

## PROPHET OBADIAH

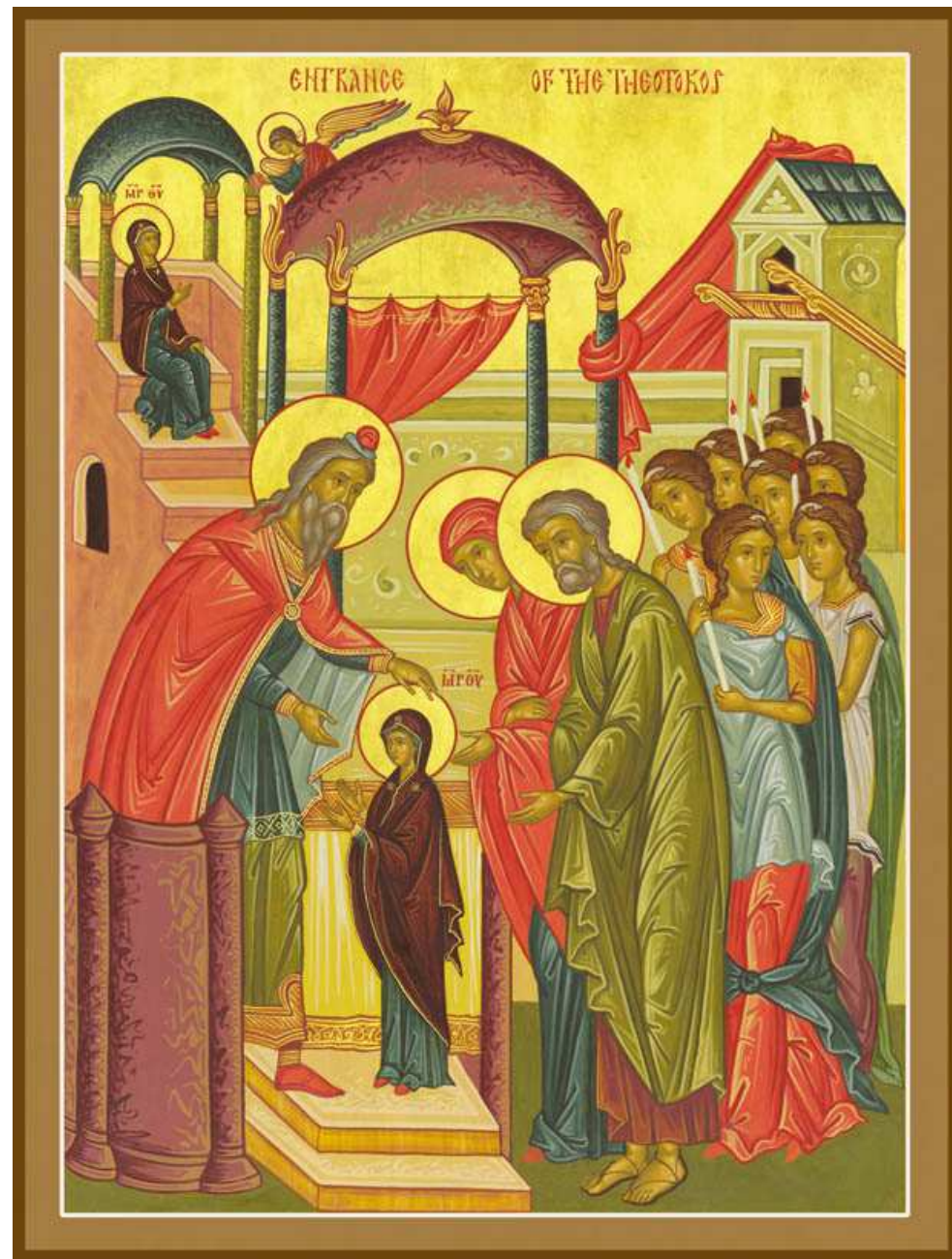
The holy Prophet Obadiah is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichem, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun 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 (3 / 1 Kings 18:3). Ahab's successor King Ahaziah sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias. One of these detachments was headed by the holy Prophet Obadiah. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord (4 / 2 Kings 1).

