

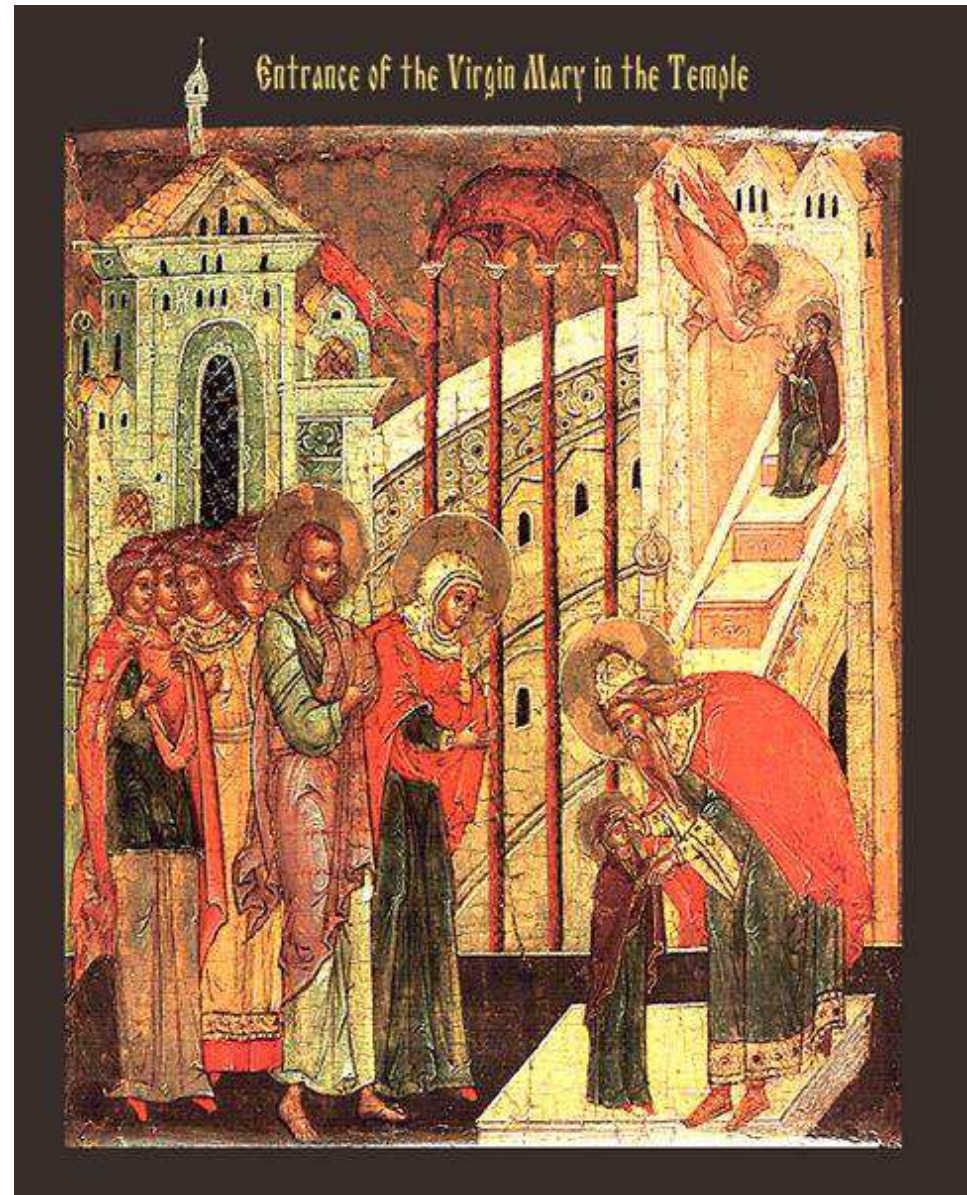
**PROPHET OBADIAH**  
**November 19**

The Holy Prophet Obadiah is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichem; and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun to offer sacrifice to Baal, but Obadiah faithfully served the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in secret.

