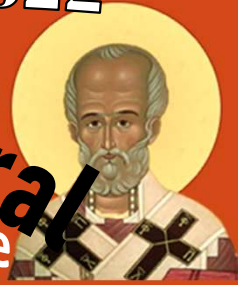


Bulletin for Sunday, December 4, 2022

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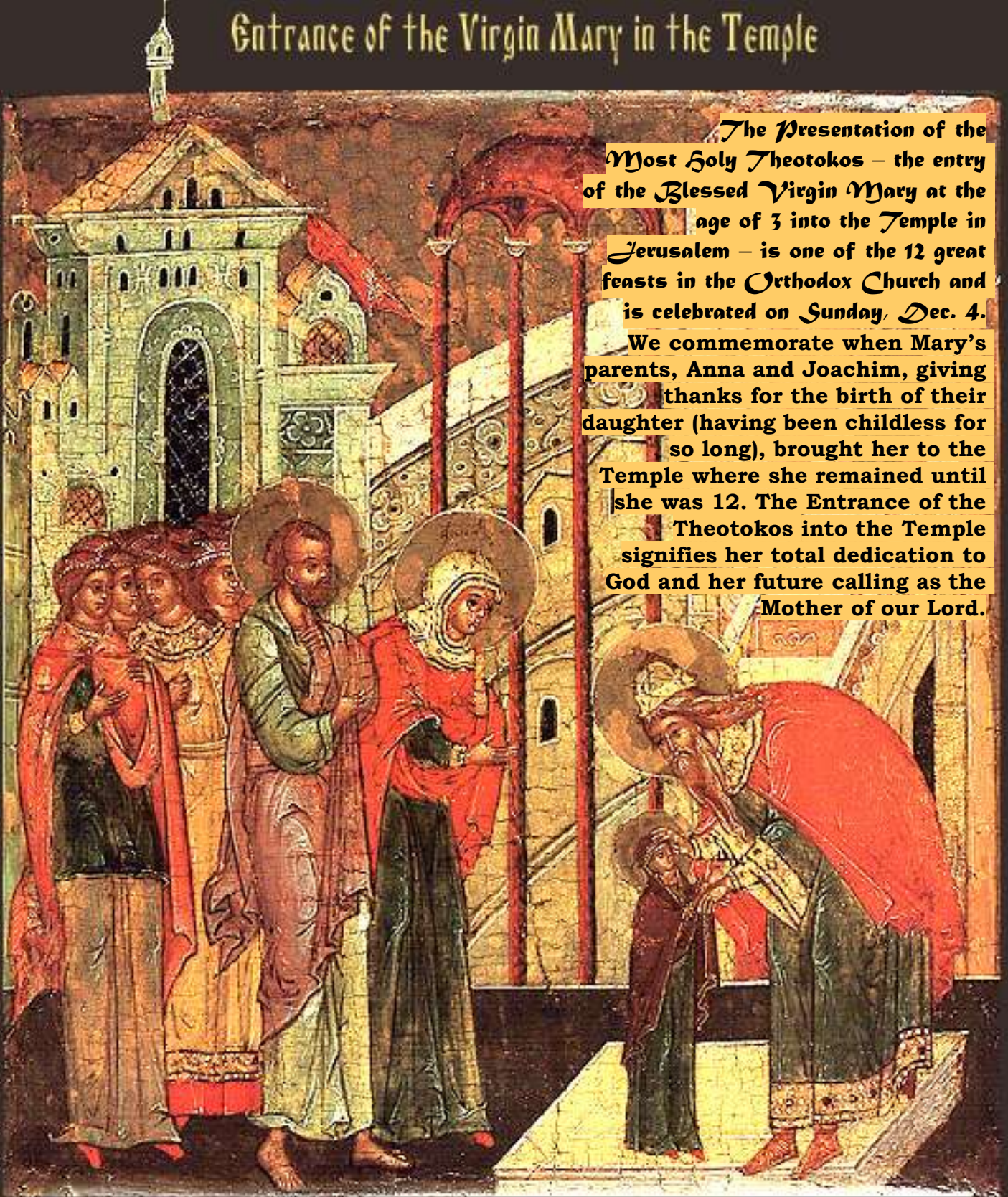
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Entrance of the Virgin Mary in the Temple

The Presentation of the Most Holy Theotokos – the entry of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the age of 3 into the Temple in Jerusalem – is one of the 12 great feasts in the Orthodox Church and is celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 4.

We commemorate when Mary's parents, Anna and Joachim, giving thanks for the birth of their daughter (having been childless for so long), brought her to the Temple where she remained until she was 12. The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her future calling as the Mother of our Lord.



The Scripture Reading for Sunday, December 4, 2022

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Sunday's Scripture reading is a factual narrative from the daily life of Jesus. The reading focuses on the two most well-known sisters in the Bible and perhaps in history: MARY and MARTHA. And like sisters in today's world, they experienced sibling rivalry -- competing for the attention of Jesus. It is interesting how Jesus handles the situation and His explanation to Martha. It is a teachable moment for her -- and for us. Mary is mentioned only about 3 times in the entire Bible, but every time she is, Mary is sitting dutifully and lovingly at the feet of Jesus, mesmerized. She adores Him, reveres Him, hanging on His every word. Martha, on the other hand, is a busy lady. She is devoted to Jesus, too, in her own way, tending to Him, serving food, cleaning up. And of course, a busy person does not look fondly upon the person who sits idly. And that is why Martha was annoyed with Mary. She asked Jesus to make Mary help her. Jesus' answer: **MARY HAS CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART WHICH WILL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT!** So Mary's faith -- her submissive obedience -- is what pleased Jesus more than Martha's devoted service. Jesus did not condemn Martha for her service but asked her to work on her faith...perfect her faith. Let the lesson to us be this: do not let everyday duties, responsibilities and tasks distract you from your faith in God. Keep a balance in your life. Make Bible study and prayer a part of your daily activities.



SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, December 18:
St. Nicholas Patron Saint Luncheon

Friday, January 6, 2023:
Christmas Eve Holy Supper, followed by Vespers and Singing of Carols

Saturday, January 7, 2023:
Christmas Day Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by Christmas Lunch

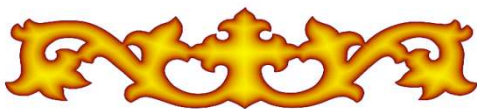
Schedule of Services

Saturday, December 3	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 4	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 10	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 11	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by monthly Panikhida
Saturday, December 17	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 18	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and Moleben to St. Nicholas, followed by St. Nicholas Patron Saint Luncheon in the Cathedral Hall
Saturday, December 24	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, December 25	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 31	5:00 pm: Vespers
Sunday, January 1	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy
Friday, January 6 CHRISTMAS EVE	5:00 pm: Holy Supper in the Cathedral Hall 6:30 pm: Vespers; Confession; followed by the Patriarchal Choir singing Christmas Carols
Saturday, January 7 CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00 am: Reading of the Third Hour 9:15 am: Vesting 9:30 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, followed by the Patriarchal Choir singing Christmas Carols 11:00 am: Christmas Lunch in the Cathedral Hall

