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Readings: **I Corinthians 15:1-11** (12th Sunday after Pentecost)
Matthew 19:16-26 (12th Sunday after Pentecost)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3 rd Sunday of each month	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
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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 will resume on Sunday September 18th!

Classes will meet immediately after Communion every week.+
 We look forward to welcoming our students back!

Announcements:

- **There will be a meeting of the Sisterhood on Sunday, September 18th,** immediately after coffee hour.
- **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** (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.

Martyr Gorazd of Prague, Bohemia and Moravo-Cilezsk:

Our father among the saints Bishop Gorazd (Pavlik) of Prague was the hierarch of the revived Orthodox Church in Moravia, the Church of Czechoslovakia, after World War I. During World War II, having provided refuge for the assassins of SS-Obergruppenfuher Reinhard Heydrich, called The Butcher of Prague, in the cathedral of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Prague, St. Gorazd took full responsibility for protecting the patriots after the Nazi overlords found them in the crypt of the cathedral. This act guaranteed his execution, thus his martyrdom, during the reprisals that followed. His feast day is celebrated on August 22 (OC) or September 4 (NC).

*Amid currents of uncertainty, you remained in truth like the hardest diamond,
and you preached to your native land Orthodoxy -- the way of salvation.
After a God-favored life as a teacher of the Gospel,
O high priest and shepherd,
you patiently and bravely received the martyrs' crown from Christ the Savior.
O Martyr, Enlightener, Father Gorazd, pray for us in the Kingdom of God.*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/09/04>

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Martyr Gorazd of Prague, Bohemia and
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Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
forever

*Orthodox leader and restorer of the Moravian Church,
Godly chief shepherd, Father Gorazd!
With joy, you suffered for the Truth.
Pray to our gracious God to save our souls!*

Troparion – Tone 4

September 4, 2022**Today the Church remembers:**

- Hieromartyr Gorazd, Bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia (Serbian 1942)**
- Hieromartyr Babylas (Vavila), Bishop of Antioch, and with him Martyrs Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonius; and their mother, Christodula (251) • Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (16th c. B.C.) • Uncovering of the Relics of St. Joasaph, Bishop of Bélgorod (1911) • Martyr Hermione, daughter of St. Philip the Deacon (ca. 117)
 - Martyr Babylas of Nicomedia, and with him 84 children (4th c.) • Martyrs Theodore, Mianus (Ammianus), Julian, Kion (Oceanus), and Centurionus, of Nicomedia (305-311) • “Unburnt Bush” Icon of the Mother of God (1680)

12th Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 3 of the Octoechos.