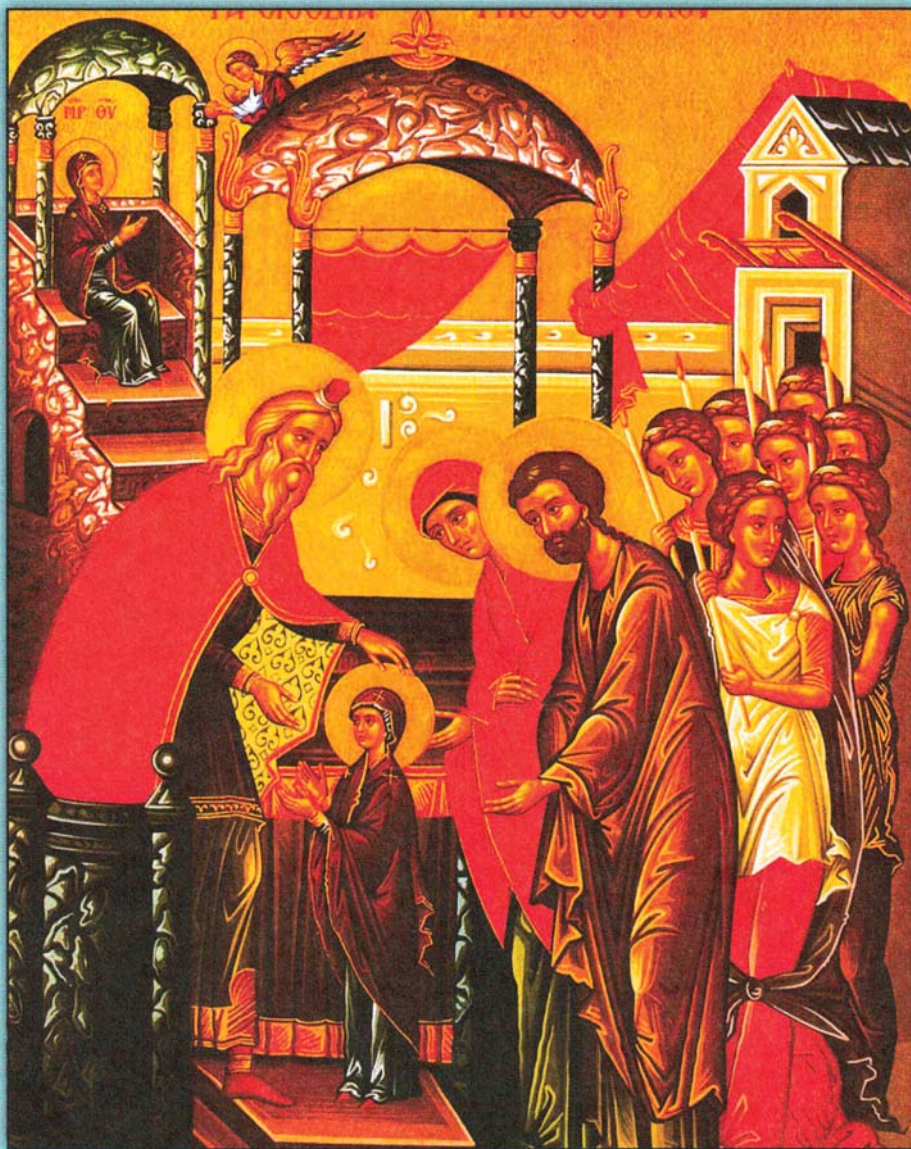


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE



*Icon of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple -- November 21st*

*Prayer to the Theotokos*

To me you are my dear love, my beauty, the great hope of salvation. Help your servant, O most glorious Virgin. My voice tells of you tearfully; my heart burns for love. Give heed as well to the prayers of all my sisters and brothers who cry unto you: O Virgin, you are full of grace; through you may the grace of Christ ever preserve us ...

