

**The bulletin sponsors this week are for:****For good health of:**

**Marisa** Corigliano on her birthday, offered by Maribeth and Andrew  
**Aris, Svetlana, Elizabet and Svetlana**, requested with love by Svetlana

**In Memory of:**

**Lioubov**, requested with love by her daughter, Svetlana.  
**Kathleen** Sheehan, mother of Maribeth, offered by Maribeth and Andrew

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**Readings:** **Ephesians 4:1-7** (*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*)  
**Luke 13:10-17** (*10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*)

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**BRETHREN**, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**At that time**, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

**Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours</b> - 9:40 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> – 10:00 AM
<b>General Confession</b> – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession</b> - by appointment, contact Fr 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 has started for the new school year.****Announcements:**

- Today, there will be **Panakhedia for Lioubov** requested by Svetlana.
- The **Church Council** will have a meeting today, **November 28<sup>th</sup>**, after coffee hour.
- On **Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, all parish **children** are invited to help decorate our parish Christmas tree after the Divine Liturgy.
- **Archbishop Michael** will be visiting our parish on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. This coincides with our annual St. Nicholas Day celebration. The Sisterhood will be hosting a luncheon, the cost of which will be \$10 per adult attending, payable at the door. Please invite your family and friends to attend this special event of our parish!
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- Please pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

**Reminders:**

- 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.)
- 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.

**Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis:**

*The Church glorifies and praises you today, Alypius,  
as a perfect example of virtue and the boast of ascetics.*

*Through your prayers,  
grant remission of sins to all who venerate your life and your struggles.*

Tone 8 – Kontakion

**The Righteous Gideon**, whose name means “destroyer,” appears in chapters 6-8 of Judges. He was the son of Joash the Abiezrite. One day, as he was beating out wheat in the wine press, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and commanded him to deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Gideon gathered an army of men from various towns to fight the Midianites, then asked God to give him a sign that he would be able to deliver Israel. First, he placed a fleece of wool on the floor of the threshing room. Then he said, “If there is dew on the fleece alone, and if the ground is dry, then I shall know that thou wilt deliver Israel by my hand, as thou hast said.”

The next morning Gideon got up early and squeezed the fleece, wringing out enough water to fill a bowl. Then he asked God to let the fleece remain dry and to let there be dew on the ground. When Gideon saw that this had been done, the powerful warrior of Manasseh led an army of 300 men to victory over the Midianites.

The people entreated him to be their ruler, and also his son and grandson, but he would not agree to this, because the Lord was their ruler. However, Gideon was a Judge for forty years, and during that time the land had rest.

The Righteous Gideon is referenced in Ode 9 of the second Canon for the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos: “Let us all magnify the radiant cloud, in which the Master of all descended, as dew from Heaven upon the fleece” (Judges 6:37). He is also mentioned in Hebrews 11:32 with others “who through faith conquered kingdoms.”

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/11/26>

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
forever**

Venerable Alypius the Stylite of  
Adrianopolis

*You were a pillar of patient endurance,  
having imitated the forefathers, O Venerable One:  
Job in suffering, and Joseph in temptations.  
You lived like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, O Alypius, our Father.  
Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved.*

Troparion – Tone 1

**November 26, 2023**

**Today the Church remembers:**

**The Righteous Gideon • Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis (7th c.) •**  
Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George at Kiev (1051-54) •  
Repose of St. Innocent, first Bishop of Irkutsk (1731) • **Ven. James the Solitary**  
of Syria (457)

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Tone 8 of the Octoechos.  
Nativity Fast