

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 20, 2022

Saturday, November 19th

5:00pm Vespertal Liturgy 24th Sunday After Pentecost
Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom

Sunday, November 20th - 24th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30am Adult Education: St. Athanasius, On the Incarnation

10:10am Third Hour

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Intention: Mady Davis

Pot Luck following Liturgy

Monday, November 21st

6:00am Jesus Prayer

10:00am Divine Liturgy ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

Tuesday, November 22nd

No Services

Wednesday, November 23rd

No Services

Thursday, November 24th

No Services

Friday, November 25th

No Services

Saturday, November 26th

5:00pm Vespertal Liturgy 25th Sunday After Pentecost
Intention: Lily Miller

Sunday, November 27th 25th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30am Adult Education: St. Athanasius, On the Incarnation

10:10am Third Hour

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Intention: Tony and Mary Chiaremonte+

Pot Luck following Liturgy

N.B, Confession is available before and after every service. Otherwise, please contact Fr. Nathan Symeon to set up an appointment

19th – St. Obadiah, Prophet, is of the Twelve Minor Prophets, having lived in the 9th century B.C. — **St. Barlem**, Martyr, was a pious peasant who was imprisoned and tortured for the Faith at Antioch A.D. 304, in the persecution under Diocletian and Galerius, Emperors.

20th – Our Venerable Father, Gregory of Decapolis, suffered much in the Iconoclastic persecution under the Emperor Leo the Armenian. — Our Holy Father **Proclus**, Archbishop of Constantinople, was a disciple of St. John Chrysostom. He died A.D. 446 in the reign of Theodosius the Younger, Emperor.

21st – Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (This Feast was introduced in Constantinople about the year A.D. 700.)

22nd – SS. Philemon and Others with him. Apostles, were disciples of St. Paul the Apostle, suffered martyrdom A.D. 68, under the Emperor Nero. **St. Cecilia**, one of the most famous Virgin Martyrs; she converted to Christianity her betrothed and his brother. She was seized and suffocated with the steam of a heat bath in her own mansion. She died probably in the reign of Septimus Severus, Emperor.

23rd – Our Holy Father, Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium and **Gregory**, Bishop of Agrigentum. The former died about A.D. 400, the latter about A.D. 600.

24th – St. Catherine, Great Virgin Martyr, after confessing the Christian Faith, was scourged for a long time with scorpions and suffered martyrdom by beheading A.D. 250, under the tyrant Maximin Daza, Emperor. **St. Mercurius**, Great Martyr, martyred A.D. 250, during the Reign of Decius Emperor.

25th – Our Holy Father, Clement, Pope of Rome (third after St. Peter the Apostle), was cast into the Black Sea with an anchor around his neck, probably A.D. 100, under Trajan, Emperor. Our Holy Father, **Peter**, Bishop of Alexandria, put to death by the order of Emperor Maximian Daza, A.D. 311.

ST. NICHOLAS VOLUNTEERS are needed! Please join a meeting after Liturgy this Sunday, November 20th in the conference room if you would like to help.

ADULT EDUCATION is held each Sunday morning from 9:30am until 10:10am, we will study the work of St. Ignatius, which teaches us the orthodox approach to theology, Bible Study, and the spiritual life.

BIBLE STUDY will not be held this week. The women's bible study will resume Wednesday, November 30 and the men's on Friday, December 9.

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, November 21st at 10:00am.

CANDY – Lots of candy is needed for our upcoming Saint Nicholas Celebration. Please place the donated candy in front of the St. Nicholas Icon during November.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week: Clo Dunson, November 21. *God Grant You Many Happy Blessed Years!*

THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE INTO THE TEMPLE of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

