Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:

Health of:

Marisa Corigliano on her birthday, offered by the Romanofsky family with love.

Memory of:

Kathleen, mother of Maribeth, offered by the Romanofsky family.

Readings:	**Ephesians 4:1-7** *(25th Sunday after Pentecost)* **Hebrews 9:1-7** *(Yesterday - Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos)* **Luke 12:16-21** *(9th Sunday of Luke)* **Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28** *(Yesterday - Most-Holy Theotokos)*

BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

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."

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Saturday service: **Vespers – 6:30 PM**

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew
Panikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

Sunday school classes meet after Communion each Sunday.

Announcements:

- There will be a **meeting of the parish council today** after coffee hour.
- Our parish is participating in the **Toys for Tots program** this Nativity season. The program is sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve. Please be generous and make your donation of a **new, unwrapped toy to the bin** in our community room. The toy drive will continue **through December 6th.**
- On **Sunday December 6th** we will hold our annual **St. Nicholas Day celebration**. Parish **children** and guests are invited to **help decorate** the parish Christmas **tree** after coffee hour. Lunch will be provided by the Sisterhood, and we are hoping for a **visit from St. Nicholas**!

Reminders:

- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a basket at the candle stand to accept donations. Also, a Venmo account can be used for donations at https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson.
- The **Sisterhood's food drive** is ongoing. It is especially important **during the holiday season to be generous** with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org by the Friday before the date needed.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers**. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- The **Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

Afterfeast of the Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple:

When the Virgin Mary reached the age of three years, Her pious parents prepared to fulfill their promise. They called together their relatives, invited friends the same age as their daughter, dressed Her in Her finest clothes, and accompanied by the people singing hymns, they brought Her to the Temple in Jerusalem to be consecrated to God. Her friends and Mary Herself walked with burning candles in their hands. Led by the chief priest, the priests, while singing hymns, came out of the Temple to meet them.

Joachim and Anna with reverent prayers set Mary on the first step of the flight of stairs leading to the Temple. This staircase had fifteen high steps, according to the number of the psalms which the priests chanted upon entering the Temple.

There, three-year-old Mary Herself climbed the high steps without any assistance. At the top, the chief priest met and blessed Her as he always did with all who came to be consecrated to God. Then, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he led Her into the Holy of Holies. This was the most sacred place in the Temple. No one had the right to enter there except him, and he did only once a year. The Holy Spirit enlightened the chief priest with the knowledge that Mary, the chosen young girl, was worthy to enter the most sacred place. She was destined by God to become the Mother of the Son of God, Who would open the way for all people into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fulfilling their promise, Joachim and Anna returned home, and Mary remained to live at the Temple. There She with other girls studied the Law of God and handiwork. She prayed a great deal, read the Holy Scriptures, and strictly observed the fasts. Mary lived at the Temple of God about eleven years, grew deeply devout in everything was submissive to God, and was extraordinarily meek and industrious.

The Most-holy Mary decided to consecrate Her entire life to the one God alone. For this, She vowed that She would never marry; that is She would remain a virgin forever. The Holy Spirit and holy angels protected the godly young girl.

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 4

To read about the Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God, see:
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/11/21/103357-the-entry-of-the-most-holy-mother-of-god-into-the-temple

To read about the saints remembered today, see:
https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2026/11/22

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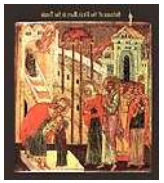
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Glory to Jesus Christ



Glory Forever

Afterfeast of the Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
"Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Tone 4—Troparion

November 22, 2026

Today the Church remembers:

Afterfeast of the Entry 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 (1st c.) • Martyrdom of St. Michael, Prince of Tver' (1318) • Rt. Blv. Yaropolk, in Baptism Peter, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn' (1086) • Virgin Martyr Cecilia and the Holy Martyrs Valerian, Tiburtius and Maximus at Rome (ca. 230) • Martyr Procopius the Reader, at Cæsarea in Palestine (303) • Martyr Menignus at Parium (250) • St. Agabbas of Syria (5th c.) • Righteous Michael the Soldier, of Bulgaria (866) • St Kallistos II, Patriarch of Constantinople (Mt. Athos—1363)

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