From that moment Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterward, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of the Prophet Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains predictions about the future salvation of the Gentiles (Vs. 15) and that the Savior would come forth from Zion (Vs. 17). The holy Prophet Obadiah, whose name means servant (or worshipper) of the Lord, was buried in Samaria.

In iconography, the Prophet Obadiah is depicted as a gray-haired old man with a rounded beard. His scroll reads: "In that day, saith the Lord, I shall destroy the wise men out of Edom." (Obadiah 8).

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

*Prophet Obadiah; Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea in Cappadocia;  
Martyr Heliodorus in Pamphylia; Martyr Azes of Isauria and with him 150 soldiers;  
Ven. Barlaam and Joasáph, Prince of India, and King Abennar, Father of Ven. Joasáph;  
Ven. Hilarion, Monk and Wonderworker of Thessalonica;  
Repose of St. Philaret, Metropolitan of Moscow*

The great Obadiah, acquiring a mind luminous with divine splendor, speaks through the Holy Spirit, proclaiming things to come. Today we honor him with faithful minds, celebrating his holy memory which enlightens the hearts of men.

Kontakion, Tone I

## ***THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE***

*Tuesday, November 21*

The most pure Temple of the Savior, the precious Chamber and Virgin, the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of heaven."

Kontakion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2:14-22

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 12:16-21

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

Monday, November 20	6:00 p.m. Festal Vigil
Tuesday, November 21	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - <b>Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple</b>
Saturday, November 25	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **WELCOME GUESTS!**

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. During each Sunday service we offer Holy Communion. If you are a practicing Orthodox Christian and have come prepared to receive Christ's Body and Blood through fasting and prayer, please come forward to partake. All guests are invited to come forward at the end of the service to greet Fr. Christopher and receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Families with children: we encourage children of all ages to be present and participate as they are able during worship. We know sometimes kids need a break, so please take good advantage of our Rest and Refocus Room located on the south side of the lobby/narthex when coming in the main entrance. If you have pre-school and school age children, we invite you to send them to Church School directly after the Divine Liturgy throughout the academic year. May God bless you!

**Daily Scripture Readings** can be found in the St. Tikhon's Wall Calendar or at [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings).

**COMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER:**

19, TODAY	11:00 a.m. Catechism Book Study
26, Sunday	Last day to order nut rolls
	11:30 a.m. Parish Council meeting
27, Monday	9:00 a.m. Decorating the church for Christmas
30, Thursday	10:00 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy and luncheon at St. Andrew Church

**DECEMBER:**

3, Sunday	St. Nicholas Potluck Luncheon (Lenten foods)
10, Sunday	Second Sunday Food Sale; Pick up of nut, poppyseed, apricot rolls
	4:00 p.m. Nativity concert at Archangel Michael Church

**BOOK STUDY:**

Fr. Christopher is offering classes covering Let Us Attend: A Journey Through the Orthodox Divine Liturgy by Fr. Lawrence Farley. Books are available in our bookstore, or order online. Remaining classes are today (Ch. 5-8); Dec. 10 (Ch. 9-12); Dec. 17 (Ch. 13-Conclusion).

**NUT, POPPYSEED AND APRICOT ROLLS:**

In addition to nut rolls, both poppyseed and apricot rolls are offered, \$15 each. Order forms are available during coffee hour through next Sunday, Nov. 26. (Or call or text Rita Bellack 330-204-9513.) Pick up and pay for rolls on 12/10 during the Second Sunday Food Sale.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

The Parish Council will meet next Sunday, following Coffee Hour.

**RETREAT:**

St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore is hosting a Pan-Orthodox "3ETREAT" Dec. 9 for youth and anyone who cares about young people. Please see the bulletin board for details and registration information.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by the Stoyka Family in blessed memory of Helen Busch.

