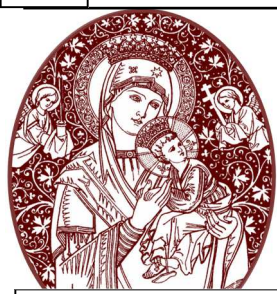


Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

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.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration
Mark your calendars
October 4, 2026
Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.
315 days or 44 weeks

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
Sunday, Nov 23	24th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Steve Deskevich Hoover Family
Nov 24	No Liturgy	
Nov 25	No Liturgy	
Nov 26	No Liturgy	
Nov 27	No Liturgy	
Nov 28	No Liturgy	
Nov 29	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Nov 30	25th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Anna Olexo

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 12:16-21

Resurrectional Troparion (Tone 7)

By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion of the Feast (Tone 4)

Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of God, and the proclamation of salvation for the human race. In the Temple of God the Virgin is clearly revealed, and beforehand announces Christ to all. To her, then, let us cry aloud with a mighty voice: Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator’s plan.

Resurrectional Kodakion (Tone 7)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

Kondakion of the Feast

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

The Savior’s pure temple, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasury of the glory of God, is brought today into the house of the Lord; and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit. God’s angels sing on praise of her: She is indeed the heavenly swelling place.

Prokeimenon

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse

Bring to the Lord, O you sons for God; bring to the Lord young rams.

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Irmos Tone 4 instead of “It is truly right”

Seeing the entrance of the pure one, angels marveled in wonder how the virgin could enter the holy of holies. Let no hand of the profane touch God’s living ark, but instead let the lips of those who are believers sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel, crying out with great joy to the Mother of God: O pure Virgin, you are truly higher than all.

Communion Verse

I will take the Chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3)

Weekly Collection - November 16, 2025 - \$230.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$145.00 Diocesan.- \$20.00 Candles - \$5.00 Misc. - \$60.00

PARISH NEWS

Future Events:

December 7 - Annual St. Nicholas Visit
December 10 - Vox Nova Concert 7:00PM
May 13 - Pilgrim Icon of our Lady of Fatima

Vox Nova Concert - On Dec. 10 at 7PM, Vox Nova Choir from Mt. Aloysius College will be presenting a concert of Eastern and Western Church Music.

Pyrohy - Thank you to all who helped to make pyrohy this past Wednesday.

Holiday Bake Sale - We are selling Nut, Poppy Seed, Apricot, and Raspberry Rolls. Please ask your friends and family to support your parish fundraiser. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.
Pick up date is December 13 from 10 to 12. Orders due by: December 7th.

Christmas Pyrohy Sale - Pyrohy will be available to the public on December 13 from 10 to 12. Parishioners can by anytime after November 18.

Prayer List

Millie Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones, Sarah Wilson, Lori Sedlock.
To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

A stranger enters a store and spots a sign: DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG! Inside, he sees a harmless old hound asleep on the floor.
“Is that the dog we’re supposed to be aware of?” he asks the owner.
“That’s him,” comes the reply.
“He doesn’t look at all dangerous to me. Why would you post that sign?”
“Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him.”