

**November 22, 2009 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Entrance into the Temple.** Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Martyrdom of St. Michael, Prince of Tver' (1318). Rt. Blv. Yaropolk, in Baptism Peter, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn' (1086). Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, at Rome (ca. 230). Martyr Procopius the Reader, at Caesarea in Palestine (303). Martyr Menignus at Parium (250). St. Agabbas of Syria (5<sup>th</sup> c.). Righteous Michael the Soldier, of Bulgaria (866). Ven. Callisuts Xanthopoulos (Mt. Athos, 1363). **Epistle:** Eph. 2:14-22. **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21.

**Next Sunday, Nov. 29 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 8. Epistle:** Eph. 4:1-6. **Gospel:** Luke 13:10-17.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S (Nov. 22, 2009)

#### TODAY

11:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
12:00 PM Christmas Program Practice  
5:00 PM Thanksgiving Food Box Preparation (distribution, Monday at 10 AM)

#### TUESDAY

6:00 PM Vespers  
6:30 PM Path to Salvation Class

#### WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM Reading Group (at Borders Café)  
6:00 PM Vesperal Liturgy of Thanksgiving

#### SATURDAY

6:00 PM Great Vespers & Prayers of Confession

#### SUNDAY (November 29)

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
11:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Class

### THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS November 21

When the Virgin Mary was three years old, her parents, Joachim and Anna, took her to the Temple in Jerusalem, where she was given into the care of the Priest Zacharias (St. John the Baptist's father). The girl Mary astounded all by not only willingly going into the Temple, but by entering into the innermost part of the Temple, the Most Holy Place (!), permitted by Law only to the High Priest once a year on the Day of Atonement (Heb., *Yom Kippur*).

The Virgin Mary entered the Temple not in defiance or disobedience to the will of God, but in fulfillment of God's plan of salvation. Truly the Virgin Mary herself was to become the Most Holy Place and the literal Temple of God. Her womb would contain God-in-the-flesh, the Son of God and her Son, Jesus Christ. Thus the types and shadows of the Old Testament Law were giving way to their concealed reality in the person of the Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary and the Incarnate God to be born from her.

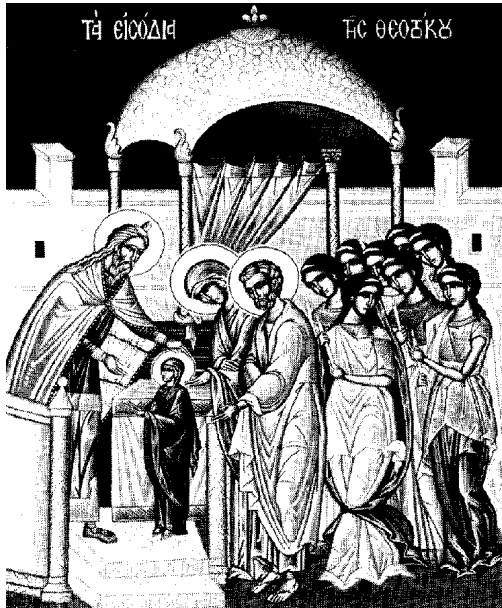
The Virgin Mary, as a three year-old, newly weaned from her mother Anna, entered the Temple to find delight in the holy things of God alone. "Unless you turn and become as little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:2). Mary exemplifies this truth of Christ entering the Temple to reside and grow solely in God's grace, learning from the Holy Scripture, being fed by angels, and preparing herself to be the Mother of God.

Mary's life consisted of pure faith and love in the quietness (or, stillness) of the temple of her heart in which she stood attentively before the Holy Trinity in prayer and the contemplation of His divine mysteries. Her Entrance gives us entrance to the Kingdom of God's love in the Person of Jesus Christ Who was conceived and born of the Virgin.



