Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:

Health of:

Kira Dangle on her birthday requested with love by her family.

Julian Turpin on his 15th birthday requested with love by his grandparents, Fr. Matthew and M. Barbara.

Twins **Nicole** and **Xavier** Golden on their 17th birthday, grandchildren of Fr. Dn. Edward and Mat. Holly.

Memory of:

Johnathan Dawson, son of Fr. Dn. Edward and Mat. Holly.

Readings: **II Corinthians 1:21-2:4** *(14th Sunday after Pentecost)*
Matthew 22:1-14 *(14th Sunday after Pentecost)*

BRETHREN, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me–it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Saturday service: **Vespers** – 6:30 PM

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3rd Sunday of each month

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 will resume on September 13th.

Announcements:

- **Sunday school** classes will resume next **Sunday, September 13th.** If you'd like your child to attend Sunday school, and you have not filled out a registration form for that child previously, please do so. Registration forms can be found at the candle stand. This applies to all unregistered children, even if they have attended classes in the past.
- **Father Matthew** will be **blessing** all **students** of the parish next **Sunday, September 13th** after the Liturgy**,** as they begin a new school year.
- **Tickets** for the **60th anniversary luncheon** are now on sale! The cost for a ticket is **$45** per person (age 12 and up). **Children**'s tickets are **$20**. (Eleven and under, ordering off the children's menu.)
  Please see **Tammy** Zimmerman **for tickets**.
- The **Sisterhood** will be celebrating their **feast day** on **Sunday October 4th** with a l**uncheon** at the Mays Landing diner after Divine Liturgy. **All women** of the parish **are invited to attend**. You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to attend the luncheon. Please **notify Maribeth** Romanofsky by September 20th if you would like to attend.
- The **next meeting of the Parish Council** will be on Sunday, September 20th, after coffee hour.

Reminders:

- We celebrate **Great Vespers every Saturday evening at 6:30 PM.**
- The Sisterhood's **food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of
- **Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish.** There is a basket at the candle stand to accept donations. Also, **a Venmo account** can be used for donations at https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson.
- **Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin**, should be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org by the Friday before the date needed.

- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers**. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- **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.

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

To read about the saints remembered today, see:
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/09/06

This week the Church celebrates the feast of the Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, see:
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/09/08/102541-the-nativity-of-our-most-holy-lady-the-mother-of-god-and-ever-vi

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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!"

Tone 4—Troparion

September 6, 2026

Today the Church remembers:

Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossæ • 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)

14th Sunday after Pentecost Tone 5 of the Octoechos