When Ahab's wife, the impious and dissolute Jezebel, hunted down all the prophets of the Lord (because of her quarrel with the Prophet Elias), Obadiah gave them shelter and food. Ahab's successor King Okhoziah sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias. One of these detachments was headed by St. Obadiah. Through the prayer of St. Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but St. Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord.

From that moment St. Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterwards, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of St. Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains predictions about the New Testament Church. The holy Prophet Obadiah was buried in Samaria.

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NOVEMBER 19, 2017

## **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia;  
Ven. Barlaam and Joasaph, Prince of India, and King Abennar, father of Ven. Joasaph;  
Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of the Kiev Caves; Finding of the relics of Monk Martyr Adreian of Poshekhonsk;  
Martyr Azes of Isauria and with him 150 soldiers; Martyr Heliodorus in Pamphylia;  
Ven. Hilarion, Monk and Wonderworker of Thessalonica;  
Repose of St. Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow*

“Through divine enlightenment the great Obadiah became clairvoyant, seeing the future by the grace of the Holy Spirit. With the deep respect he truly deserves, we keep his memory today, seeking enlightenment for our own hearts through his worthy prayers.”  
Kondakion, Tone I

## **THE ENTRY OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**

*Tuesday, November 21*

“Today is the prelude of God’s good pleasure, the herald of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin is revealed in the temple of the Lord, thus foretelling to all the world the coming of Christ. Therefore, with all our hearts let us loudly acclaim her: Hail to you, fulfillment of the Creator’s plan.”  
Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2:14-22

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 12:16-21

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Today, November 19	11:45 a.m. 40th Day Memorial Service for Agnes Wislocki
Monday, November 20	6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Tuesday, November 21	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy -- <b>The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple</b>
Thursday, November 23	9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Divine Liturgy
Saturday, November 25	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, November 20	II Thessalonians 1:1-10	Luke 17:20-25
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Tuesday, November 21	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Wednesday, November 22	II Thessalonians 2:1-12	Luke 18:15-17,26-30
Thursday, November 23 (St. Alexander)	II Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	Luke 18:31-34
	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Matthew 11:27-30
Friday, November 24	II Thessalonians 3:6-18	Luke 19:12-28
Saturday, November 25	Galatians 1:3-10	Luke 10:19-21
(Theotokos)	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

**COMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER:**

19, TODAY 2:00 p.m. HTOC Church School outing to Brookpark Skateland

**DECEMBER:**

1-2 "Thriving in Our Lives" retreat at St. Demetrios Church, Rocky River

10, Sunday 4:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert, at HTOC

11, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

15, Friday 6:00 p.m. Myrrh-Streaming Karkiotissa Icon of Theotokos at St. George Church, Canton

**CHURCH SCHOOL OUTING:**

All are welcome to join the HTOC students at the Brookpark Skateland this afternoon for skating from 2:00-4:15. Cost is \$5 for admission; \$3.50 for skate rental. See Nellie Wislocki after Liturgy today to let her know you are coming!

**NATIVITY CONCERT:**

The annual Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert will be Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:00 p.m., here at HTOC. Refreshments will follow the concert, and a free-will donation will be taken to support the charitable work of the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy.

**"MYRRH-STREAMING" ICON:**

The miraculous "Myrrh-Streaming" Kardiotissa Icon of the Theotokos will visit St. George Romanian Orthodox Church in Canton on Friday, Dec. 15. A Paraklesis Service to the Mother of God will be at 6:00, followed by miraculous stories of the icon and an anointing with myrrh. The church is located at 144 30th St. N.W. in Canton, 44709.

**MEMORIAL PRAYERS:**

There will be a 40th Day Memorial Service for Edward Kling, next Sunday, Nov. 26, at 11:30 a.m.

