

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE



*Icon of the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple — November 21st*

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November 19-26 , 2017

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Ephesians 2: 14-22

Gospel: Luke 12: 16-21

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +John Hutnik –Frank & Margaret OSuch

24th SUNDAY After PENTECOST: November 19, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) Health of Joseph Bodnar – Dan & Loretta Bodnar

MONDAY No Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE 5:30PM +Tony Stojkiewicz- Craig Stoken

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY THANKSGIVING DAY

FRIDAY No Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY 6:00PM + Margaret Hutnik- Drozd Family

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: November 26, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM ( English) +40th Day: Michael McKee – Jean Lakomski

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\$20 Leah Wright, Olga Bryksa, Barb Maloney, LaChance Family, Donna Sldlar, Zuk Family, Sroka Family, Stefania Trusz, Bodnar Family, Jane Atherholt, Mattes Family, \$10: Bill Hutnik, Wm.Stoken.

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: In memory of +John Bryksa- Olga Bryksa

*Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers*

Betty Terleski

Paul Ridilla

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczykcki

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Meivene Thatcher

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Delbert Atherholt

Harold Osmun

Michael Brodt

Paulette Bellis

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Troparion (7):**

By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**Kontakion (7):**No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice: The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

**Theotokion (7):**O All-praised Treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you, bring us up from the pit and depth of sins, for you have saved those subject to sin by giving birth to our Salvation, O Virgin Mother.

**Prokimenon (7):**

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.  
Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

**Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (Eph 2,14-22)**

Brethren: Christ is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who are near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Alleluia Verses:**

Verse (7): It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (7): To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:(Lk 12,16-21)**

The Lord told this parable: "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

**Thanksgiving Day.**—A civil holiday observed annually in the United States of America on the last Thursday in November. The president issues a proclamation, calling on the citizens, all Federal officials, and others subject to Federal authority to observe the day as one of national thanksgiving and prayer. The governors of states concur in the president's proclamation and also recommend the citizens to observe the holiday, and all public business is suspended. The custom originated in 1621, when Governor Bradford of the Plymouth colony appointed a day for public praise and prayer after the first harvest, and the practice spread throughout the other New England colonies. The first national observance was when President Washington, at the request of Congress, recommended Thursday, November 26, 1789, to the people of the United States "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God". This proclamation exhorted the people to "beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best". It was the first observation of the day on the date that present custom holds it. In 1817 Thanksgiving Day was first officially noticed in New York State, and by 1859 its observance had spread to twenty-eight states and two territories. In 1863 President Lincoln made his first proclamation, naming the last Thursday of November as a day of national observance, which day President Johnson also selected in 1867 and President Grant in 1870. Since then there has been no change, the last Thursday in November being named in each year's proclamation. Catholic recognition of the day by special religious features has only been of comparatively recent date and not as yet (1911) of official general custom. Historians of the day attempt to trace the origin of Governor Bradford's idea (1621) back to the old Hebrew Feast of the Tabernacles and through the ages to the ancient Greek Harvest Feast, Thesmophoria, the Roman Cerealia, and the English Harvest Home. In the Dominion of Canada the governor-general by proclamation sets aside the last Monday in October as a legal holiday for the purpose of acknowledging God's providence and expressing the nation's dependence on His bounty. THOMAS F. MEEHAN

# Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos November 21

+ The central image of the icon and the feast is one of giving back to God.

+ First, the parents of the Theotokos, Sts. Joachim and Anna, present their only child, a three-year-old daughter, to dedicate her to God at the Temple.

+ The young child herself, the Most Holy Theotokos, also gives herself completely as an extraordinary gift to God, standing before Zacharias with her arms reaching up to him.

+ In the upper left corner, we see a glimpse into the life that the Theotokos will lead in the temple until the time of her betrothal to St. Joseph.

+ She is shown seated on the steps of the Holy of Holies.

+ An angel attends to the one chosen by God to bring the Savior into the world. Holy Tradition tells us that the Panagia was fed by the angels during the years that she lived in the Temple.



+ St. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort to lead the Most Holy Theotokos to the Temple, lighting the way with torches.

+ St. Gregory Palamas says that "they led this truly sanctified child of God... into the Temple of God. And she, being filled with Divine gifts even at such a tender age... she, rather than others, determined what was being done over Her. In her manner she showed that she was not so much presented into the Temple, but that she herself entered into the service of God of her own accord, as if she had wings, striving towards the sacred and divine love."

+ Her parents set her on the first of 15 steps up to the Temple, but the three-year-old Panagia runs quickly to the top herself.

+ The high priest, Zacharias, receives her into the Holy of Holies.

+ In this way, the New Covenant begins to be written. The Panagia becomes the Ark of the New Covenant with her womb being the new dwelling place for the Most High God.



**Feastday Tropar:** "Today is the prelude to God's plan for the world, and the announcement of the salvation of mankind: in the Temple of God the Virgin is seen openly, foretelling to all the coming of the Christ! Wherefore let us cry out to her with all our strength and gratitude: "Joy to you O Virgin Mary, Fulfillment of the Creator's Plan."

### FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN THE TEMPLE

As we celebrate the week of Thanksgiving, we offer our thanks and praise to God as we celebrate the Vespertine Liturgy for the Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God in the temple. Please come and join us at 5:30PM on Tuesday evening to honor our Lady, and to give thanks to God for all the goodness he shares with us, as we as a nation, celebrate Thanksgiving Week!

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS: +Helen Terleski

\$100 Ann Marie Holowathy \$50 Marilyn & Michael Saetta.

### PRAYERS FOR FR MARK FESNIAK

Fr Mark is still on sick leave and awaiting a liver transplant. His health is declining and he could use some prayers and greetings. If you could send him a card, I'm sure it would brighten his day. We will continue to remember him at each Divine Liturgy, in your kindness please remember him in your daily prayers:

**Fr Mark Fesniak, 252 Melrose Street, Box 335, Marion Heights, PA 17832**

### REGISTER FOR ST NICHOLAS PARTY

We will celebrate the feast of St Nicholas at our annual St Nicholas Day Program on December 10, from 12:15-2:00PM. All the children and grandchildren of our parish are invited. Please register them on the registration sheet in the vestibule of the church. All parishioners are invited to come and share in the festivities! We will have a covered dish social along with the program. Please sign up for the covered dish and bring your favorite treat! Thank you.

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS

We will begin an Advent series on the meaning of Christmas and the Nativity. We will be covering: **Week 1) *The Genealogy of Jesus* 2) *Joseph & Mary* 3) *The Shepherds*, 4) *The Angels*.** The class will be held on Monday evenings at 5:30PM in the chapel. Please join us as we explore the history, the people, the events of the coming of our Lord Jesus as God and man. All are welcome!  
November 27, December 4, December 11, December 19 (Tuesday)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS, CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS, AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

## THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONDAY: 5:30PM:** Adult Religious Education classes. November 27
- **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:** November 26 Youth Religious Education 12:15-1:00PM followed by Roller Skating at Bushkill Park
- **DECEMBER 5-6 Pyrohy**
- **DECEMBER 10 ST NICHOLAS PROGRAM**
- **DECEMBER 14-15 CHRISTMAS ROLL SALE**
- **DECEMBER 19 CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**
- **DECEMBER 26 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING WITH YOUTH**
- **DECEMBER 31: 3:00-5:00PM** Parish Open House at the Chapel

## UKRAINIAN CLASSES

Ihor Mirchuk will be offering Ukrainian Classes . Classes will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00PM in "The Chapel" . Each class will also include a brief aside on Ukrainian history and culture.

## CHRISTMAS ROLLS: Poppyseed, Nut, Prune, Cherry Cinnamon

December 14-15 we will be having our annual Christmas Bake Sale of Poppyseed, Nut, Prune, Apricot, and Cinnamon Raisin Rolls for the holidays. Rolls are \$11.00. The Cinnamon Raisin are \$16.00 Orders must be received by December 10 Help is needed in making the Christmas Rolls. Please sign up to help with the project, whether you can offer an hour or two , or all day, your help would be appreciated. Prep work begins Thursday December 14 at 6:00PM and baking begins Friday at 6:00AM until finished.. Any questions please contact John Drozd Jr at 610-250-2742.

## PYROHY SALE DECEMBER 5-6

The last pyrohy sale for 2017 is coming up...December 5-6. To place an order please call 610-252-4266 or sign the order sheet in the vestibule of the church. ***Please get your orders in early as there is a cut off number of dozen we can make.*** Help is needed on Tuesday from 9:00AM- 6:00PM for potato prep, and Wednesday for pyrohy making from 9:00 till finish. Pyrohy are \$6.00 a dozen. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Hope you can join us!

## IN MEMORIAM

We offer our love and prayers to Barbara Stoken , Craig, Garrett and Parker Stoken on the death of her father **+Raymond Bentley**, who passed away on November 15. May our Blessed Mother comfort his family and friends and may his memory be eternal! VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

## PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

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### *Give Thanks to the Lord*

We, all of us, ought always to give thanks to God for both the universal and the particular gifts of soul and body that He bestows on us. The universal gifts consist of the four elements and all that comes into being through them, as well as all the marvelous works of God mentioned in the Divine Scriptures. The particular gifts consist of all that God has given to each individual. These include wealth, so that one can perform acts of charity; poverty, so that one can endure it with patience and gratitude; authority, so that one can exercise right judgment and establish virtue; obedience and service, so that one can more readily attain salvation of soul; health, so that one can assist those in need and undertake work worthy of God; sickness, so that one may earn the crown of patience; spiritual knowledge

and strength, so that one may acquire virtue; weakness and ignorance, so that, turning one's back on worldly things, one may be under obedience in stillness and humility; unsought loss of goods and possessions, so that one may deliberately seek to be saved and may be helped when incapable of shedding all one's possessions or even of giving alms; ease and prosperity, so that one may voluntarily struggle and suffer to attain the virtues and thus become dispassionate and fit to save other souls; trials and hardship so that those who cannot eradicate their own will may be saved in spite of themselves, and those capable of joyful endurance may attain perfection.

*St. Peter of Damascus*

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