

**Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:**

**Health of:**

**Fr. Matthew** Searfoorce for his birthday requested with love by his family.

**Memory of:**

**Nikolai and Adele** Taran, parents of Mat. Holly.

**Readings:**

**Hebrews 9:11-14** (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt)

**Galatians 3:23-29** (St Mary of Egypt)

**Mark 10:32-45** (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent, St. Mary of Egypt)

**Luke 7:36-50** (St Mary of Egypt)

**Brethren**, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**At that time**, Jesus taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 meets every Sunday after Communion.**

**Announcement:**

- The Sisterhood is accepting **donations for Paschal flowers**. Please look for a container at the candlestand for donations. Your generosity is appreciated, assuring that our church will look beautiful for Pascha! **Checks should be made out to the Sisterhood.**
- **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** will be served this **Wednesday at 6:30 PM**
- **Holy Week Services:**  
**Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts - Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**  
**Holy Unction Service - Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm.**  
**Great and Holy Friday with procession - Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm.**
- **Great and Holy Pascha –** Nocturns, Matins, Divine Liturgy starts at 11:30 pm on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Baskets will be blessed following services early Sunday morning.
- **Tickets** are now available for the Sisterhood’s annual **Pascha basket raffle**. Tickets cost \$1.00 each, and the Sisterhood is asking each parishioner to buy or sell 10 tickets. Included in the basket will be a variety of delicious traditional ethnic foods. The raffle will be held on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. **To purchase tickets please see Maribeth Romanofsky.**

**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](mailto: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.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt :**

The fifth Sunday of Great lent, we remember the life of St. Mary of Egypt, whose life is a most wonderful example of repentance.

*In you, O Mother,  
 was preserved with exactness what was according to the image;  
 for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.  
 By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away;  
 but to care for the soul, since it is immortal.  
 Therefore, O Venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.*

Troparion – Tone 8

To read about the saints remembered today, see:  
<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/04/21>

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Glory to  
Jesus Christ

Glory  
forever

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent:  
St Mary of Egypt

*Having been a sinful woman,  
 you became a Bride of Christ through repentance.  
 Having attained the angelic life,  
 you defeated demons by the weapon of the Cross;  
 therefore, O most glorious Mary you are a Bride of the Kingdom.*

Tone 3—Kontakion

## April 21, 2024

### Today the Church remembers:

**St Mary of Egypt** ● Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proculus, and Sosius—Deacons, Desiderius—Reader, and Eutychius and Acutius—laymen, at Pozzuoli (ca. 305) ● Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, and Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius (2<sup>nd</sup> c.) ● Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, and Quadratus, of Nicomedia (303) ● St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople (434) ● The Recovery of the Relics of Saint Theodore of Sanaxar (1791)

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent  
Triodion week 9

Tone 5  
Great Lent