergius our Father.*

Troparion – Tone 4

**September 25, 2022****Today the Church remembers:**

**Rest of Ven. Sergius (Sérgii) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Rádonezh (1392) • Ven. Euphrosynē of Alexandria (5th c.) • Ven. Euphrosynē of Suzdal' (1250) • Translation of the Relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1595) • Martyr Paphnutius and 546 companions in Egypt (3rd c.) • Commemoration of the Earthquake of 447 (447).**

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.Tone 6 of the Octoechos.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke