

**Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:****For the health of:****Kira** Dangle for her birthday, offered by her family**Dan** Dangle for his birthday offered by family**Julian** for his 9th birthday, offered by his family**Johnathan** Dawson on his birthday, offered by the Dawson family**Readings:** **I Corinthians 16:13-24** (*13th Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Matthew 21:33-42** (*13th Sunday after Pentecost*)

**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. Aqu'ila 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.

**The Lord said**, "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

**Sunday service:****Hours - 9:40 AM****Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic, in person services in our parish have been cut back for now. Fr Matthew has sent out reader's services via email each week to follow at home. In addition, the diocesan web page [nynjoca.org](http://nynjoca.org) has online services for viewing.**

**Sunday services are celebrated with only the allowed number of people in attendance. Please contact Fr Matthew if you wish to attend as part of the restricted number. (No one else should attend in person.)**

**Church School**

Church School has ended for the school year.

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

**Announcement:**

- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **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**

The parish still needs to pay its bills.

**Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.**

**Reminders:**

- Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may change.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org) (there is no longer a signup sheet at the candle stand).
- We still need sponsors for the bulletin each week as they go out via e-mail to many people. Send your donation to the treasurer in time to get it into the bulletin.
- 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.

See us on the web at: [ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin](http://ChurchMotherOfGod.org/bulletin)

See us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog](http://www.facebook.com/mayslandingmog)

Email us at: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)

**Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae:**

*O Chief Commander Michael, you were seen overshadowing your church  
like a cloud raining waters of immortality.  
You preserved it like another ark,  
and turned aside the flow of the rivers with your staff,  
for the glory of the Faith, and to the delight of our souls.*

Troparion – Tone 5

*Michael, commander of God's armies  
and minister of the divine glory,  
prince of the bodiless angels  
and guide of mankind,  
ask for what is good for us, and for great mercy,  
as supreme commander of the Bodiless Hosts.*

Kontakion – Tone 2

In Phrygia, not far from the city of Hieropolis, in a place called Cheretopos, there was a church named for the Archangel Michael, built over a miraculous spring.

This church was built by a certain inhabitant of the city of Laodicia in gratitude to God for healing his mute daughter. The holy Chief Commander Michael appeared to this man in a dream and revealed to him that his daughter would receive the gift of speech after drinking from the water of the spring. The girl actually did receive healing and began to speak. After this miracle, the father and his daughter and all their family were baptized. In fervent gratitude, the father built the church in honor of the holy Chief Commander Michael. Not only did Christians begin to come to the spring for healing, but also pagans. In so doing, many of the pagans turned from their idols and were converted to the faith in Christ.

At this church of the holy Chief Commander Michael, a certain pious man by the name of Archippus served for sixty years as church custodian. By his preaching and by the example of his saintly life he brought many pagans to faith in Christ. With the general malice of that time towards Christians, and especially against Archippus, the pagans thought to destroy the church in order to prevent people from coming to that holy place of healing, and at the same time kill Archippus.

Toward this end they made a confluence of the Lykokaperos and Kufos Rivers and directed its combined flow against the church. Saint Archippus prayed fervently to the Chief Commander Michael to ward off the danger. Through his prayer the Archangel Michael appeared at the temple, and with a blow of his staff, opened a wide fissure in a rock and commanded the rushing torrents of water to flow into it. The temple remained unharmed. Seeing such an awesome miracle, the pagans fled in terror. Archippus and the Christians gathered in church glorified God and gave thanks to the holy Archangel Michael for the help. The place where the rivers plunged into the fissure received the name "Chonae", which means "plunging."

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2020/09/06>

Please check the website of our Diocese:

<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org/>

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**Glory to Jesus  
Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

**Commemoration of the Miracle of the  
Archangel Michael at Colossae**

*Michael, commander of the heavenly hosts,  
we who are unworthy beseech you,*

*by your prayers encompass us beneath the wings of your immaterial glory,  
and faithfully preserve us who fall down and cry out to you:*

*"Deliver us from all harm, for you are the commander of the powers on high!"*

Troparion – Tone 5

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae** • Martyrs Eudoxius, Zeno, and Macarius (311-312) • St. Archippus (Arkhipp) of Herapolis • Martyr Romulus, and with him many others (107-115) • Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna (3rd-4th c.) • Martyrs Cyriacus, Faustus the Presbyter, Abibas the Deacon, and 11 others, at Alexandria (ca. 250) • St. David of Hermopolis, Egypt (4th c.) • Hieromartyr Priest Maxim Sandovich (1914)

**September 6, 2020**

**13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

**Tone 4** [of the Octoechos](#)