May devotion and honor recall your memory in this place, O Queen of heaven, greatest hope of our life. With your kindness, look upon God's handmaids and servants here who call unto you, O Virgin most mild. In your mercy, give heed in every moment to our prayers, and by your prayers direct our days, always and everywhere ...

Virgin and Mother whose merit is unequalled! Mary, you alone are the one whom the Lord preserved in such a condition of soul and body as to make you worthy of the mystery in which the Son of God assumed a body from you as the price of our redemption. O most merciful, through whom the whole world has been saved, I pray you, intercede for me, the most unclean of all and stained with every kind of wickedness; intercede for me, for because of my sins, I deserve to receive nothing except eternal punishment. O most glorious Virgin, grant that I, saved by your merits, may reach the eternal Kingdom.

*Alcuin*



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Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel)

1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009

Contact: Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar: 410-734-6973

Next Liturgy: Sunday, December 19th, at 3pm

### Patronage Church at Hagerstown:

St. Ann Catholic Church

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

Contact: Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930

Next Liturgy: Saturday, November 27th, at 10am

### DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 11.21.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy Entrance of the Theotokos	In Memory of: +Robert Klouda Requested by: M/M Kevin Keane
Tuesday 11.23.21	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Friday 11.26.21	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 11.28.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Brett Hughes Requested by: Kelley & Clyde Wood

This is the **26th Sunday – The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.**

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**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!**

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**SUNDAY OBLIGATION:** Bishop Kurt revoked the dispensation, regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy, on June 6, 2021. Watching the live stream no longer fulfills the obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. However, the Bishop reminds everyone that “just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health, or the health of others.” Our parish continues to be cleaned and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church.

**2021 BISHOP’S APPEAL:** The Bishop’s Appeal began on November 1, 2021. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2021, must be attributed to the 2022 tax year. Our parish goal, for this year’s campaign, is \$9,800.00. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to: The Eparchy of Passaic, and mail it to: The Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. You can also make your pledge online at [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com) and make either one payment or 5 monthly payments. All payment plans must be completed no later than June 30, 2022, to count toward our parish goal. You should be receiving your Bishop’s Appeal Pledge form shortly in the mail. If you don’t receive a pledge form in the mail, there are a few extra copies on the shelf in the Narthex.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Fr. Serhii is available 15 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confession. **On December 19<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Serhii will be hearing confession for the children in ECF.** These children should gather in the front of church after Liturgy. Parents, please review the confession prayer with your children. If you need another confession pamphlet, please email the church and let Fr. Serhii know.

**2022 LITURGICAL CALENDARS:** Liturgical wall calendars for 2022, are available on the book rack in the Narthex. Please take one for use in your home.

**GOD WITH US ONLINE:** The **fourth free webinar** of this curriculum year will be, **“Rejoice All Ye Peoples; The Feasts of the Old Testament.”** This program takes place on Wednesdays, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8-9pm. Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D., will be the presenter. Join us as we prepare for the Nativity of the Lord, we turn to the Feasts of the Old Testament, seeking to understand how they foreshadowed the coming of Christ and paved the way for salvation, and the restoration of mankind to paradise. To register, visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org).

**BECOMING BYZANTINE:** The Eparchy of Phoenix and Vineyard of the Lord Catholic Ministries are sponsoring a free webinar and video series on Byzantine Catholic faith, worship, and life based upon the **“Christ Our Pascha Catechism.”** Are you a Western Christian (Catholic or Protestant) who is interested in exploring the Byzantine Catholic faith for your own development in faith? Are you contemplating joining or have you recently joined a Byzantine or Greek Catholic parish? Are you a Byzantine Christian who wants to learn more about your own rich tradition? Visit [BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholicism](http://BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholicism) for more information. Sessions will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month beginning September 26, 2021 through August, 2022, from 7-8:30pm.

