

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For health of:**

Fr. **Matthew** offered by the Parish Council.

**Shery-Ann** on her birthday, offered by her mother-in-law Lore Stefy

**For the eternal memory of:**

**Mary** Romanofsky, grandmother of Andrew Romanofsky and mother of Walter Romanofsky

**Readings:**

- Galatians 2:16-20
- Luke 12:16-21

**BRETHREN**, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**The Lord said this parable:** "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

**Saturday service: Vespers** – temporarily canceled due to Fr. Matthew's absence.

**Sunday service:**

**Hours** – 9:40 AM                      **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM  
**Private Confession** – Half hour before any service. See Fr Matthew for other times.  
**General Confession** – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month  
**Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

**Coffee hour** – after Liturgy

**Church School** - Sunday 9:30 AM (no classes 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcements:**

- We would like to welcome the V. Rev. H. Gregory Dudash to our parish, and thank him for celebrating Divine Liturgy with us today.
- Fr. Matthew is still recovering from his car accident. He is now in a rehab facility. Please continue to pray for him and his recovery.
- We would like to thank Fr. Mark and Matushka Janet Koczak, and Deacon Theodore and Larissa Gregory for joining us last Sunday.
- Next Sunday, Fr. Daniel Hubiak will be celebrating Divine Liturgy with us.
- Nativity Fast began last Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The next meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, after coffee hour.
- Our annual St. Nicholas Day celebration will be held on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>. All children are welcome to join us after Divine Liturgy to help decorate our tree. We are hoping for a visit from St. Nicholas himself. If you would like your child to participate in the festivities, please see Maribeth Romanofsky or Linda Dantine for details.
- **The feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple** is commemorated this Thursday, but due to our present situation, no service will be celebrated.

**Special Announcements:**

- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

### **Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple:**

**The feast *Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple* it is commemorated this Thursday, November 21.**

#### **About the Icon**

An icon of the **Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple** is found on the Iconostas of our church, in the row of great feasts. This great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as a child into the Jerusalem Temple,

This icon of the feast tells the story of Mary's entry into the Temple. The High Priest, Zacharias, is in his priestly robes standing on the step of the Temple. His arms are outstretched, ready to greet and receive the Virgin.

Mary is shown as a small child, standing before Zacharias with her arms reaching up to him.

On the right in the icon, the young maidens who served as her escort are depicted standing behind her. Also, we see her parents, Joachim and Anna, offering their child to God and His divine service. The red canopy depicts that the action takes place inside the building that it is draped over, the Temple.

#### **Background information**

When Mary was three years old, her aged parents, Joachim and Anna took her three days journey to present her in the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill their promise to dedicate her to the Lord's work. The Virgin was clad in royal garments and she was accompanied by a grand procession of her kinsmen each carrying a lighted candle. There were 15 steps leading up to the Temple. Her parents stood her on the first step, and then Mary ran to the top. She was received by St. Zacharias, the father of St. John the Forerunner, as he was the High Priest at that time. He took her by the hand and led her into, not only the Holy Place, but into the Holy of Holies. This was the place that only the High Priest was to enter, only on the Day of Atonement. The only explanation is that he was moved by the Spirit of God.

Joachim and Anna offered sacrifices to God, received the priest's blessing and returned home. Mary lived in the Temple for nine years. Her parents visited her often until they reposed. She wanted to remain in the Temple all of her days and never marry. The law had no provision for this. It was unheard of for a girl to vow perpetual virginity. So she was betrothed to Joseph. Joseph was an older man whose wife had died leaving him with small children to care for. He needed someone to help him care for the children and she needed someone to protect her in a society that had no place for a single woman. This allowed her to remain a virgin after she left the Temple at age twelve.



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Sunday Bulletin

## **Church of the Mother of God**

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**Glory to  
Jesus Christ**

**Glory  
Forever**

*When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message  
of Thy resurrection;*

*they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:*

*Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.*

Troparion - Tone 4 of the Octoechos

#### **Today the Church remembers:**

St. Gregory the Wonderworker of Neo-Cæsarea (ca. 266-270) ● Ven. Nikon, Abbot of Rádonezh, disciple of Ven. Sergius (1426) ● Ven. Lazarus the Iconographer, of Constantinople (ca. 857) ● Martyr Gobron (Michael) and 133 soldiers, of Georgia (914) ● Ven. Genadius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos)

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## **November 17, 2013**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke**

**Tone 4** of the Octoechos