

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

**Marisa** Corigliano, daughter of Andrew and Maribeth, on her birthday.

Offered by the Romanofsky Family.

**Aris, Fatinia, Elissaveta, and Fatinia**, offered by Svetlana

**For the memory of:**

**Liubov** Zviagintsevs, offered by Svetlana

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

**Readings:**

**Ephesians 2:4-10** (*23rd Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Luke 13:10-17** (*10th Sunday of Luke*)

**BRETHREN**, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**At that time**, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

**Saturday service:**

**Vespers – 6:30 PM**

**(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)**

**Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM**      **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**  
**(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)**

**(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**Church School**

**All classes will meet every Sunday.**

**Grades 5-8 – 9:30 am**

**Preschool and Grades K through 4 – immediately after communion.**

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

**Announcement:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council today** after coffee hour.
- There will be a **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God next Sunday**, December 1<sup>st</sup>, after coffee hour.
- Upcoming Nativity-related events (to occur after coffee hour):  
**Sunday Dec. 1** – tree decorating in community room by parish children and guests  
**Sunday Dec. 8** - St. Nicholas Day celebration with visit from St. Nicholas

**Reminders:**

- **We offer general confession the first Sunday of each month, and Private Confession after Vespers by appointment on Saturday evenings.** It is important that every Orthodox Christian go to confession.
- **Announcements or Prayer Requests** for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- Upcoming bulletins can also be sponsored by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. If using the signup sheet, please give two weeks' notice.
- **Prosphora** (bread) is available at the candle stand. Before the Divine Liturgy, while the Hours are being read, the faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of *health and salvation* for the living and for the *repose* of the departed servants of God. **(Bread must be purchased a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)**
- The **Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The **Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

**Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria:**

*By your virtues as by rays of the sun you enlightened the unbelieving philosophers,  
and like the most bright moon you drove away the darkness of disbelief from those walking in the night;  
you convinced the queen, and also chastised the tyrant,  
God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine.  
You hastened with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the fairest Bridegroom of Christ,  
and you were crowned by Him with a royal crown;  
Standing before Him with the Angels, pray for us who keep your most sacred memory!*

Troparion – Tone 4

*Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs form a great choir in praise of the most wise Catherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent, despising the knowledge of the orators.*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/11/24>

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

*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 2

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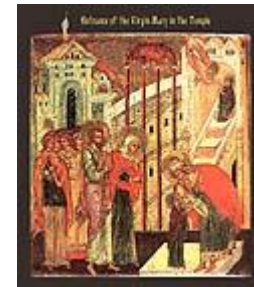
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**Glory to Jesus Christ**

**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."*

Troparion – Tone 4

**Today the Church remembers:**

**Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple** • Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria (305-313) • Great Martyr Mercurius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (3rd c.) • Martyr Merkúry of Smolensk (1238) • Ven. Mercurius, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.) • Empress Augusta, Porphyrius the General, the 50 philosophers and the 200 Soldiers martyred with the Great Martyr Catherine (305-313) • Virgin Mastridia of Alexandria. Ven. Simon, Abbot of Soiga Monastery (Vologdá—1562)

**November 24, 2019**

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
Nativity Fast

**Tone 6** of the Octoechos  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke