Dormition of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church



Українська Католицька Церква Успення Пресвятої Богородиці

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost - November 17th, 2019 A.D.

'Mercy is the true face of love!' - teaches Pope Francis I

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One's Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity

and Missionary Spirit. – Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

'All the challenging circumstances of our life on earth – these are for us an invitation to active love, which is an expression of living faith!' - Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk "The Vibrant Parish"

'Всі ці прикрі явища нашого земного життя – це для нас запрошення до чинної любові, яка є виявом живої віри.'

- Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука "Жива Парафія"

Christian Greetings: Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever! Слава Icycy Христу! – Слава на Віки! Slava Isusu Chrystu! - Slava na Viky! Christ is among us! - He is and will be!

Liturgical and Sacramental Celebrations:

Mon., Nov. 18th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: repose of the soul of Emily Campeau

- 6:30 p.m. Moleben to The Emanuel and Bible Studies

Wed., Nov. 20th - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *repose of the soul of Adeline Haber* - 4:30 p.m. Vespers Thurs., Nov. 21st (Entrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the Temple) - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: *Protection and intercession of the Mother of God for all our parishioners, relatives and friends*

Fri., Nov. 22nd - 9:30 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: repose of the soul of Raymond Suryadinata

Sat., Nov. 23rd - 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for repose of millios of victims of Holodomor/genocide by starvation organized by USSR government in 1932-1933 (Service in Kelowna, BC)

- 3:30 p.m. Confession, Saint Philip's Fast Parish Mission/ Advent Mission and Service in Penticton, BC

- 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners, guests and visitors

Panakhyda for victims of Holodomor/genocide by starvation organized by USSR government in 1932-1933 Sunday, Nov. 24th - 8:00 a.m. Rosary: (<u>Confession. Saint Philip's Fast Parish Mission/ Advent Mission in Kelowna, BC</u>)

- 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: God's blessings for all parishioners, guests and visitors (in English and Ukrainian languages) Panakhyda for victims of Holodomor/genocide by starvation organized by USSR government in 1932-1933

Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special intentions, such as: In Thanksgiving for Favours Received, the Infirm, General Intentions, Repose of the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, Students, Workers, etc. If you would like to meet with the parish priest at the church or parish office, or want him to visit you, your relative or friend at their home, hospital or care home,

please, call or email the pastor in advance to arrange time and a day.



Liturgical Propers in English language:

Tone 6, text from book "The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom"; pages 101-103

Epistle: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians: (Eph. 2:4-10)

Brothers and Sisters, God is rich in mercy; because of his great love for us he brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin. By this favor you were saved. Both with and in Christ Jesus he raised us up and gave us a place in the heavens, that in the ages to come he might display the great wealth of his favor, manifested by his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. I repeat, it is owing to his favor that salvation is yours through faith. This is not your own doing, it is God's gift; neither is it a reward for anything you have accomplished, so let no one pride himself on it. We are truly His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

Gospel: (Lk 8: 26-39)

At that time, Jesus: sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When he came to land, he was met by a man from the town who was possessed by demons. For a long time he had not worn any clothes; he did not live in a house, but among the tombstones. On seeing Jesus he began to shriek; then he fell at his feet and exclaimed at the top of his voice, "Jesus, Son of God Most High, why do you meddle with me? Do not torment me, I beg you." By now Jesus was ordering the unclean spirit to come

out of the man. This spirit had taken hold of him many a time. The man used to be tied with chains and fetters, but he would break his bounds and the demon would drive him into places of solitude.

"What is your name?" Jesus demanded. "Legion," he answered, because the demons who had entered him were many. They pleaded with him not to order them back to the abyss. It happened that a large herd of swine was feeding nearby on the hillside, and the demons asked him to permit them to enter the swine. This he granted. The demons then came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd charged down the bluff into the lake, where they drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they took to their heels and brought the news to the town and country round about.

The people went out to see for themselves what had happened. Coming on Jesus, they found the man from whom the devils had departed sitting at his feet dressed and in his full senses; this sight terrified them. They were told by witnesses how the possessed had been cured. Shortly afterward, the entire population of the Garasene territory asked Jesus to leave their neighborhood, for a great fear had seized them; so he got into the boat and went back across the lake.

The man from whom the devils had departed asked to come with him, but he sent him away with the words, "Go back home and recount all that God has done for you." The man went all through the town making public what Jesus had done for him.

Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Глас 6, текст "Божественна Літургія Святого Івана Золотоустого"; сторінки 100-102

Апостол: До Ефесян послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (Еф. 2,4-10)

Браття і Сестри, Бог, багатий милосердям, з-за великої своєї любови, якою полюбив нас, мертвих нашими гріхами, оживив нас разом із Христом — благодаттю ви спасені! — І разом з ним воскресив нас, і разом посадовив на небі у Христі Ісусі; щоб у наступних віках він міг показати надзвичайне багатство своєї благодаті у своїй доброті до нас у Христі Ісусі. Бо ви спасені благодаттю через віру. І це не від нас: воно дар Божий. Воно не від діл, щоб ніхто не міг хвалитися. Бо ми Його створіння, створені у Христі Ісусі для добрих діл, які Бог уже наперед був приготував, щоб ми їх чинили.

