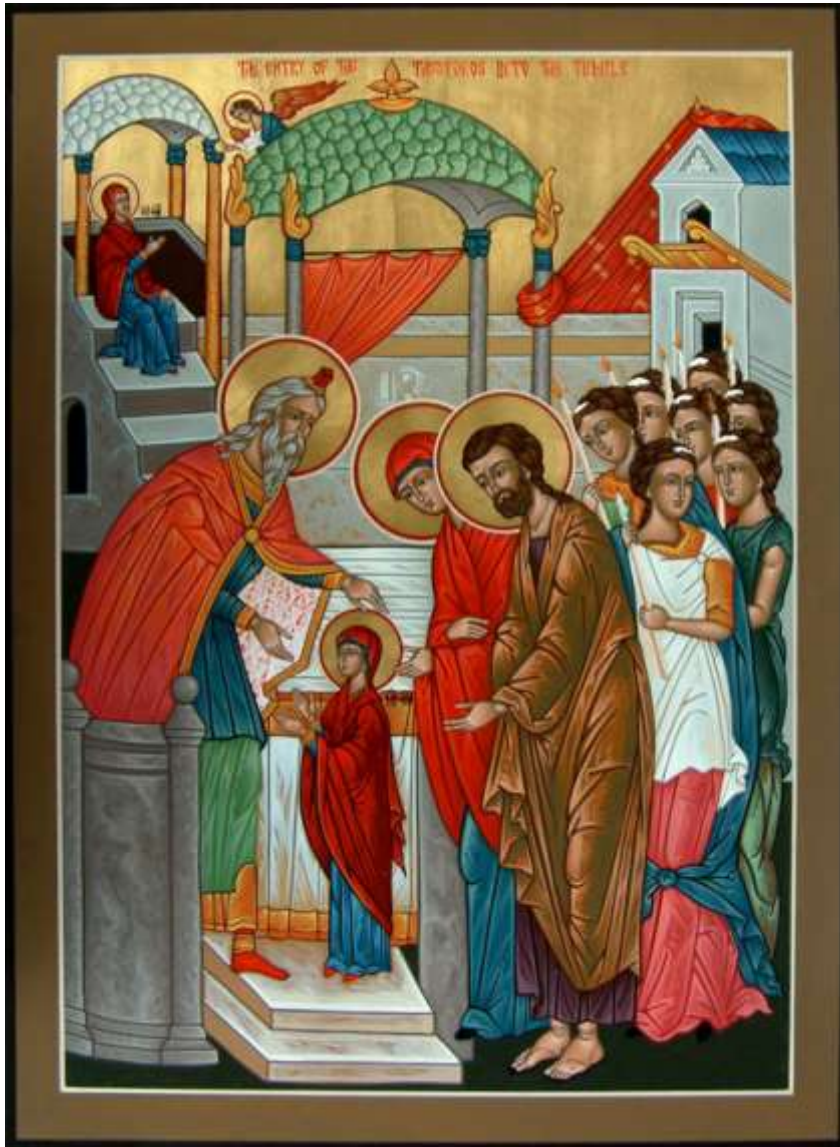


# 27th Sunday after Pentecost

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November 20, 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God Forever!



Entrance of the Theotokos



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**SCHEDULE:**

SUNDAY: Rosary 8:30 am  
Festal Matins 9:00 am  
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Daily Liturgy (Schedule of Services, Page 3)

Saturday: Great Vespers 4:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm  
Thursday OFF

**THEOSIS:** 1st & 3rd Thursday  
pot luck dinner 6:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:** All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes (September through May)

**Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):**

9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning:**

Must be arranged six months in advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Sick and Shut-Ins:** It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.

**Today**  
8:30 am Rosary  
9:00 am Matins/Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends  
ECF Classes  
Eternal Lamp: Sven & Barbara Svensson 27th Anniversary  
5:00 pm Great Vespers/Litija

**November 21  
Monday** ***Entrance of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day***  
***Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7; Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 & 11:27-28***



6:00 pm Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends

**November 22  
Tuesday** ***Philemon & Others Apostles***  
***Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4; Gospel: Luke 17:26-37***

9:00 am Birthday Blessing on Fr. Chris /Emmanuel Moleben after Liturgy  
6:00 pm CAFÉ's Night Out

**November 23  
Wednesday** ***Amphilochius & Gregory Bishops***  
***Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:9-22; Gospel: Luke 18:15-17.26-30***



5:30 pm OLPH Devotions  
6:00 pm Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy  
Healing of Christian Families by Sinthia

