

Bulletin sponsors this week are for:

The health of:

Daniel Dangle on his birthday, offered with love by his family.
Kira Dangle on her birthday, offered with love by her family.
Julian Turpin on his 13th birthday, offered with love by his family.
Johnathan on his birthday, son of Fr. Deacon Edward and Mat. Holly.
 Twins **Nicole** and **Xavier** Golden on their birthday, grandchildren of Fr. Deacon Edward and Mat. Holly.

The memory of:

Helen Wolff, offered by the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God.

Readings: [Galatians 6:11-18](#) (Sunday Before the Elevation of the Cross)
I Corinthians 9:2-12 (11th Sunday after Pentecost)
[Philippians 2:5-11](#) (Most-Holy Theotokos)
[John 3:13-17](#) (Sunday Before Elevation of the Cross)
Matthew 18:23-35 (11th Sunday after Pentecost)
[Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28](#) (Most-Holy Theotokos)

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Lord said this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his

lord delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to everyone of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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 Fr 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 classes will begin again next Sunday, September 15th.

Father will have a blessing of the children that day as they begin their school year. New student registration forms for Sunday school are available at the candle stand. (For new students only)

Announcements:

- The **Elevation of the Cross** will be celebrated on Sunday, September 15th.
- The next meeting of the parish council will be Sunday, September 29th, after coffee hour.
- The **Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God will be celebrating their **feast day** on Sunday **October 6th** with a luncheon at a neighborhood restaurant, after the Liturgy. All sisters are invited to attend. Please notify Maribeth Romanofsky or Mat. Holly Dawson if you would like to attend.

Reminders:

- The **Sisterhood’s food drive** is ongoing. Donation bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Please be generous. Thank you!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- 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. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. Or a **Venmo account** can be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- **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.

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary:

When the time drew near for the birth of the Saviour of the world, in the Galilean city of Nazareth, there lived a descendant of King David, Joachim, with his wife Anna. They were both pious people and were known not for their royal ancestry but for their humility and charity.

Their entire lives were permeated with love for God and people. They lived to a ripe old age but never had children, and this grieved them very much. In spite of their old age, they did not cease to petition God to send them children. They made a vow that, if a child was born to them, they would have consecrated it to the service of God. At that time, every Jew hoped that his posterity would have taken a part in the kingdom of the Messiah, that is, Christ the Saviour. Therefore, every childless Jew was held in contempt by the others, for this was considered a great punishment by God for one's sins. This was especially trying to Joachim as a descendant of King David because from his seed Christ meant to be born.

For their patience, great faith, and love for God and for each other, God sent Joachim and Anna great joy. Toward the end of their lives, a daughter was born to them. According to the command of an angel of God, She was given the name Mary. The birth of Mary brought a joy not only to Her parents but to all people because She was foreordained by God to be the Mother of the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. The Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Holy Orthodox Church as one of its major holidays on the 8th of September.

*By your Nativity, O Most Pure Virgin,
Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness;
Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death.*

*And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you:
"The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life."*

Kontakion – Tone 4

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/09/08>

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
forever**

The Nativity of our Most Holy Lady the
Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

*Your Nativity, O Virgin,
has proclaimed joy to the whole universe!
The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,
has shone from you, O Theotokos!*

*By annulling the curse,
He bestowed a blessing.*

By destroying death, He has granted us eternal Life.

Tone4—Troparion

September 8, 2024

Today the Church remembers:

**The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary •
Sunday before Elevation • Icons of the Mother of God: "KURSK-ROOT" Icon
of the Sign (1259), "POCHAEV" (1559), "KHOLMSK", and others.**

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 2 of the Octoechos