Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:

For health of:

Shery-Ann on her birthday, daughter-in-law of Lore Stefy **Fr. Daniel,** as a thank-you for the icon of the Mother of God "*Joy of all the Sorrowful*", offered by Lore Stefy

<u>Readings</u>:

• Ephesians 2:14-22

• Luke 12:16-21

BRETHREN, for he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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 – 6:PM

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM (Private Confession – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.) (General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month) (Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School – 9:30 AM

No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

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

Announcements:

- The parish would like to thank Fr Daniel for the icon he gave our church last Sunday. The Church of the Mother of God "Joy of all the Sorrowful" celebrated its 46th anniversary last week. The icon is from a church in Russia that has the same name as ours, and is from the 18th century. It will be placed in the center of our church after we have it framed for veneration.
- Last Tuesday, Archbishop Tikhon, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, was elected Primate of the Orthodox Church in America during the 17th All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America at Holy Trinity Church in Parma OH.
- The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on November 25th after coffee hour.
- Upcoming December events: On Sunday December 9th we will be decorating our Christmass tree after the Liturgy. All children are invited to help with the decoration. This event will be held downstairs in our community room. Our annual St Nicholas Day Celebration will be held on Sunday December 16th. There will be a short Sunday School presentation followed by a pizza party and a visit from St Nicholas. If you would like your child to recive a gift from from St Nicholas, please bring that gift, wrapped and with their name on it, in on that day. Again, all children are invited to participate.
- The Diocese of New York and New Jersey is running webinars on parish growth, the next one is on November 28 at 8:00 pm. 9:00 pm. If interested, you can register at:

https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/666562520.

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar. See the Diocese website for more information at

NYNJOCA.ORG. Also, please take the survey at: **http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/X2M62OC**

• The **Diocesan Assembly** will be held at the Holy Assumption Church, Clifton, New Jersey on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple:

The feast *Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple* it is commemorated this Wednesday, 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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He is, and always will be!

Entrance of the Theotokos in the Temple Today the universe is filled with joy at the glorious feast of the Mother of God, and cries out: "She is the heavenly heavenly tabernacle." Kontakion- Entrance of the Theotokos Wednesday, November 21

Today the Church remembers:

Martyr Plato of Ancyra (ca. 306) • Martyr Romanus the Deacon, of Cæsarea, and the youth Barulas (303) • Martyrs Zacchæus the Deacon, and Alphæus, of Cæsarea in Palestine (303)

> November 18, 2012 Nativity Fast

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Christ is in

our midst!

24th Sunday After Pentecost 9th Sunday of Luke