## The Friend of the Bridegroom

“He Must Increase and I Must Decrease” (John 3:29-30)



The Entrance of the Theotokos

**St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church  
Orthodox Church in America**

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Saturday: Vespers at 6:00 PM Sunday: Liturgy at 9:30 AM  
Feast Day Liturgy – 9:30 AM Sunday School (after Liturgy)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**11-15-09: 100** (attendance); **\$1,434.00** (collection).  
**11-22-09: candle commemorations – Theotokos: ----; Altar: health of the Sterchak family; Christ: -----.**

**Please Pray for:**

**Living: Vera** (Campbell, at Hillside Hospital); **Mary** (Wainwright, aunt of Norman and Karen George); **Linda** (Keriotis); **Chariessa** (Stitchik, sister of Mark Malacky); **Lillian** (Motil, cousin of Pauline Struble); **Charles & Ed** (co-workers of Diane Cholcher); **Kerya** (Brisbine); **Melanie** (Smith, cousin of Vera Campbell); **Michael** (Nuzzo, father of Kathy Stehnach); **Archpriest Thomas** (Succarote, Madison, IL); **Tatiana** (“Tillie” Csehill, Shepherd of the Valley, Howland); **Adrian** (Puz, friend of Clarks); **Ann** (Gyurek, surgery in Columbus); **Judy** (Rosko, at Trumbull Memorial).

**Departed: Stephan** (Beskid; d. 10/25/09); **William** (Barrass; d. 11/9/09); **Helen** (Mindek; d. 11/14/09)

**This Month’s Charity – November 2009:**

*[charity envelope or baskets after Liturgy]*

**Archpriest Michael and Janet Mihalick**

**COMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**

- Nov. 25 6 PM Vespersal (Evening) Liturgy for Thanksgiving\***
- Dec. 5 4 PM Vespers at St. Nicholas Church**
- Dec. 12-13 Youth (Teen) Retreat at St. John’s Monastery (in Hiram, OH)**

\* **To prepare for Holy Communion** at a Vespersal (Evening) Liturgy, you may eat a normal breakfast, but then abstain from food from then until reception of the Eucharist. If you need to eat food with medication, or for the needs of small children, then do so in good conscience.



**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

**1) Church (Sunday) School & Bible Class:**

for all ages, following Divine Liturgy – adults are studying the Divine Liturgy.

**2) Path to Salvation Class:**

Tuesdays following Vespers (about 6:30 PM) – currently studying the Life and Feasts of the Theotokos;

**3) Classic Literature Reading Group:**

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM, at Borders Café (near the Eastwood Mall) – currently reading *Siddhartha*, by Hermann Hesse; engaging the culture with the Faith!

**4) St. John's Society (for teens):**

most Sundays at 6:00 PM, for fellowship, mutual education, service, and encouragement!

+ St. John's member **Helen Mindek** fell asleep in the Lord Saturday morning, Nov. 14, at Trumbull Memorial hospital; her funeral was this past Wednesday at St. John's. Helen is survived by her son Charles who lives here in Warren. May Helen's memory be eternal!

+ **Charity of the Month for November: Archpriest Michael and Janet Mihalick.** Janet is the daughter of our own Protodeacon Vladimir and Mary Maksimoff, and her husband, Fr. Michael, continues to struggle with muscular dystrophy.

+ **Fish Dinner News:** our organizing committee consists of *Denise Higgins, Paula Kapp, and Carol Nicholl*, who are in the process of securing persons for key positions in Dinner operations. If you plan on serving as you have in the past, please notify one or all of the committee members, as they may not know what you did, especially if you did not sign up on the list! Once again, we plan to resume our Fish Dinners in January 2010.



**GREAT VESPERS for the FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS**  
**Saturday, December 5, at 4:00 PM**  
**at St. Nicholas Church (on North Rd.)**

***We are invited to join our brothers and sisters to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas at St. Nicholas Church. Vespers WILL NOT be served at St. John's on December 5.***

+ **Christmas Program Practice:** there will be no practice Thanksgiving Weekend, November 29. The Program is scheduled for performance on Sunday, December 20, Christine DiGiacobbe directing.

+ **Stand at Eastwood Mall** (aka Mall Kiosk): if you can volunteer to work at the Mall Stand – even if you're just interested and don't want to commit right now – speak with Tammy Krafft or Fr. Jonathan. We plan on running the Mall Stand in March 2010. This project is funded by a grant awarded to the parish from our Midwest Diocese Parish Health Department.

+ **Youth (Teen) Retreat at St. John's Monastery in Hiram, OH – December 12-13, 2009; Topic: PEER PRESSURE.** The retreat is sponsored by St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore; see *the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.* All our teens are invited to attend!

+ The family of Taylor Nelson extends its thanks to St. John's parish for the monetary gift last month. We continue to pray that God will comfort the Nelsons following the death of their daughter Taylor.

+ **Holy Resurrection Church Christmas Nut-roll and Sausage Sale – see the flyer on the bulletin board - orders taken through December 13.**