**November 24  
Thursday** ***Thanksgiving Day/Catherine Great Martyr***  
***Epistle: Titus 1:5-2:1; Gospel: Luke 18:31-34***

9:00 am Thanksgiving Divine Liturgy  
+Gerald and JoAnn Cooper by Mary Alice Cooper

**November 25  
Friday** ***Clement & Peter Pope & Bishop***  
***Epistle: Titus 1:15-2:10; Gospel: Luke 19:12-28***



**November 26  
Saturday** ***Alypius the Stylite Venerable***  
***Epistle: Ephesians 1:16-23; Gospel: Luke 10:19-21***

**November 27  
Sunday** ***28th Sunday after Pentecost***  
***Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18; Gospel: Luke 13:10-17***

4:00 pm Great Vespers  
5:00 pm +Keenan Alan by Jilek Family

8:30 am Rosary  
9:00 am Festive Matins/Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends  
ECF Classes

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the Infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine

Sharif Rabadi  
Stephen Horner  
Katrina Anderson  
Abraham Haddad  
Jenny Ford  
Threima Leech  
Priscilla Hughes  
Steve Jakymiw  
Lillian Murphy  
Marilyn Fore  
Demetrius Yackanich  
Sven & Barbara Svensson  
Keith Romero

Fr. Julian Gnall  
Henry Zuger  
John & Margie Disque  
Phillip Fall  
Laura Dominquez  
Olga Bodnar  
Frances Brannan  
John Deflice  
Mary Ann Kosty  
Jordan Smith  
Maggie Batsel  
Jean Pesce  
Henry Burnette  
Tracy McTernan

William Frank  
Joseph Koetter  
Mary Nell Preisler  
Mike Harahuc  
Robert Zadel  
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell  
Quintin Santmaria & Family  
Heather Mattax  
Larry Bennett  
Paola Terlaza  
Ruth Sousa  
Frank Gerace  
Linda Granci

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group

### Intentions of the Rosary

- 1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul



Vocation Icon

Today: Brewer

Next Sunday: Dodson-Sands

### Holy Father's Intentions for November

#### Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

#### Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

**ETERNAL MEMORY!!!** Veronica Fedorovich, mother of our beloved parishioner Mike Fedorovich fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, November 14. We offer Mike's family our prayerful condolences and promise of prayers for his mother's eternal repose and their consolation. Funeral service will be held on November 24 in Canada. May God grant His Handmaid Veronica blessed repose and remember her forever!

**The Year of Mercy**

This important Jubilee Year dedicated to God's Mercy concludes today. The Lord desires to show us His immense, great mercy, but we need to recognize our need for Him and make room. We especially need to offer up our lowliness and failures to Him so He can transform it into a life filled with His LOVE, which is incredible!

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

This is our FAVORITE social of the year and we are having an all-church potluck. Parishioners are asked to bring their favorite recipe. Children really look forward to this day and we want to make it special.. Anything and everything is welcome. St. Nicholas will make an appearance and he is always very hungry from his travels!

**To celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas** the Wonderworker, each family is asked to take one grocery bag today and fill with items from the Friars' List and return them Sunday, December 4.

This is a wonderful way to honor St. Nicholas and his devotion to the poor. The bags will be taken to the Friars to help feed the poor and homeless. Hopefully, this will become a tradition every year in our parish.

**Friar's Needs:**

Smaller quantities of nonperishable food:

- Rice
- Beans
- Olive oil
- Pasta sauce
- Microwaveable, shelf-stable, ready-to-eat meals
- Canned vegetables and/or fruit, store-bought (please no home-canned goods)
- Canned meat and/or fish
- Chicken, beef, or vegetable broth

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
Nov. 27	Jose Salazar	Katara Doodson-Sands	Open	Cindy Loescher Barbara DeLap	Jilek

**Barbara's Hall Report**

Thanks to our Explorers Group for putting on a great Sunday Brunch. Yummy pancakes, (and I love pancakes) sausages, eggs, and juice! Plus, everything was served tableside by the Explorers themselves! Hope everyone made a donation to this great group of young people!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

	<b>Feast of St. Nicholas</b>
December 5 Monday	6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy/Litija
December 6 Tuesday	9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Mirovanije
	<b>Maternity of the Holy Anna</b>
December 7 Wednesday	6:00 pm Vigil Liturgy/Litija
December 8 Thursday	9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Mirovanije
2nd & 4th Monday of the month	Explorers Meeting
Tuesdays	6:30 pm CAFE at UNM

### Upcoming Mothers' Group Events

Save the dates so you can join us!