**“COME AND SEE:”** With the holidays quickly approaching, why not share a book, produced by the Eparchy of Passaic, about our Byzantine church and its traditions. This makes a great gift and this book can also be an invitation to share with others who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God, and also build a lasting personal relationship with Him. The cost is \$5 a book and you can purchase a copy after Liturgy. Please see Sharon Kotula, if you are interested.

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## ***Thanksgiving Prayer***

***Dear Lord,  
Today we give thanks  
For our many blessings,  
As we pray for those in need,  
We give thanks  
For our family and friends  
As we pray for those who are lonely.  
We give thanks for our freedoms  
As we pray for those who are oppressed.  
We give thanks for our good health  
As we pray for those who are ill.  
We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity  
As we share our blessings with others.  
On this day of Thanksgiving,  
May the love of God enfold us,  
The peace of God dwell within us,  
And the joy of God uplift us.  
Amen***

***We wish everyone a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!***

## 26th Sunday – The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Dear brothers and sisters!

Today's Feast of the Entry into the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, shows us the solemn entrance of the little girl, Mary, into the Jerusalem Temple. In the example of her righteous parents, we see a spirit of great humility and complete hope in God.

The Immaculate Conception and Nativity of Mary was the first step in the realization of the mystery of salvation, and her upbringing in the temple was a preparation for full agreement with God's will and conscious acceptance of God's plan for the salvation of mankind, which began with the birth of Jesus Christ. To carry out his plan, God chose the Virgin Mary as the future Mother of the Son of God. Mary's first spiritual preparation for this great mission was accomplished by God through her righteous parents, Joachim and Anna.

"The angels of God," says George of Nicomedia, "surrounded her invisibly and served her at God's command. There, from above, she was met and blessed by the high priest, Zechariah, the father of St. John the Baptist. The temple minister did not stop where people usually prayed, and by the command of God, he led the Blessed Virgin Mary further.

Blessed Theophylact says this: "The bishop at that time, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, understood that this Adolescent is a container of Divine grace. She is more worthy than him to stand before the Face of the Living God. And when he remembered what was said in the Law of the Ark of the Covenant, which was always to be in the Holy of Holies, he realized that was a direct reference to this Maiden. And so, without any doubt, he dared, contrary to the decisions, to bring her there."

One day in the Belgian town of Gal, a young merchant, walking along the river, heard a woman screaming. He looked around and saw that a child was drowning in the waves of the river, and a sobbing mother was screaming on the shore. Without thinking for a long time, this merchant jumped into the water and saved the child. This mother was very happy and could not find the words to thank the rescuer for saving her son. The merchant did not want any reward. But the mother removed the silver medal of the Mother of God, from the boy and, giving it to the merchant, said, "The Mother of God helped you to save my child, let her help you in your future life." The young merchant was not a great zealot of religion and prayer, but he accepted the medal and gave his word that he would pray. Years had passed since this case. The merchant went to overseas countries for their trade. During this time, the little boy had grown into a handsome young man and dedicated himself to serving God, became a missionary priest, and was sent on a mission to Africa as a capable missionary. One day, he was told that a seriously ill merchant was lying in the city hospital, who was probably a Christian, but did not want to confess. The disease was severe, and the patient barely spoke, every minute could be the last. When the priest arrived at the patient's ward, he noticed a medal on his neck and inquired about it. The patient began to tell the story of a boy rescued near the town of Gal in Belgium. "I was the boy you rescued," he said. The priest, with tears in his eyes, threw himself into the arms of his sick rescuer. In this wave, the ray of God's grace warmed and enlightened the hardened heart of the old merchant. Now he realized that it was the Blessed Virgin Mary who took care of him in such an extraordinary way that the boy to whom he had saved earthly life had to save his soul for eternity.

The sick merchant wept like a child, and sincerely repented all of his life. He confessed, said goodbye to this world, calmly, without fear, and departed to the afterlife.

