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**17 NOVEMBER 2024 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The**  
**Holy Gregory the Wonderworker of Neo-Caesarea**

**Tone 4      Troparion      *(Resurrection)***

When the women disciples of the Lord  
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,  
they cast away the ancestral curse  
and elatedly told the apostles:  
“Death is overthrown!  
Christ God is risen,//  
granting the world great mercy!”

**Tone 4      Kontakion      *(Resurrection)***

My Savior and Redeemer  
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.  
He has shattered the gates of hell,  
and as Master,//  
He has risen on the third day!

**Tone 3      Parish Theotokian**

Today the Virgin stands in the church, / and with hosts of Saints invisibly  
prays to God for us. / Angels worship with Hierarchs, / and Apostles rejoice  
with Prophets, / for the Birth-Giver of God prays for us/ to the Pre-eternal God.

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon      *(Resurrection)***

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all.  
*(Ps. 103:26)*

*V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great! (Ps. 103:1)*

**Epistle**

(203) Galatians 2:16-20

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!*  
*(Ps. 44:3b)*

*V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity. (Ps. 44:6)*

**Gospel**

(66) Luke 12:16-21

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Announcements

**SPECIAL MEETING - There will be a SPECIAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING on SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY.** Discussion at this meeting will be limited to two subjects only: 1) the Potential sale of the “new” cemetery property and 2) the Official/legal establishment of the parish name. **Only parishioners in good sacramental and financial standing, as defined by the current bylaws of our parish, will be allowed to participate.** A member in good standing is defined in Article II Paragraph A Section 2 as:

- a. Conducting his/her life and activity in accordance with the Orthodox faith;
- b. Attending the Holy Liturgy and other church services;
- c. Observing the rules of the Orthodox Church concerning the Fasts;
- d. Going to Confession and partaking in Holy Communion on a regular basis; (1) At a minimum, Orthodox Christians should receive the Sacraments at least during the four fasting periods of the year or more. (CANON 12 of SARDICA and CANON 80 of the 6th Ecumenical Council - TRULLO)
- e. Rearing his/her children and instructing them in the Orthodox faith and in the spirit of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church;
- f. Showing respect for the hierarchy, the clergy, and for church authorities;
- g. Paying the membership financial obligation and additional contributions according to the decision of the General Parish Meetings.

**PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Valley sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. The next Moleben service will be this **Tuesday, 19 November, at 6:30 PM at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1826 Kenmore Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018. We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!**

**A NEW CHRISTIAN AND A NEW DEACON!** - We wish to welcome into our parish family little Cecilia Naomi Clodfelter who was baptized and chrismated into the Christian Faith yesterday. Cecilia joins her two brothers, Otis and Jack and her parents Delaney and Fr. Deacon Alexis who was ordained to the Holy Diaconate also yesterday. Congratulations and God’s blessings to the entire family!

**CHRISTMAS FAST:** A Reminder that the CHRISTMAS FAST has begun, during which we prepare for the Feast of the NATIVITY OF OUR LORD. We remind all our parishioners to use this time to apply themselves to more profound prayer and fasting and

especially to approach the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion. Please check the schedule in the weekly bulletin for the opportunities for Confession.

**UKRAINIAN NATIONAL WOMEN’S LEAGUE ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE:** This year, as last year, the Ukrainian National Women's League of America (Союз Українок Америки) Br. 91 is holding a food drive of non-perishable food for Second Harvest of Lehigh Valley to honor the Victims of the Holodomor in Ukraine of 1929-1932 where millions of our brothers and sisters perished. Donations of non-perishable food will be collected at our church in the breezeway, beginning TODAY and continuing through November. Please be generous.

**PARISH BOARD MEETING -** The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Board will take place tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM, immediately following the Vespers service. All Parish Board members should be in attendance.

**SAVE THE DATE: 07 December—Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. We are looking for volunteers to work the Bazaar, make baked goods for sale, make special soups, and sponsor \$100 gift baskets (partner with a friend if you cannot sponsor the entire \$100).** For more information and to volunteer, please see Robin Bodnar or Hayden Arp. This bazaar is greatly needed for our parish fundraising efforts. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

**COFFEE SOCIAL:** Today’s coffee hour is hosted by THE CHOIR.

**Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Mark Koczak, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Mary Kennedy, John Milinchik, Daniel Melnichek, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Mary Carol Bannon, Elsie Moroz, the Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.**

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**Schedule for this Week**

**SUNDAY - 17 November - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy Gregory the Wonderworker of Neo-Caesarea**

*Galatians 2:16-20 Luke 12:16-21*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

**Monday, 18 November - The Holy Martyr Platon of Ancyra**

*Colossians 2:13-20 Luke 17:20-25*

6PM - Vespers

6:30 PM - Parish Board Meeting

**Tuesday, 19 November - The Holy Prophet Obadiah/The Venerable Barlaam of the Kyiv Caves**

*Colossians 2:20-3:3 Luke 17:26-37*

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - **St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1826 Kenmore Ave, Bethlehem.** (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

**Wednesday, 20 November - Forefeast of the Entry of the Mother of God in the Temple/The Venerable Gregory Decapolites**

*Colossians 3:17-4:1 Luke 18:15-17, 26-30*

6 PM - VESPERS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

**Thursday, 21 November - THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE (MAJOR HOLY DAY)**

*Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28*

**9 AM - Divine Liturgy**

**Friday, 22 November - The Holy Apostle Philemon and Archippus of the Seventy/The Holy Yaropolk-Peter, Prince of Volodymyr-Volynsky**

*Colossians 4:10-18 Luke 19:12-28*

**Saturday, 23 November - The Holy Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium**

*2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Luke 10:19-21*

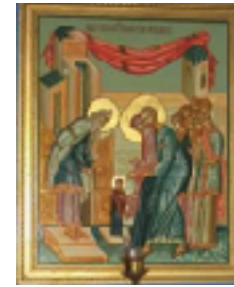
**SUNDAY - 24 November - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy and Great-Martyress Catherine of Alexandria**

*Galatians 6:11-18 Luke 13:10-17*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

**The Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple**

Commemorated on [November 21](#)



According to Holy Tradition, the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God. When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the

handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119-133 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence. After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt. The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Saint Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian. But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Saint Gregory of Nyssa, in the fourth century, also mentions this Feast. In the eighth century Saints Germanus and Tarasius, Patriarchs of Constantinople, delivered sermons on the Feast of the Entry. The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple foretells God's blessing for the human race, the preaching of salvation, the promise of the coming of Christ.