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Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

Ephesians 5:5-19

Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel Readings

Luke 12:16-21

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

Today is the prelude of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: "Rejoice, O Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

Kontakion: The most pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, therefore, the angels of God praise her: "Truly this woman is the abode of heaven."

Welcome to V. Rev. Marcus Burch

We are very pleased to have with us today Fr. Marcus Burch, Chancellor of the OCA Diocese of the South and pastor of St. John of the Ladder Church in Piedmont, SC near Greenville. Fr. Marcus will present the sermon.

Memory Eternal

We offer prayers today for Kathleen Lumovich's father, Fred, on the ninth anniversary of his falling asleep. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, in blessed repose, O Lord, to the soul of Thy departed servant and may his memory be eternal! Večnaja pamjat +

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for Coffee Hour. You are always welcomed in our worship, fellowship and charity outreach.

The Nativity Fast - Through Saturday, January 6

We now begin the second week of our prayer, fasting and charitable giving in spiritual preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr. John invites us to schedule a time to meet with him for the Sacrament of Confession.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, December 6 – 7:00-8:30PM

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening. A group discussion follows on "The Heavenly Banquet, Understanding the Divine Liturgy" by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

Faith in Action: NVFS Christmas Project – Sundays, December 3 & 10

Northern Virginia Family Services' "Gifting for Families" welcomes our donations of new unwrapped toys for children of all ages. Monetary contributions help the most to provide resources to clients ahead of the holiday season. Checks may be made payable to "NVFS Holiday Programs" or go to <https://www.nvfs.org>. Gift cards in multiples of \$25 are also appreciated. See the display in the hall for gift and gift-card suggestions. Let's spread love, hope and joy this holiday season!

Winter Coat Drive – Sunday, December 17

There is a serious need for new or used winter coats for children, women and large men at the Embry Rucker Center in Reston. Please donate clean and ready to wear items not needing repairs. They also need new hats, scarves and gloves.

Holiday Bake Sale, Gifts and "Baba's Attic" - Saturday, December 9 - 9AM-3PM

- Our Sisterhood members are preparing for the Annual Holiday Bake Sale coming this Saturday, December 9. The famous nutrolls, poppyseed rolls, apple strudels, breads, and cookies-by-the-dozen will be on sale. Invite family and friends to come for coffee and to buy the specialties for holiday celebrations.
- Our beautiful Gift Shop Kiosk will be fully stocked with icons, religious items, books, handcrafted pieces and jewelry.
- Another feature at the Bake Sale will be a tag sale known as "Baba's Attic". Items remaining at the end may be discounted. All proceeds will go to the church.

Great Vespers – Saturday, December 9

We gather for Great Vespers at 5:00PM this Saturday.