

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health and prosperity of:**

Mary Cunyar who is in a coma, sister of Bill Kuzemchak.

Readings:

- **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**
- **Matthew 19:3-12**

BRETHREN, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge -- even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you -- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At that time, Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" He answered, "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" He said to them, "For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another, commits adultery." The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is not expedient to marry." But he said to them, "Not all men can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it."

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:PM

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
 (Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)
 (General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)
 (Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School – (will resume this month)

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will meet next Sunday, **September 9th** after coffee hour.
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council** will be on **September 30th** after coffee hour.

Reminder:

- **Volunteers are needed to clean the church.** Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.
Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- The **2012 Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** program is underway. This is a way to: Support our diocesan seminarians, establish more mission parishes in our Diocese, and support existing parishes that need help. We ask that you help out by contributing directly by mail with a "**Vision for Our Future ~ DDB**" flyer, or online at the website: http://nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html

Offering Prospophora:

In our parish, we have the custom of making small prospophori (breads) available at the candle stand. Before the **Divine Liturgy**, the faithful can send them into the altar with a list of names for prayers of *health and salvation* for the living and for the *repose* of the departed servants of God.

When the priest receives the prospophora and the list, he prays for the people indicated and takes a small particle of bread for each name and places it on the diskos, in the center of which is the cube of bread which will become the Body of Christ during the Divine Liturgy. This is done at the **Proskomedie**, celebrated before the service, **usually while the Hours are being read.**

After the Liturgy, the prospophora is then given back to the person who requested the prayers, and if you look closely at it, you should find that small particles had indeed been taken out.

The origins of this practice go back to the days when the faithful would bring the bread and wine to be used in the Liturgy.

The prospophora you receive back, which of course has not been consecrated into the Body of Christ, is part of the “*antidoron*”, not unlike the bread the faithful receive when coming forth to kiss the cross at the end of the Liturgy. “*Antidoron*” means “*instead of the gift,*” and in times past only those who did not receive Communion would take it at the end of Liturgy. It is appropriate to share the antidoron with the person or persons in whose name it was offered, especially if they are home bound or too ill to come to the church for the Eucharist.

After the Gospel reading, in our parish, it has been our custom to reread the same names read at the Proskomedie, during the **Augmented Litany**, (and the special **Litany for the Departed**). This ‘local practice’ of rereading all the names will be discontinued, partly due to the large number of names. (When the need arises, names of individuals will still be read at these petitions.)

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**Very Reverend Daniel Hubiak,
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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**



**Glory
Forever**

*Your holy martyr Mamas, O Lord,
through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.
Through his intercessions, save our souls!*

Troparion - Mamas of Caesarea

On this day the Church remembers:

Ven. Anthony and Theodosius of the Kiev Caves (10th-11th c.)

- Martyr Mamas of Caesarea in Cappadocia, and his parents Martyrs Theodotus and Rufina (3rd c.)
- St. John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople (595)
- The 3618 Martyrs who suffered at Nicomedia (3rd-4th c.)
- The “KALUGA” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (1748).

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13th Sunday After Pentecost