Today's holy day, dear believers, can symbolically be called a children's holy day. After all, we Christians, from early childhood, must bring our children to the Temple, teach them and consecrate them to God, just as the holy and righteous Godfathers Joachim and Anna. To consecrate means to give to the will of God, to the care of God, so that our children may grow up under the grace of God and the protection of the Blessed Virgin. And for this, we ourselves need to grow spiritually, ascending as steps of life to the Lord. Day by day, we approach the meeting with Him, where the Great High Priest - Christ Himself - is waiting for us at the top of the steps. He will take us by the hand and lead us into His abode. And in this spiritual ascent up the steps of life, may the Blessed Virgin Mary herself be our greatest helper, mentor, and patron.

**INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, those who cannot make it to church, also: Fr. Serhii, and his family, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Greg Rudy, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

***May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!***

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** Patronage: 11.14.2021 - \$1,912.00

Thank you to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website and click on the **Tithely** link.

**2021 "FALL" SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL:** Many thanks to those who volunteered for the various tasks, donated baked goods and other items, and all who placed food/kolachi orders, to help make our festival a huge success. Our next festival will be in the spring! Results of our festival will be posted in an upcoming bulletin.

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN:** Please visit [www.godwithusononlineorg](http://www.godwithusononlineorg), and be sure to click on "Ruthenian," for this week's catechetical resources, including the Gospel summary and discussion questions. Also available is the Entrance of the Theotokos Supplement for today's feast and a November Catechetical Reflection. All of these resources can be used in your weekly catechesis with your children. ***"The shape of our children's entire life is being determined right now by us as their parent. It's up to us to point them in the right direction."*** – Author Unknown

**ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:** ***Our parish will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, followed by a pot-luck luncheon and a visit from St. Nicholas,*** in our church hall. Please sign-up on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, by next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> – we would like to know if your family (including the number of children) will be attending so we can plan accordingly. Many thanks!

**DECORATING OUR TEMPLE/CHURCH HALL FOR CHRISTMAS:** Next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, after Divine Liturgy, we will be decorating our Temple, as well as the church hall, for the upcoming Christmas season and St. Nicholas celebration. ***Please email the church and let us know if you are able to help!***

**HOLY HUMOR:** A man stopped by a local church to talk to the Priest. He told the Priest, "I stole a turkey this morning on my way home from work." The Priest told him, "That was a terrible thing to do." The man replied, "Yes, I know that now, do you want it?" The Priest replied, "No, take it back and give it to the man that you stole it from." The man replied, "I tried to give it back, but he refused it." The Priest told him, "In that case you keep the turkey." The man thanked the Priest and went on his way. When the Priest arrived home later that day, he discovered that his turkey had been stolen! – Author Unknown

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. ***If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com).***

***"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).***

CHILDREN'S CORNER

GROUP GAME

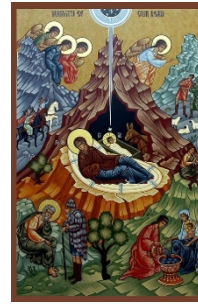
Thanksgiving Word Search

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

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Word Bank

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BLESSINGS	FRIENDS	GRAVY	NAP	PUMPKIN	WORSHIP
CHRIST	GATHERING	HARVEST	NOVEMBER	SHARING	YUM
CHRISTIAN	GIVING	JESUS	PARADE	TABLE	
CHURCH	GOBBLE	LAUGHTER	PIE	THURSDAY	



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Our parish is once again sponsoring a Christmas poinsettia sale. The flowers will be placed within the church and altar for Christmas Divine Liturgy. Each commemoration will be published in a special insert of the Christmas Bulletin.

Plants may be taken by the giver after Christmas Liturgy. Please place the order form and payment in the offering basket or mail to the rectory by **Sunday, December 19th**. Make checks payable to: *Patronage Church*.

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 In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of poinsettia (*check one*): \$13.00 each  
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