Євангеліє: (Лк. 8, 26-39)

У той час прийшов Ісус у край Геразинський, що проти Галилеї. Як Ісус вийшов на берег, трапився йому назустріч один чоловік з міста, що мав бісів. Він з давнього часу вже не носив одежі й мешкав не в хаті, а по гробах. Побачивши Ісуса, закричав, припав йому до ніг і сказав голосом сильним: "Що мені й тобі, Ісусе, сину Бога Всевишнього? Благаю тебе, не муч мене!" Бо він велів нечистому духові вийти з чоловіка. Дух той часто хапав чоловіка, і його тоді в'язали кайданами та ланцюгами й стерегли, та він трощив окови, і демон гонив його по пустинях. Ісус же спитав його: "Як тобі на ім'я?" "Легіон!" — відповів той, багато бо бісів увійшло в нього. І вони благали його, щоб він не велів їм іти в безодню. А було там велике стадо свиней, що паслося на горі. І демони просили його, щоб він дозволив їм увійти в них. І він дозволив їм. Вийшли ті демони з чоловіка, увійшли в свиней, і кинулося стадо з кручі в озеро та й потонуло. Побачивши, що сталося, пастухи кинулись урозтіч і розповіли про це в місті та по селах. І вийшли люди подивитися, що сталось. Вони прибули до Ісуса й знайшли, що чоловік, з якого вийшли біси, сидів при ногах Ісуса, зодягнений та при умі – і злякались. Наочні свідки їм розповіли, як вилікувався біснуватий. Тоді все населення Геразинської округи почало його просити, щоб відійшов від них, бо великий страх огорнув їх. І він увійщов до човна й повернувся. А чоловік, з якого вийшли біси, просив Ісуса, щоб бути з ним, але він відпустив його, кажучи: "Вернися додому й розкажи все те, що Бог зробив тобі." Пішов той, сповіщаючи по всьому місті, що Ісус зробив йому.

Our Eparch, Bishop Ken is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО!

Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, all who helped to make cabbage-rolls, baked pies and cooked borshch; cleaned at the parish and spent many hours in preparation for pierogies supper, every person who knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, parishioners welcoming our guests and visitors, prayerfully participate at the church services, actively participate at different parish projects and programs, looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church community! May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity!

Holy Resurrection Parish in Penticton: Sunday (Nov. 10th) Divine Liturgy donation was \$275.00

Dormition of The Mother of God Parish in Kelowna: Sunday (Nov. 10th) Divine Liturgies donation was \$835.00 \geq

"Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor.

Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years life of to Mykhailyk Tomashevskyy on his birthday (Nov. 20th), Sabine Kriel on her birthday (Nov. 21st), Mr. Mykhailo Duhoday on his birthday (Nov. 22nd), Mrs. Olga Kuzyk on her birthday (Nov. 22nd), Taryn Verhelst on her birthday (Nov. 22nd),

Robert Verhelst on his birthday (Nov. 23rd), Saint Roman and other name-days, and all our parishioners and family members who celebrate their birthdays, heavely patron's /saint's name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week - Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYERFUL PRESENCE AND FULLFILLING GOD'S COMANDMENT BY COMING TO THE CHUCHI EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO COME AND **ATTEND CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AT THE CHURCH HALL TODAY!**

Wishing you and all your dear ones to be guided by the Holy Spirit, blessed with joy, peace and Christian love always!





PLEASE, REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Lucy D., Janet F., Alex R., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Ray Saranchuk, Cameron V., Rose Ostopowich, Keyton A., Ric B., Danny M, Jordan M., Kit C., Shirley C., Peter Dranchuk, Olga Kuzyk, Anthony and Victoria Huziak, George and Mary Dashkewytch, Olga Romanyshyn, Myron Stec, Kay Ilnitski, Kalyna Kociuba, William Shuya, Maria Pylypchuk, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, Lorraine Turcotte, Dr. Nadia Popil, the Hillman Family, John and Ann Bulych, Joseph Stetch, Rosa Maria Santos, Anita N., Ron and Verna Shoemaker, Jonas and Anne, Alyssa and Adam, Mark and Asia, Karen Feniuk, Volodymyr Melnyk, Leonard Proskow and all members of our parish family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families! REMINDER for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation. SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN AWARENESS: Dear parishioners, if our brother / sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him or her know that our parish community misses his or her at the church very much and prays for them daily! We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion: You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast - no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry:

Baptisms: by appointment. Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Reconciliation:** on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment. Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time, Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, treatments and would like to receive anointing hospitalization or who (bv appointment. anv time) Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.



VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish

community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.



МОЛИТВА ЖИВОЇ ПАРАФІЇ: Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилося, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, i на віки віків. Амінь



Bible Studies: 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible' (session one) at the parish hall starting 7 pm on Monday, Nov. 18th, 2019 A.D.