SUNDAY VIGIL CANDLES LIT TODAY

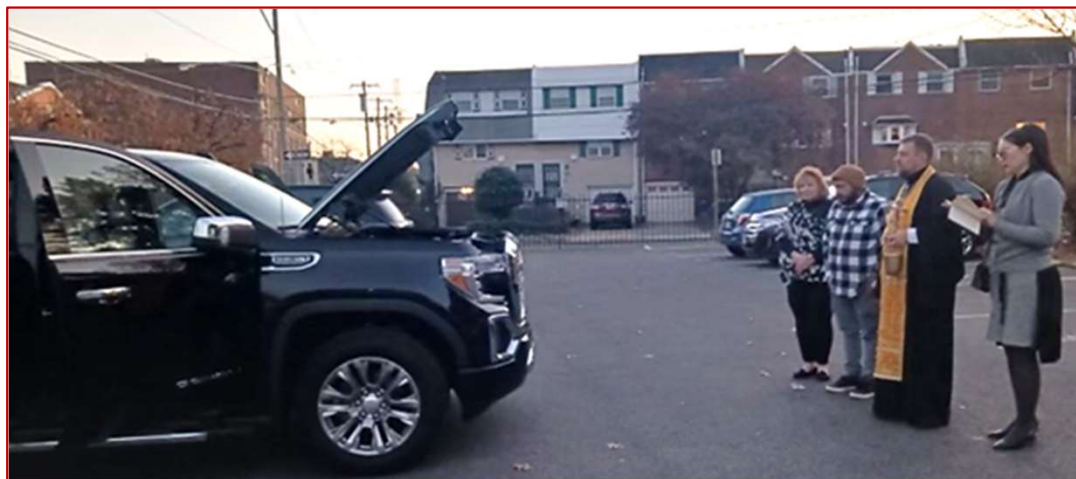


1. For the health of my nephew Chris Kavchok, offered by Diane Kavchok and Family
2. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on her birthday, Love, Tom, Judy and Family
3. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
4. For the health of Colleen Philipp, on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
5. For the health of Dawn Healey, offered by Rayisa Kovalova
6. In memory of my brother/uncle, Charles M. Redmond, on his birthday, offered by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp, Jennifer and Cory Redmond



A Truck Blessing on Thanksgiving Day

Bishop Luke, accompanied by Colleen and Nicholas Philipp and Veronika Matviienko, blessed Nicholas' new truck following the Thanksgiving Day meal.



"We thank Thee for Thou hast provided Thy servant with this vehicle to serve his various needs. Therefore, O Master, pour out now upon it Thy heavenly blessings; assign to it a guardian angel to preserve it from all evil."



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Before our doors opened at 2:00 PM, CBS Eyewitness News reporter, Madeleine Wright, and the CBS news van were already waiting in the parking lot to film the event.

If you were unable to attend St. Nicholas Cathedral's Thanksgiving Day lunch last week, hosted by sisters Barbara Latsios (*President, Sisterhood*) and Judy Hanney (*Festival Director*), to benefit the Sisterhood, you missed a **VERY SPECIAL** gathering!



Watch the CBS news story and footage from the day online:



<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/ukrainian-refugees-thanksgiving-philadelphia-russia-war/>

LOCAL NEWS

Ukrainian refugees are "thankful" to spend Thanksgiving in Philly

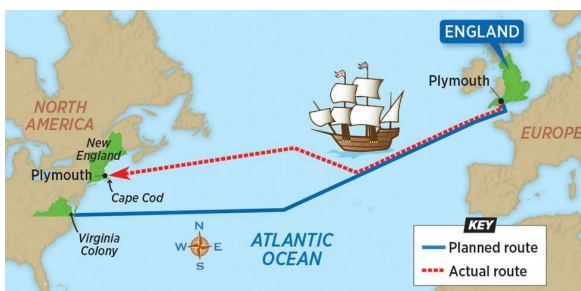
BY MADELEINE WRIGHT

NOVEMBER 24, 2022 / 9:00 PM / CBS PHILADELPHIA

The Cathedral Kitchen was bustling as turkeys were carved, dinner rolls warmed, potatoes mashed. The bountiful Thanksgiving table included 3 roasted turkeys, 10 pounds of mashed potatoes, 6 pounds of carrots, baked ham, stuffing and much more – all food donated and cooked by parishioners of the Cathedral. Special thanks to Judy and Tom Hanney, Colleen Philipp, Barbara and George Latsios, Ellen and Phil Hanavin, John and Susie Sobchak, and all those who brought their favorite dishes and cakes.



Following the blessing of the food by Bishop Luke, Tom Hanney, Cathedral Council President, took the opportunity to explain the meaning of Thanksgiving to our Ukrainian refugee guests, comparing the long, arduous journey of the Pilgrims on the Mayflower to the New World with the flight of the refugees to Philadelphia from war-torn Ukraine.



Alla Pukhtetska, who is fluent in English and arrived with Veronika Matviienko in Philadelphia from Kyiv (via Warsaw) in March 2022 soon after the war started in Ukraine, heartfully expressed her thanks to the American people, and especially to Bishop Luke and the parishioners of St. Nicholas Cathedral, for welcoming them, giving them rooms in the Cathedral Rectory, and for their ongoing emotional and financial support.



