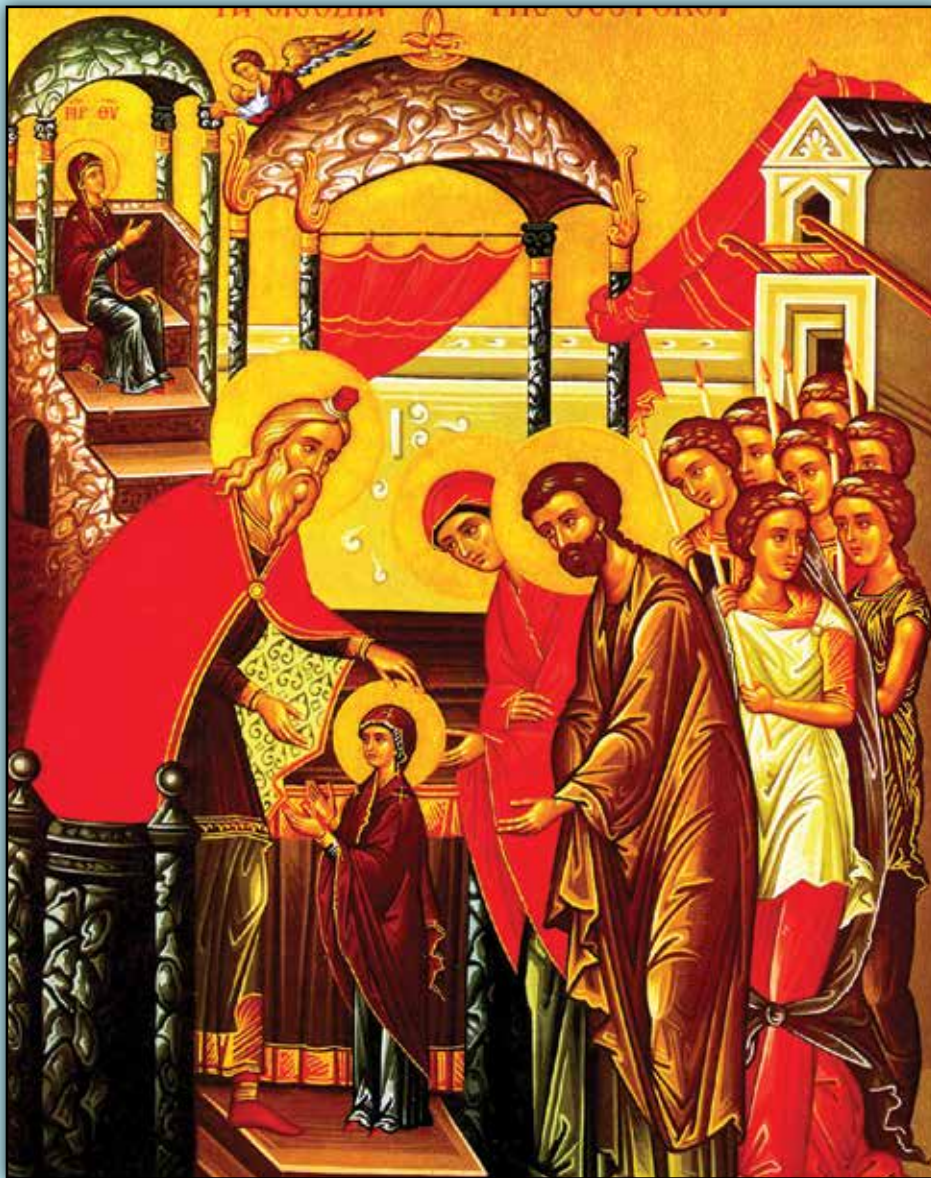


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE



Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple -- November 21st

November 21, 2021: 26th Sunday After Pentecost		
Epistle: Eph. 5: 9-19		Gospel: Lk. 12: 16-21
Mon., Nov. 22	9:00	+ George Kohut (Family)
Tues., Nov. 23	9:00	Health & God's Blessings on Patrick B. Marcinko (Cathy & Pat Marcinko)
Wed., Nov. 24	9:00	+ Alex, Dora, Joe & Sister (Family)
Thurs., Nov. 25	9:00	Thanksgiving to God for All Our Blessings
Fri., Nov. 26	9:00	+ Roger Barren, Sr. (Stanley & Janet Zuczek)
Sat., Nov. 27	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Michael J. Clark (Sharon Sembrat)	
Sun., Nov. 28	10:00	For Our Parishioners



FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

Commemorated November 21st

When Mary was three years of age, Joachim and Anne took their daughter, Mary, to the Temple so that she might be consecrated to the service of the Lord. According to legend, they invited the young girls of the town to walk before her with lighted torches. As soon as they had reached the temple, Mary, alone and unhesitatingly, went up the steps of the sanctuary where she was to remain, living in the contemplation of God and miraculously fed by the

Archangel Gabriel, until the day she was espoused to Joseph, shortly before the Annunciation. The theme of this feast is that Mary the Immaculate One, the Temple of the living God, is offered to the Almighty in his holy house in Jerusalem. This day witnesses the

bond between the Word and the Virgin predestined in eternity; this day is the fountainhead of all her privileges. This event is not recorded in the Bible but Tradition remembers the event because of its theological importance.

THANKSGIVING GREETINGS



This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Someone once said that he feels sorry for atheists on Thanksgiving Day because they have no one to thank. The pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620 knew they had SOMEONE to thank, since one of their motives in coming to the new world was their desire for religious freedom. Like the chosen people of the Bible, they came to a land full of promise and they soon recognized their debt to God by beginning our custom of

Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day for us is traditionally a family day, a time for homecomings and the sharing of a sumptuous dinner. We will celebrate a Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am this year so that as a Parish Family we can gather together to give thanks and then to return to our homes to enjoy the Thanksgiving meal. This year, let us begin this Thanksgiving Day properly by coming together as God's children

in His Home - our Church. We should gather there to express thanks to God for all His many favors. As Americans, we should express our gratitude for the blessings of living as we do in a free and prosperous land. As Christians we should gather to express our gratitude for our faith, a faith that gives us the joy of knowing that God is our Loving Father.

This coming Thanksgiving day reminds us that we, both as Catholic Christians and as Americans, have indeed much to be thankful for. Above all, it reminds us that we have SOMEONE to thank. As a “Parish family” let us gather in our “Family House of Worship” at the beginning of this Thanksgiving Day to express our sincere gratitude to God, Our Father!

Did You Know...

...that the first Thanksgiving took place in 1621, when the Pilgrims held a three day feast at Plymouth, Rock, MA to celebrate the bountiful harvest? During the first year, half of the 110 Pilgrims had left England in 1620 survived the cold winter. During their second year, however, failed Pilgrims flourished with plentiful food sources, thanks in large part to the friendship and guidance of an Abnaki Indian named Squanto. Therefore, by proclamation of the Pilgrim Governor William Bradford, the first Thanksgiving celebration was held in the fall of 1621. He also invited the neighboring Native Americans to join with the colonists in the celebration.

...that Thanksgiving became a national holiday through the proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln in October of 1863? Because the na-

tion was struggling in the midst of the Civil War, Lincoln felt that Americans needed to set aside time to call to mind and acknowledge all the many gifts with which our nation was endowed – land, freedom, food – were gifts given to us by God. A day was needed when we could forget our differences and remember our many blessings. In the act of calling to mind our blessings, a sense of gratitude to the Giver of all the good gifts is an obvious consequence.

...that it was common in many ancient civilizations to have celebrations of gratitude for good gifts received? In justice, they believed that they owed Divine Providence their thanks for all the good gifts of creation.

...that our Jewish ancestors likewise celebrated an annual “Thanksgiving?” Actually it was two celebrations: Passover and the Feast of Unleavened

Bread. These were observed in the spring when the first crops were harvested and lambs were born. Gratitude extended beyond the gifts of creation to the recognition that God had delivered them from the slavery.

...that it was at the Passover celebration that Jesus “took the cup, and after giving thanks... And when He had taken some Bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is giv-

en for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

...that the word “Eucharist” comes from the Greek word meaning “thanksgiving?” In the Eucharist we come together to give thanks and praise to God for all that Jesus did for us, His death and resurrection, and for all that God continues to do every day.

... that the Divine Liturgy is a supreme act of praise and thanksgiving to God?

COME BACK TO CHURCH!

The Eucharist is our life-line, without it we cannot live. The Sunday Divine Liturgy is the community celebration of Christ in our midst, the event that unites us all together as the Body of Christ. Celebrating the Eucharist is not just a commandment of the Church, but an inner necessity. Christ sustains us, and, without Him, our lives are empty. It is time to return to full parish life, with precautions, and to come back to church weekly to

participate in the Lord’s banquet and receive Him in Holy Communion, by which we become the Body of Christ. Now, as we trust in the Lord, and with great confidence in the vaccines, our lives are opening up to more activity. It is time to return to the obligation of Sunday Divine Liturgy. Our obligation to participate in worship at the Divine Liturgy is an obligation of love as well as a command of the Lord.

LITURGICAL Q & A

QUESTION: *I would like to know if i should have an icon on the east wall in my home? Can you provide a little explanation about that? Also, is it true all our (Ukrainian Catholic) churches face east.*

ANSWER: Icons can be placed

on any wall in your home, but traditionally significance is given to having a prayer corner or wall that is east so that when one prays before the icons the viewer faces east. The focus on the east is theologically significant since it is in the east that the sun rises,

which represents the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in all of His glory.

For this same reason, Byzantine (Catholic or Orthodox) churches would be situated so that the altar is at the eastern end of the church, so that when you enter from the west you are

facing the east, where the iconostasis and altar are. In modern cities, this is not always practical with the land that is available, so churches may be constructed in other directions, but the majority of rural churches and urban churches are constructed with an east-west orientation.

BISHOP ANDRIY'S OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HOLODOMOR- GENOCIDE MUSEUM.

This year we will be commemorating 88th anniversary of Holodomor (Famine) in Ukraine. Though it happened a while ago the wounds of many are still open, many victims remain unknown, and the truth of this horror is yet to be told. The Ukrainian government and society are ready to invest time, efforts and some financial assistance to give proper remembrance and honor to those who were killed during that time, study and investigate the Holodomor by completing the Memorial and museum in Kyiv. To create museum displays, conduct investigations and research about the victims and Holodomor in general will require adequate financial resources to complete it. International Charitable Fund for the Holodomor Museum was established back in 2019, which is managed by a board of directors.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav is a member of the board and an ambassador to help raise money for the cause. The needed amount to raise is \$60 million USD. He asked clergy and laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church to support the effort. As of today, about 908,000 hryvnia (about \$35,000 USD) is collected. Recently His Beatitude Sviatoslav asked the Metropolia of Philadelphia to renew the effort and engage our clergy, monastics and laity in raising awareness about the project and Christian and moral responsibility to help. Beloved, if you want to help with this project, Write a check to «Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia», with a note «Holodomor Museum in Kyiv» and send it to Archbishop's Cancery, 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

‘TIS THE SEASON

We will begin to decorate our Church for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 5th beginning approximately at 11:30 am. Volunteers of all ages are

welcome to come and lend a helping hand. We especially need the men of the Parish to handle the ladders and the Manger.

DIVINE LITURGY STATISTICS

During the month of November, our Parish will do a statistical analysis of our Liturgy attendance for both Saturday and

Sunday Services. This information will be submitted to the Archeparchy per their request. Please come and BE COUNTED.

AUTUMN HARVEST TAKE-OUT DINNER

Autumn Harvest Take-Out Dinner, Sponsored by Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Featuring: roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, hot vegetable, dinner roll with butter, dessert and bottled water. Cost: \$14.00. Advance

orders only. Pick up between 11:00am and 1:00pm at Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue. Basket raffles and 50/50 raffle available. To order call 570 503-1514 no later than Tuesday, November 16. Orders are limited - call today.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of November 2021 is Team #3:

Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for Nov. 13 & 14, 2021: \$

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Parish financially in our weekly collections. If you are still staying at home due to the pandemic, and are able to send in any amount, it would be a blessing.



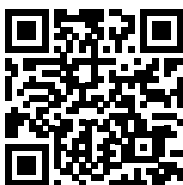
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Prayer to the Theotokos

To me you are my dear love, my beauty, the great hope of salvation. Help your servant, O most glorious Virgin. My voice tells of you tearfully; my heart burns for love. Give heed as well to the prayers of all my sisters and brothers who cry unto you: O Virgin, you are full of grace; through you may the grace of Christ ever preserve us ...

May devotion and honor recall your memory in this place, O Queen of heaven, greatest hope of our life. With your kindness, look upon God's handmaids and servants here who call unto you, O Virgin most mild. In your mercy, give heed in every moment to our prayers, and by your prayers direct our days, always and everywhere ...

Virgin and Mother whose merit is unequalled! Mary, you alone are the one whom the Lord preserved in such a condition of soul and body as to make you worthy of the mystery in which the Son of God assumed a body from you as the price of our redemption. O most merciful, through whom the whole world has been saved, I pray you, intercede for me, the most unclean of all and stained with every kind of wickedness; intercede for me, for because of my sins, I deserve to receive nothing except eternal punishment. O most glorious Virgin, grant that I, saved by your merits, may reach the eternal Kingdom.

Alcuin