Saint Philip's Fast (Advent) Missions will take place in our parish starting at 8:00 am with the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession before the Divine Liturgy Service on Sunday, Nov 24th, 2019 in Kelowna, BC. Rev. Fr. Joseph Ostopowich will be our mission master priest this year.



If you wish to help or have any questions, suggestions, ideas about our parish community life, please, contact our parish executive council chairperson Mrs. Yvonne Crawford. Email: Donoharmclinic@gmail.com or phone: 250-212-4899



HOLODOMOR AWARENESS WEEK: NOVEMBER 17-23, 2019. Commemoration of the 86th Anniversary of the Holodomor Famine- Genocide of 1932-33. International Holodomor Memorial Day is on Saturday, November 23. At 7:32 p.m. (19.32) local time we are invited to pause for a moment of silence and honour the memory of the victims by lighting a candle of remembrance in our homes. In our parish on at 1:00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 23rd and after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 24th we will celebrate the Panakhyda for the victims of this genocide. INFO: Ukrainians were starved to death by the Soviet government and regime led by comrade Joseph Stalin. All grain and food were forcibly seized, and the boarders were shut. In little more that a year, a quarter of the

population pesished. This crime of genocide by starvation is a historical fact and known as the Holodomor. In 2008, the Government of Canada recognized the Holodomor as an act of Genocide against the Ukrainian people and established the fourth Saturday of November as the National Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day. The provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec have adopted similar legislation. British Columbia officially has recognized the annual day of remembrance for Ukraine's Holodomor on Thursday, October 31, 2019.

SPECIAL REQUEST: After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church. As well. please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building clean and neat. Thank you very much! *Every parishioner is personally responsible before God for our spiritual home/parish church!*

Volunteers help is needed to make cabbage-rolls starting at 8 a.m. on Sat. of Nov. 23rd, 2019. It is a good time to help our parish fundraisers and socialize together. More helpers come – easier and faster the work is done! Please, come to help!

Volunteers for Sunday coffee socials and clean-ups are needed – please continue putting your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. If you can help out, please, let us know. Your help is truly appreciated!

BE A STEWARD: Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish-church? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others! Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistles and others inspiring Bible texts, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, welcoming, parish cleaning, projects, etc. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help out with weekly cleaning in the church and organizing of coffee social after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, work-bees, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know. Please, Contact Mrs. Yvonne Crawford or Fr. Pavlo for more information. You will be amazed how "BEING" can make a difference at our spiritual, parish life!

CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT: "And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:14) We are happy to welcome all children to our Dormition of the Mother of God parish catechism program. We want your children to learn more about their orthodox faith in the Catholic Church, sacred scripture, feast days, icons, singing and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer and help, please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Marilyn Daulat or Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts.

UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE PARISH SCHOOL: If you want your child or grandchild to learn Ukrainian language during this 2019-2020 school year – please, contact Mrs. Olena Fedorov or Dobr. Mariia Myts.



JOIN OUR CHURCH CHOIR: Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our Dormition Parish Choir and remember that we are looking for new members! Contact Mrs. Lesia Achtymichuk for more information and details.

2019 Grey Cup Game annual parish-community social gathering-party – will take place on Sunday, Nov. 24th. As in previous years, we are organizing this parish social event and pot-luck dinner. There will be a sign-up list to let us know what kind of dish you are bringing. We will be gathering around 3:00 p.m.

Holly Resurrection Ukrainian Catholic Parish Christmas dinner and social on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 A.D in **Penticton, BC.** Please, bring \$20 gift exchange when you come.

FAITHFUL GIVING ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tornaments, activities or

studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: **www.nweparchy.ca** and attend the Divine Liturgy. Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial



stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive and generous! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your me rcy upon all of us!" (Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS' - as part of our parish fundraiser these special magnets are available for purchase at a donation of \$ 5.00. By placing on our cars, a magnet KEEP CHRIST

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IN CHRISTMAS, prepared by the Knights of Columbus, we evangelize silently and verbally through this wonderful Christian symbol. In addition, by purchasing this magnet we also support

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parish: Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Cabbage-Rolls – \$ 6.00 per dozen. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at (250) 763-4870 or Mrs. Olena Fedorov at (778) 821-0759

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Rachel's Corner: Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing. Come join us on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat for spiritual and emotional healing. www.RachelsVineyardKelowna.com info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com 250-762-2273 Like us on Facebook: Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna

Movie "The Keys of the Kingdom" with Rev. Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI will be on Monday, Nov. 25th, @ 7:00 pm in the hall of Saint Charles Garnier Roman Catholic Church. Orphaned as a child, Francis Chisholm (Gregory Peck) grows up to join the priesthood. He decides to become a missionary in China and arrives to find the previous church burned down. Undaunted, he presses on but doesn't initially farewell with the local populace. It's not until the child of a Mandarin falls ill that Chisholm proves his worth. Over time, he collaborates with a trio of nuns, endures several wars and, at the end of his life, returns to Scotland.



The Entrance into the Temple of the Theotokos

church-community!

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, celebrated on November 21st, commemorates event 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 Lord's Nativity.

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