

**Bulletin sponsors this week for:****Eternal memory of:**

Nikolai Taran Sr., Requested by Mat. Holly.

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**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*)

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**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:**

<b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM</b> on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession -</b> by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas –</b> 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.****Announcements:**

- **PreSanctified Liturgy is celebrated each Wednesday during Great Lent at 6:30 PM.**
- From now until Holy Week, there will be a separate **collection canister** for donations towards **Paschal flowers**. Please be generous, thank you!
- The **Sisterhood's** annual Pascha **basket raffle** will be held on **April 13<sup>th</sup>**. The basket will contain many traditional ethnic foods for the holiday, along with spirits and candy. The Sisterhood is asking **each parishioner** to sell or buy **10 tickets** at \$1 each. To get your tickets, please see Maribeth Romanofsky. A sign-up sheet for basket items is posted downstairs. (You do not need to be a Sisterhood member to donate an item for the basket.)
- There will be a **meeting** of the **Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God **today, April 6<sup>th</sup>**, after coffee hour.
- There will be a **meeting of the parish council on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, after coffee hour.

**Reminders:**

- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)**
- 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. A **Venmo account** can also be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> )
- **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 recalls the memory of Saint Mary of Egypt, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that **no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if they truly repent**. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins (Lk 5:32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is **never too late in life — or in Lent — to repent**. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

*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.*

Kontakion — Tone 3

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/04/06>

**List of upcoming services:**

April 9 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**April 13 (Sunday) 10 AM Divine Liturgy Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem**

April 15 (Tuesday) 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

April 16 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM Sacrament of Holy Unction

April 18 (Friday) 6:30 PM Holy Saturday Matins

**April 19-20 (Saturday-Sunday) 11:30 PM Holy Pascha Vigil (Nocturns,  
Matins, Divine Liturgy and blessing of baskets)**

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*Glory to  
Jesus Christ*

*Glory  
forever*

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

*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.*

Tone 8 — Troparion

**April 6, 2025**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**St. Mary of Egypt** • St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople (582) • St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Moravia and Enlightener of the Slavs (885) • St. Platonis of Nisibis, Syria (Syria—308) • 120 Martyrs of Persia (344-347) • Martyrs Jeremiah and Presbyter Archilias (3<sup>rd</sup> c.) • Ven. Gregory the Byzantine (1308) • Monastic Martyr Gennadios of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos—1818)

Lenten Triodion Week 9

Tone 8 of the [Octoechos](#)  
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