

After-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple November 24, 2024

Clement, bishop of Rome; Hieromartyr Peter, bishop of Alexandria; Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philoumenos and Christopher; Martyr Alexander of Corinth

The First Antiphon

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

The Second Antiphon

The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing unto Thee. Alleluia.

This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. (*Refrain*)

Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... Only begotten Son and Word of God...

The Third Antiphon

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee. (*Now sing the Troparion of the Entrance below.*)

Resurrectional Apolytikion (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion Of The Entrance Of The Theotokos (Tone 4)

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with

one thrilling voice, saying, Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

Kontakion for the Entrance of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

The Prokeimenon

Thou, O Lord, shalt preserve us and keep us from this generation. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Epistle

Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery. Do not kill. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of

a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”

Holy Bread: Kh Meleah Palke/Carol Ofiesh/Pr Vicki Kontogiorgis

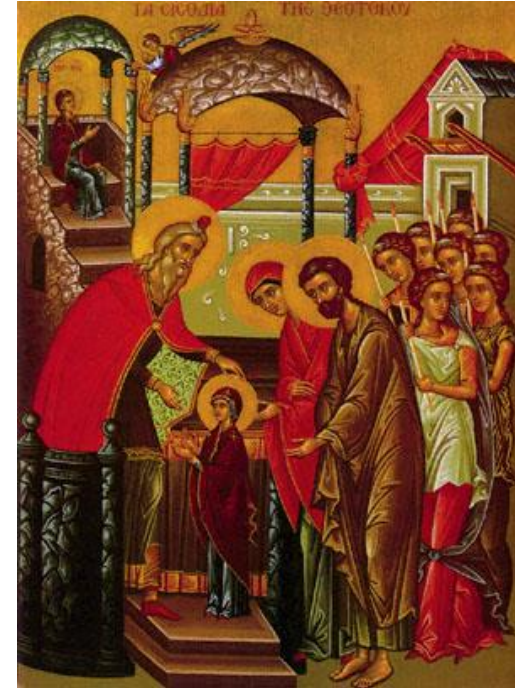
Commemorations(Living): Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Cassi, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Beth, Janni, Dominick, Yina, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers throughout the world.

Departed:

The Advent Fast began on Friday (11/15). During this period, Wednesdays and Fridays are strict fast days, as usual. On other days of the week, we abstain from meat, meat products and dairy products; but fish, wine and olive oil are permitted. Eggs are not permitted on any days. Olive oil and wine are permitted on Saturday and Sunday. **A dispensation is granted for Thanksgiving.** May God bless you and your loved ones during our observance of Thanksgiving!
Thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us!

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple was celebrated on November 21. According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.

Know your faith. Adam and Eve had three sons identified in the Bible. From oldest to youngest, they were Cain, Abel, and Seth. (T/F) Adam had other sons and daughters. When Enoch was 365 years old, God received him into heaven. This man had a son, Methuselah, who lived longer than anyone listed in the Bible. When God saw how great man’s wickedness was, he commanded Noah to build an ark. This man, along with his wife, and three sons (Shem, Ham, and Japheth), and their wives, were saved from the flood. What was the sign of the covenant between God and Noah? A rainbow. (T/F) The Sacrament of Unction may be administered to all baptized Christians. The physical element of Holy Unction is sanctified oil. On what occasion is the element sanctified by the Holy Spirit to become Holy Unction? The Service of Holy Unction on Wednesday of Holy Week. Jesus said, “no man comes to the Father but by me.” (John 14:6). Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” The Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies the end of the temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God and the beginning of his presence among all people.



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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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