**FEAST DAY OF APOSTLE ANDREW:**

St. Andrew Church invites all to attend their Divine Liturgy on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 10:00 a.m. An advent meal will follow the liturgy; if you plan to attend, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so meal preparations can be made.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

FOCUS North America has need of a Social Media Coordinator/Administrative Assistant. The job posting is on [www.orthodoxjobs.com](http://www.orthodoxjobs.com) and currently appears on the home page. Scroll down to find the posting for the FOCUS Cleveland position.

**ZOE HOUSE:**

ZOE House is always looking for more volunteers, usually 2-hour shifts or more each week. Substitutes who can be available often with less than a day's notice are especially needed. Talk with Joanne Stoyka, Barbara Chandler, or Susan Range to find out more about this opportunity.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Mat. Claudia Virosteck for all those named Mary or have Mary as their patron saint.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

Our refreshments are hosted by the Bellack Family.

**THANKSGIVING**

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.

Troparion, Tone VIII

The invisible, all-pervading God so often and sensibly touches my invisible soul, which from this touch, enjoys wonderful rest and heavenly joy. It is not the eyes that give me tidings of my God, not the hearing by means of words or sounds of the voice that carries to me the message of the Incomprehensible, but the soul itself becomes, so to say, dissolved in God.

**ASSEMBLY OF CANONICAL ORTHODOX BISHOPS**  
**HUMANITARIAN RELIEF SUNDAY**

To the Most Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics, and Devout Faithful of the Holy Orthodox Churches in the United States:

*“And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to the least of these, My brethren, you did it to Me.’” (Matthew 25:40)*

Dearly Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Orthodox faithful in the United States offer thanks together to our Almighty God for the privilege of serving Christ by serving our neighbors in need. The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America has designated this Sunday as Humanitarian Relief Sunday to highlight humanitarian relief. Therefore, we lift up the ministry of International Orthodox Christian Charities. IOCC is the Assembly of Bishops’ Agency which, since 1992, has helped people in dire need around the world.

Through humanitarian service, IOCC connects Orthodox Christians in the United States with our fellow human beings, near and far, who face conflict, drought, famine, disaster, economic crisis, and other catastrophes. In an uncertain world with deep, persistent needs, IOCC remains a crucial channel for our offerings of Christian service.

Because of the faithful generosity of people like you, IOCC responds. IOCC offers help that is practical and meets basic human needs, whether urgent or more enduring. To name just one instance, as conflict in Ukraine approaches the two-year mark, IOCC continues providing shelter, groceries, emergency supplies, and care, both in Ukraine itself and across the region, including in my home country, Romania. There, and in Poland and Moldova, IOCC and its partners – especially through the local Churches – are serving our neighbors whose lives are upended by conflict.

Other areas where IOCC serves span Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and of course, the US. I name only a few examples of goods and services that have been offered: emergency food and supplies for Ethiopian farming families facing devastating drought and conflict; specialized equipment and businesses training for microenterprises in Greece as they rebuild their economy; food for schoolchildren in Lebanon amid deep social and economic turmoil; eyeglasses, hearing aids, and other necessary devices for people in need in Jordan; psychological support for children living with the trauma of conflict in Syria and Gaza; emotional care and help cleaning up and rebuilding after US disasters.

In these ways and many more, through IOCC, we can feed, clothe, and care for one another in the spirit of Christ’s love. Thus, we answer Christ’s call in the Gospel to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, and care for the sick. This Thanksgiving, in a spirit of gratitude, I invite you – through your prayers and in any other way you are able – to support IOCC’s work serving our brothers and sisters in need.

May our loving Lord shine His mercy upon you and your loved ones during the Nativity season. May your hearts and homes be filled with His peace!

With paternal blessings and love in Christ,  
+METROPOLITAN NICOLAE  
*Episcopal Liaison to IOCC*