

## ✂ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✂

- **Coffee Hour** — please consider signing up to help with Coffee Hour. Sign-up in the basement or you on line.
- **Catechism Class** — Saturdays at 4:45, classes are available in person or Via Zoom.
- **Baklava & Holiday Wreaths** — It's Baklava Time again!  
Baklava Orders are due Dec. 4. Pickup will be Dec. 17  
This year we are also selling wreaths made from boughs collected on our property. Proceeds will go toward the building fund.  
Wreath Orders are due by Nov. 25. Pick-up will be Dec. 4  
Order Forms are available in the Narthex or order on line.  
Work schedules will be posted soon. Everyone is encouraged to help!

## ✂ LOOKING AHEAD ✂

### Feast of St. Nicholas

Sunday December 4 Celebration of St. Nicholas after Coffee Hr.  
Monday December 5, 5:15 pm Great Vespers for St. Nicholas  
Tuesday December 6, 7 am Orthros, 8 am Liturgy for St. Nicholas

### St Herman of Alaska

Monday December 12 — Great Vespers  
Tuesday December 13 — Orthros and Liturgy

### Nativity Services

Friday December 23, 5:15 pm Royal Hours  
Saturday December 24 — Christmas Eve  
8 am Orthros, 9 am Liturgy  
5 pm Great Vespers for Christmas  
with Chrismations & Baptisms  
Sunday December 25 Christmas 7 am Orthros. 8 am Liturgy  
Tuesday December 27, 5:15 PM Vespers followed Festal Potluck & Christmas Carols

**Notice:** Sunday services are streamed on our you tube page. Following services they are edited down to only the homily and do not remain up on the internet. You may appear in the live stream while it is active but the video will not remain on the internet.

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***November 20, 2022***

### ***Forefeast of the Entrance of the Theotokos***

#### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:***

Our usual Sunday service is the Divine Liturgy. While all are welcome to attend this service, we ask that you refrain from coming to receive Holy Communion unless you are of the Orthodox Faith and have properly prepared through prayer, fasting and the Sacrament of Confession.

## ✂ SCHEDULE ✂

### **Sunday November 20**

9 AM Orthros & Sunday School

10 AM Divine Liturgy

Followed by Coffee Hour and Annual Parish Meeting

6 PM Great Vespers for the Entrance of the Theotokos

### **Monday November 21 Feast for the Entrance of the Theotokos**

7 AM Orthros

8 AM Liturgy

### **Saturday November 26**

5:45 PM 9th Hour & Great Vespers

### **Sunday November 27**

9 AM Orthros and Sunday School

10 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

### **Tuesday November 29**

5:15 PM Vespers for Apostle Andrew

### **Wednesday November 30**

7 AM Orthros

8 AM Liturgy for the Apostle Andrew

### **Friday December 2**

5:15 PM Vespers

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## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (TONE 6)**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## **APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)**

By blossoming forth the only Ever-virgin as fruit, today holy Anna doth betroth us all unto joy, instead of our former grief; on this day she doth fulfill her vows to the Most High, leading her with joy into the Lord's holy temple, who truly is the temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

## **KONTAKION OF THE FOREFEAST OF THE THEOTOKOS (TONE 4)**

The whole world is filled today with joy and gladness on the Theotokos' auspicious and resplendent feast, whereon with great voice it crieth out: The heavenly tabernacle is she in truth.

### ***The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)***

Brethren, God, being rich in mercy, through His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through the trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are saved—and raised us up together with Him, and made us to sit together with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He would show the exceeding riches of His grace, in kindness toward us, in Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith, and that is not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### ***The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (12:16-21)***

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull

down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As He said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



**On November 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple.**

Leading the procession into the Temple were virgins with lighted tapers in their hands,

then the three-year-old Most-holy Virgin, led by her father and mother. The Virgin was clad in vesture of royal magnificence and adornments as was befitting the "King's daughter, the Bride of God" (Psalm 44:13-15). Following them were many kinsmen and friends, all with lighted tapers. Fifteen steps led up to the Temple. Joachim and Anna lifted the Virgin onto the first step, then she ran quickly to the top herself, where she was met by the High Priest Zachariah, who was to be the father of St. John the Forerunner. Taking her by the hand, he led her not only into the Temple, but into the "Holy of Holies," the holiest of holy places, into which no one but the high priest ever entered, and only once each year, at that. Zachariah "was outside himself and possessed by God" when he led the Virgin into the holiest place in the Temple, beyond the second curtain—otherwise, his action could not be explained. The Most-holy Virgin remained in the Temple and dwelt there for nine full years. While her parents were alive, they visited her often. When God called her parents from this world, the Most-holy Virgin was left an orphan and did not wish to leave the Temple until death or to enter into marriage. The Most-holy Virgin Mary was the first of such lifevowed virgins, of the thousands and thousands of virgin men and women who would follow her in the Church of Christ. Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Christ God, have mercy upon us.