**"THRIVING IN OUR LIVES":**

St. Demetrios Church is hosting a retreat on December 1 and 2; 7:30-9:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00-3:00 on Saturday (with lunch). Author and professor Dr. Philip Mamalakis will present, as well as sign copies of his book. RSVP to presvytera@aol.com or call 440-331-2246 x2. Free-will offering is requested.

**BOOK CIRCLE:**

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, December 11, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading The Winter Pascha by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Please read pages 66-126. All are welcome.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS AND FLOWERS:**

The covers and flowers today are offered by Tom and Sandie Adamczek.

**ST. THEODOSIUS CEMETERY:**

A new section of graves has been opened at St. Theodosius Cemetery, and discounts are being offered for the purchase of multiple graves. If 6-10 graves are purchased at one time, the cost drops from \$1600 to \$1200. If 10+ graves are purchased, the price is \$1000 apiece. Contact Casandra Vasu, Office Manager at the cemetery, at 216-741-1310, for further information.

"Wherever a saint has dwelt,  
Wherever a martyr has given his blood for the blood of Christ,  
There is holy ground, and the sanctity shall not depart from it.  
From such ground springs that which forever renews the earth  
Though it is forever denied."  
T.S. Eliot

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 12	\$ 3244.84
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	315.00
BUILDING FUND	150.00
MORTGAGE FUND	240.00
CANDLES	91.00
IN MEMORY OF ANNE HANEK	180.00
MEATLOAF DINNER	990.00
REFURBISH CUPOLAS	2000.00

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**LETTERS FROM SOLOVKI**

February 28, 1934

Dear Irene,

It has been very cold, dark, damp and windy. It seems that the winter winds are unrelenting. Yet, I remain thankful to God! Thankful for the experience of consciousness, for life itself and for the ability to thank God! I am thankful that I can write to you and thankful for many other things, chief among which is for my roommate. Inasmuch as I share this small space with another person it is of course ideal that we would get along, but such is not always the case. I've already had to live with other prisoners and, like life in general, not everyone is likeable and pleasant. But Fr. Basil and I have come to appreciate each other and this is, I believe, a real gift, the gift of God-given friendship. People usually take for granted that they like or dislike someone on the basis of their personal expectations. Preaching love and forgiveness may be acceptable as church talk, and most folks would not question that it is worthy and honorable. But putting that love and forgiveness into practice, and then discovering that some people are sent into our lives by God for our own salvation, is not easy. There are people, whether good or bad, who will simply come to dislike us, and to remain on civil terms with them becomes a spiritual challenge. When we encounter someone with whom we develop a quality of comfort and respect, we must not think that we deserve this. These people are God's gift to us and gratitude is a proper response. All the people in our lives are there for a purpose. I recall the words of St. Paul to the effect that, "I can endure any and all circumstances." [Fr. N. paraphrases *Philippians 4:12*.]

I am fortunate to have as roommate Fr. Basil. He is honest and humble, very wise and with a quiet sense of humor. He told me this anecdote, something that happened to him in his first parish. This was in a rural area, and most of the parishioners were farmers and peasants. Some had a degree of education and some were barely literate. They, the church-going parishioners, were all pious and faithful. One of them was a simple peasant named Ivan Alexievich, whom everybody affectionately called Vanyka. The poor man had a cantankerous wife who made Vanyka's life quite unpleasant; they also had a couple of young children. One day, during a fitful argument Vanyka's wife told him, "Get out of here, go the devil!" Feeling down and looking to calm himself, Vanyka took their young four-year-old son and walked into the village. As they came by the church, he saw that the door was open and walked in to discover that Fr. Basil was there attending to some business. Vanyka greeted the priest who responded in kind. The young son then, in a semi-audible voice asked his father, "Is that the devil that mama told you to go to?"

Fr. Basil and I have exchanged our share of such stories as well as many recollections of parish life, of the wondrous and beautiful moments and those that were sad and even unpleasant. This has made the passage of time during the cold winter much less miserable!

*Your father, Fr. N.J.*