

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



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

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 unequaled! 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.

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Sunday – November 21, 2021

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. We will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday November 21 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple (For the Parish) (+Ulana Hlynsky from Family) Fr. A. (+Orysia Dackiw from Marijska Druzhyna) Fr. R.
Monday November 22 9:00 a.m.	(+Mykhailo Sawkiw Sr. from Family)
Sunday November 28 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Petro Pytolwany from Knights of Columbus) Fr. R. (+Pola and +Wolodymyr Knysh from Family) Fr. A.

Happy Thanksgiving 2021

A joyous, peaceful, and healthy Thanksgiving to all

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

District of Columbia Mayor Bowser announced July 29 that the District is re-instituting a universal, indoor masking mandate for everyone, even those fully vaccinated. Persons attending Church in the District, even if they are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

Everyone is kindly asked to return to wearing a mask during the Divine Liturgies.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2021

In preparation for Christmas and the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, our church begins the spiritual journey of the pre-Christmas Fast. Please prepare to worthily celebrate the Birth of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary fast period. Please observe it as you are able to best prepare yourself for Christmas – Good Deeds, Volunteering, Confession, Fasting.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

The feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God Into the Temple praises and glorifies God for His plan of salvation. God prepares for Himself a holy dwelling place. The Eastern Church never tires of praising the Mother of God for her role in our salvation. She is called the “Heavenly Tabernacle” in the Kontakion of the Feast, and the “Living Tabernacle of God” in the Hirmos. She is given these titles because in her womb the Word of God has taken flesh and dwelt among us. Her body is the living tabernacle of the Incarnate Word and, through her, God has taken on our human nature and elevated us to become “sharers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1: 4). God, Who is beyond our reach and beyond our grasp, comes to dwell among us. This is God's plan, and in the Virgin Mary, this plan of salvation was achieved. God knew that He wanted Mary to become the mother of His Son Jesus—He planned it! To fulfill God’s plan, Mary had to be prepared to become the Mother of God. In the icon, Mary’s parents, Saint Anna and Saint Joachim, are taking her to the high priest in the temple so that she could learn about God. The troparion for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos tells us that the presence of Mary in the temple is “the prelude of God's generosity.” The Jerusalem temple was the holiest shrine in Israel, and Mary’s presence foretells Christ who will be the ultimate temple, the presence of God in the flesh. The troparion ends with praise for Mary who said “Yes” and allowed God’s plan to take place.

2021 Christmas Schedule at Holy Family

Friday December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Children’s Divine Liturgy - English

10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian and English

Saturday December 25 Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian

Sunday December 26 Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian and English