Thanksgiving Day our National Holiday



48 people – family, friends, friends of friends! -- came together in the Cathedral Hall to break bread, give thanks, and enjoy good fellowship on this very American holiday. Tom Hanney reminded us in his welcoming speech that back in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln encouraged Americans to recognize the last Thursday of November as “a day of Thanksgiving.” A few years later in 1870, Congress followed suit by passing legislation making Thanksgiving an official national holiday.

HAPPY
thanksgiving
FAMILY TRADITIONS **TURKEY DAY**
HARVEST
GIVE **THANKFUL**
thanks **BLESSED**
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St. Nicholas Patron Saint Lunch

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**following Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Hall
Sunday, December 18, 2022**

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to benefit the Building Fund,**

More than 100 years ago, our ancestors composed documents to establish, incorporate and govern St. Nicholas Cathedral. Among those documents are our Cathedral's By-Laws and Statutes.

Article 3, THE CHURCH'S PATRON SAINT, states:

"The day in commemoration of St. Nicholas....should be regarded as the Church Patron's Feast and should be solemnized and respected as such every year."

And so every year -- for 105 years -- the St. Nicholas Cathedral Parish has honored our forefathers' mandate. As a congregation we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, our Patron Saint, on Sunday, December 18, with a Moleben to St. Nicholas immediately after Divine Liturgy, followed by a fellowship lunch in our Cathedral Hall.

Please join us!

**Vicki Borriello and her family will be preparing the meal.
Please text or call Vicki to RSVP: 610-357-5474**





ANNUAL VIGIL CANDLES LIT AT EVERY SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Vigil:	\$2
Analoi Candles:	\$25
Altar Candles:	\$35
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1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/23
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/23
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz; John and Mary Dzwonczyk; Paul and Anna Guz, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/22
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/26
5. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/23
6. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
7. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/23
8. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/22
9. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/23
10. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/23
11. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/23
12. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/23
13. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/23
14. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/22
15. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/23
16. +In loving memory of our mother, Lillian Fox, and our sister, Karen Niehoff, offered by Renee Murphy and Gail Osborn & Families. exp. 9/1/23
17. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/30
18. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Maksym, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Bishop Luke and his family, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana-Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy, Diana; and +In memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan and Hanna, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/22
19. For the health of Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyr, Anna-Diana, Olga, Vasyl, Maria, Mykhailyna, Anna, Olga, Mykola, Marianna, Oksana, Olga, Roman, Bogdan, Iryna-Olesia. +In memory of Anna, Sophia, Petro, Volodymyr, Joseph, Petrunelia, Vasyl, Maria, Stepan, Anna, Volodymyr, Stepania, Maryna, Vasyl, offered by Oksana and Viktor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/23
20. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/23
21. +The Repose of the souls of Mary and Gregory Buckley. Memory Eternal. Offered by the children and grandchildren of the Buckley, Janoczkin and Wojnarowicz Families. exp. 12/20/22
22. +In memory of Joseph and Mary Ann Visman, offered by Debbie and Michael. exp. 5/2/23
23. +In memory of Tatiana, Alexander, Sergey, Nadezhda, Alexander and Anna, offered by Anton Spassky. exp. 6/12/23
24. For the health of soldier Olexiy, Loubov, Vadym, Olexander, Iryna, George, Svilana and Maria. exp. 6/19/23

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

A St. Nicholas Cathedral tradition has been that parishioners regularly volunteer to donate a Fellowship Lunch on Sundays following Divine Liturgy. The parishioner-chef decides which Cathedral Fund receives the money collected from the lunch. We charge only \$5 for a delicious, home-cooked meal. If you've never prepared a Fellowship Lunch, please consider doing so. We all have a special dish. Share it with the congregation as we gather together after Divine Liturgy to share news, laugh and plan for the future – over a Fellowship Lunch.

*On Sunday, November 27, 2022,
parishioner-member Kevan Jiang
baked a delicious lasagna and
homemade cherry strudel for the
clergy and congregation.*

Our compliments to the chef!



THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

CHOIR: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

READER: In Judah God is known. His Name is great in Israel! Pray and make your vows.

CHOIR: Before the Lord our God!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Hebrews.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance. **(Hebrews 9:1-7)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READER: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
Let us come before His face with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to Him songs of praise!

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

PRIEST: Let us attend. Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her. And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" **(Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28)**

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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