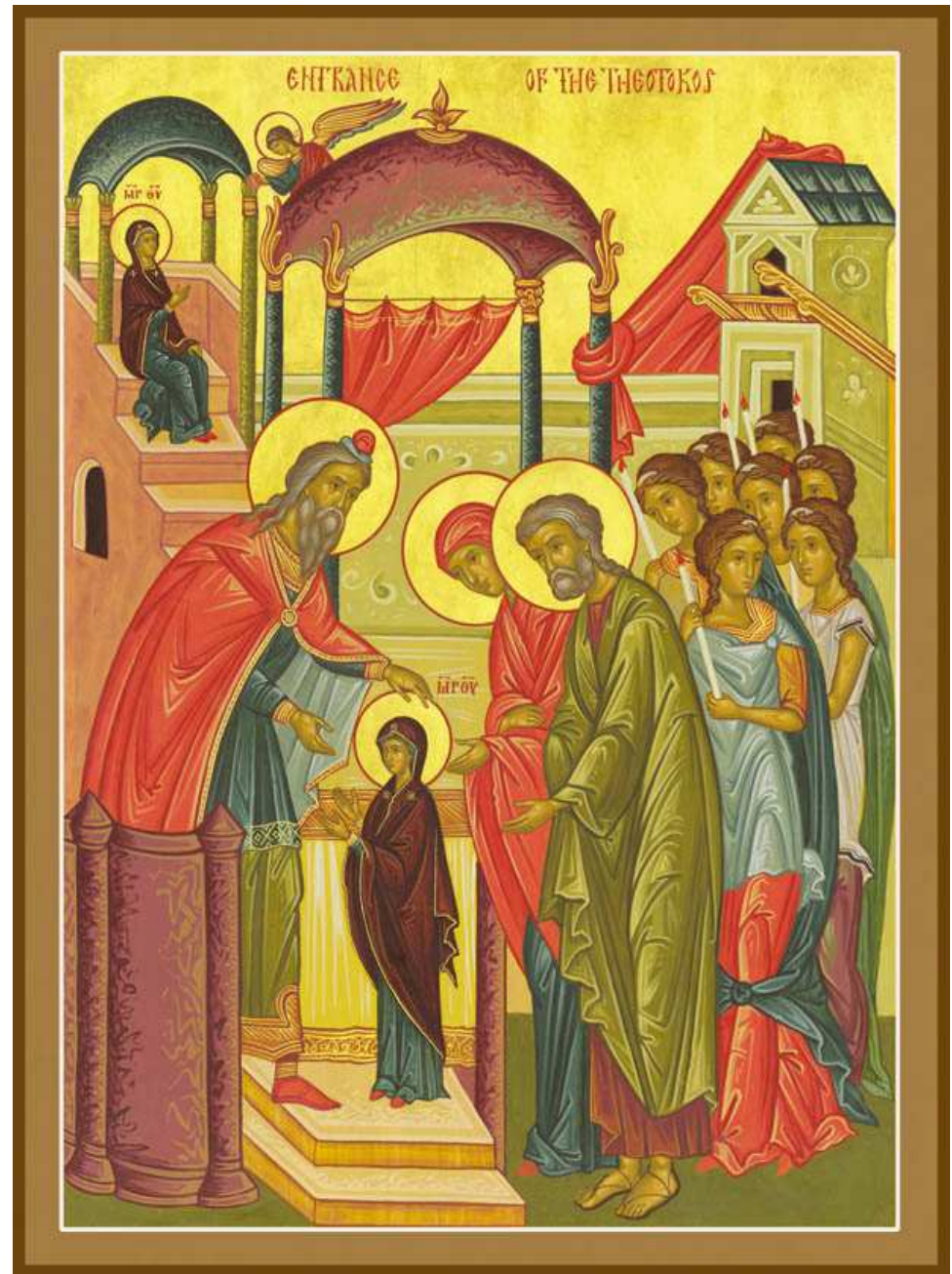


*And since there is no division in true unity,
we must take care
not to let our minds and hearts
be distracted by this or that,
but simply to be at one with God
who is One.*

*Let all be in Him, and all about Him,
and through Him, and with Him.*

*Let us know Him alone,
and enjoy Him alone
and being always one with Him,
we shall always be at rest in Him,
celebrating our perpetual Sabbath.*

*Aelred of Rievaulx,
12th century monk*



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NOVEMBER 21, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ***THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS*** ***INTO THE TEMPLE***

“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

“Blessed are you, over all other women on earth, O Virgin Theotokos, by the Lord God most high, for He so glorified your name that your praise will never fade from the lips of men.”

Jerusalem Troparion, Tone II

National Day of THANKSGIVING ***Thursday, November 25***

“Today, we give You thanks for Your bounty, O Lord, as our fathers did in times gone by. Be praised for filling our emptiness with Yourself, for blessing the works of our hands. For all Your favors, glory be forever Yours, O Lord, so rich in loving kindness.”