**12/3/16-** Children's Adoration at Franciscan Friars of the Renewal 9:30-10 am, followed by snack & helping Knights of Columbus clean OLPH

**12/10/16-** Mamas Outing: Adoration at Annunciation and Lunch at Flying Star 10am-noon

**12/18/16-** Sunday Social

**1/14/17-** Mothers' Group Meeting 10am-noon

**1/28/17-** Group Baby shower 10am-noon

**2/11/17-** Blessing bags- 10am-noon

### **St. John Bible Study Group**

Know the Word... Mike Sena will be leading a 6-week Bible study for preteens (ages 10-13) starting Tuesday, Jan 10, 2017, and meeting every other week through Feb 21.

Besides delving into the Sacred Scriptures, meetings will include prayer and dinner. The first 5 kids to sign up will get a free book and a free dinner. For more information send an email to [olphnm.youth@gmail.com](mailto:olphnm.youth@gmail.com)

### **It's that time of year again for Christmas Fudge!**

This will help with Christmas money for my Grandkids & for my trip to Ohio to visit relatives. Fudge is \$16 for one pound, \$45 for three pounds. All Fudge is chocolate. Nuts can be added. Talk to me if you'd like a different flavor. All Fudge orders will be delivered on Sunday, December 11th. The Fudge freezes extremely well to keep until Christmas Day. (Lara 710-1181)

### **FALL ADULT ON-LINE CLASSES**

All Classes Are Free

Tuesday Night Ongoing Classes

#### **The Traditions of Christmas and Theophany**

12/15/16 • Fr. Michael Bezruchka

For more information or to register visit: [http:// eparchyofphoenix.org](http://eparchyofphoenix.org) or E-mail

Dcn. Basil Ryan Balke with questions or to register at [dcnbasil@eparchyofphoenix.org](mailto:dcnbasil@eparchyofphoenix.org)

The **Presentation of the Theotokos** into the Temple, also called **The Entrance of Our Lady into the Temple**, is one of the Great Feasts of the Byzantine Rite, celebrated on November 21.

One of the earliest sources of this feast is the non- canonical\* *Protoevangelium of James*, also called the *Infancy Gospel of James*, composed in Syria around 150 AD. In the story, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led inside, accompanied by virgins, to live inside the Holy of Holies, to prepare her to become the living sanctuary of God when she would conceive the Divine Child. She was fed by the angels, until the age of twelve when she was betrothed to Joseph, who was an old man. This so-called gospel was written with scant knowledge of Judaism and its practices, and often incorporated pagan practices such as temple virgins, into the stories. **So why commemorate liturgically something which we know , through biblical archaeology and Jewish studies, to have never taken place? Here is the primary meaning:** the symbolism of *today links the Holy-of-Holies in the Temple with the womb of Mary which will become the living chamber of the Most High God.* Secondary is the *specialness of Mary as a person:* she is indeed an all-pure and all-holy virgin. St. Gregory

#### **Palamas preached:**

*God is born of the spotless and Holy Virgin, or better to say, of the Most Pure and All-Holy Virgin. She is above every fleshly defilement, and even above every impure thought. Her conceiving resulted not from fleshly lust, but by the overshadowing of the Most Holy Spirit. Such desire being utterly alien to her, it is through prayer and spiritual readiness that She declared to the angel: "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it done unto Me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38), and that She conceived and gave birth. So, in order to render the Virgin worthy of this sublime purpose, God marked this ever-virgin Daughter now praised by us, from before the ages, and from eternity, choosing Her from out of His elect. Thus we solemnly commemorate the **fact** that Mary was a pure and sinless person all her life; was a virgin at the time of the Annunciation to her; and that she remains a virgin today.*

**Greek Catholic priests in Slovakia give children a special blessing at the church on this feast day.** The prayer used is from the Book of Numbers, chapter 6, vv 24-26, the blessing which God tells Aaron and his successor priests to use on the children. Thus, this is one of the most ancient rituals done from the Bible, and it finds a comfortable home in our Byzantine Catholic Church which is filled with Scripture and rites which are often rooted in Judaism. The fact that the giving of this blessing is restricted to only priests – and not parents - continues the Jewish tradition of it being a part of the Temple ritual celebrated by the priests.

At the ambon prayer, the priest reads this blessing, and blesses the children with holy water.

"May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look kindly upon you and give you peace."

Then the Dismissal of the feast is sung as usual, including the verse "presented today in the holy temple" after the commemoration of Our Lady.



Explorers Fundraiser Lunch



Shut-ins Visits