TODAY’S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6:11-18
HEBREWS 9:1-7

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 12:16-21
LUKE 10:38-42; 11:27-28

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, November 27 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 22	I Thessalonians 1:1-5	Luke 17:20-25
Tuesday, November 23 (St. Alexander Nevsky)	I Thessalonians 1:6-10 Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 17:26-37 Matthew 11:27-30
Wednesday, November 24 (St. Catherine)	I Thessalonians 2:1-8 Ephesians 6:10-17	Luke 18:15-17,26-30 Luke 21:12-19
Thursday, November 25 (Theotokos)	I Thessalonians 2:9-14 Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 18:31-34 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Friday, November 26	I Thessalonians 2:14-19	Luke 19:12-28
Saturday, November 27	II Corinthians 8:1-5	Luke 10:19-21

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

20, Saturday 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at Buna Vestire Church
26, Friday 1:00 p.m. Virtual Youth Retreat and Tour of St. Tikhon’s Monastery
30, Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Live Streamed “St. Andrew’s Day Celebration” Akathist

DECEMBER:

5, Sunday Food Sale

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HALL ROOF REPAIRS:

Work on the roof of the Fellowship Hall continues, although weather conditions have forced some delay. Parishioners are reminded that this is an expensive project, and your support is needed and appreciated. To those who have already donated, much thanks!

ZOE FOR LIFE!

ZOE is interested having new members on their Board. See Fr. Alexander for further information.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Many thanks to all who supported our Food Sale last week - we raised over \$600!

PLEASE NOTE: The monthly “Second Sunday Food Sale” will take place on the 1st Sunday of December, that is, on December 5.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Mat. Claudia Virostek with prayers for all who are named Mary or have the name Mary as their patron saint, on this holy day of The Entry of the Virgin Mary into the Temple.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are provided by Antonette Geanneses.

VIRTUAL YOUTH RETREAT:

“Where Saints Have Walked,” a visit to St. Tikhon’s Monastery for Orthodox youth K-12, will be held via ZOOM on Friday, Nov. 26; 1:00-4:00 p.m. Register by Nov. 21; visit www.orthodoxfellowship.org

EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:

The 37th Eastern Churches Seminar, sponsored by Notre Dame College is now available for viewing. It features Bishop John Michael Botean of the Romanian Byzantine Diocese, speaking on “After the Deluge, What it means to be Church in Post-Pandemic Times.”
[YouTube.com/NotreDameCollege](https://www.youtube.com/NotreDameCollege).

ST. ANDREW’S DAY CELEBRATION:

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, 8:00 p.m., the Akathist to St. Andrew the Apostle, the First-Called will be live-streamed via YouTube. Hosted by St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore and sponsored by National Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America, this 2nd Annual “Virtual” Celebration will include an address by His Eminence Bishop Paul. Join on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUW6f-E-Fgw>

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Nancy Scardon in memory of her brother Andrew.

GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION	11/7	11/14
BUILDING FUND	\$4886.00	\$ 885.00
CANDLES	245.00	180.00
I.O.C.C.	458.00	256.00
FELLOWSHIP HALL ROOF	9175.00	1780.00
COFFEE HOUR	87.00	

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ON THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

The highest summit of all sanctity, the Mother of God, passes “into the place of the wonderful tabernacle,” entering into the Holy of Holies “with the voice of joy and praise” (Psalm 42:4). There were exceptional holy events in the past, as when Enoch was taken up to heaven and Elijah carried off in a fiery chariot, but their ascents do not equal what took place when a three-year-old girl went to live in the Temple, which made the whole world rejoice as everything was filled with delight, overflowing with divine inspiration. Oh, how great a miracle this is! What power does this child possess? What consummate virtue and transcending majesty? Who is this girl who has overcome the world, transformed the human race, removed sadness from mankind, and planted on earth this divine, incorruptible splendor, this joy we all share every year, which never grows old, blooms eternally, and is not subject to the passage of time, and puts an end to human misery?

Her life within the Temple was as though in paradise, in a place removed from the earth, or rather, as though in the courts of heaven, for that sanctuary was a symbol of those courts. She led an unencumbered life without cares or occupation, free from sorrows, with no share in base passions, above those pleasures that are inseparable from pain. She lived for God alone and was sustained and preserved only by Him who was to pitch His tent among us through her. She saw only God, making God her delight and continually waiting on Him.

To express honor is due to her, for she did not just act as a mediator for certain chosen races, but, standing between God and every race of men, she made God the Son of man, and men the sons of God. She alone was shown to be the natural mother of God in a supernatural way, and by her indescribable child-bearing, she became the Queen of the entire creation in this world and beyond, for “all things were made by Him” who was born of her, “and with Him was not anything made that was made” (John 1:3). In her alone, of all humanity, down through the ages, there is absolutely no sign of any deficiency in any respect. She is as far superior to all in the everything as the heavens are higher than the earth, to such an extent that she appears to us as though standing at a great distance, and we, like star-gazers, look steadfastly in her direction.

O Holy Virgin, how can I put everything about you into words? How can I express my desire? How can I glorify you, the treasure of glory? May God assist me, because our speech is inadequate and the difficulties are many and great, and cannot be avoided, unless divine help comes from above. Let all of us who are followers of the ever-virgin Bride go forward, praying that she would come to our aid. For through her everything in heaven above and on earth below has been opened to us. Just remembering her brings hallowing. A mere glance in her direction enlightens the mind, raising it instantly to divine heights. Through her the eyes of our understanding become clear and our spirits become radiant with the presence of the divine Spirit. For she did not become the keeper and store of graces so as to have them for yourself, but to fill the universe with grace. For the person in charge of inexhaustible treasures oversees their distribution. Why would she shut away her wealth as if it never diminishes? Thus we say: Share it abundantly with us, O Lady, and if we cannot contain it, enlarge our capacity, and then lavish it upon us. For you alone did receive all things as was given by God to you.

From a sermon on the Feast by St. Gregory Palamas