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22nd Sunday after Pentecost (9th of Luke) The Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple
In the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit God is one. Blessed Nativity fast dear brothers and sisters. For today's Gospel reading, Let us go back few verses to (Luke12:11-13) before the lord gave this parable of the rich man. The lord just finished teaching his disciples and us not to care for earthly things, instead to focus on heavenly things! Not even if we are brought before judges or councils, to think ahead of what to do or say. (Something I have to admit I'm guilty of). And so right after he gave his instructions. A man jumps from the crowd and asked the lord, to command his brother to divide the inheritance!! (Fool)!! when we come to church, are we paying attention to the Holy Scriptures? Is our heart open to be inspired by the word of God? Or are our hearts and minds busy with earthly things? We all should ask ourselves this question, and ponder on it! So the lord then gives this parable of the rich man. One who is only concerned about living a carefree life! And build treasure for himself, here on earth. And for that he was labeled a Fool by the lord. But what does it mean to store up treasure in heaven you may ask? It simply mean: with all love and humility, to love God with all your heart and your neighbors. And to strive to always do the will of God! When we do this, we can't help but show forth good work. Do you think for one second the lord sends you abundant blessing for your own personal keep! It's your talent! And you will answer for how you used it! Did you invest and put it to good work? To bring forth good fruits! If not, we too deserve that title Fool. My dear brother and sisters, we must always be ready for that hour of our death. When that seal is placed on our life and no changes can be made. In the orthodox funeral services, we are always reminded by King Solomon himself. That all riches, is vanity. So I invite all of us to draw the right conclusion from this parable, and to always build treasures in heaven that will never be robbed or corrupted. In Christ always!

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion (Feast)

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!"

Troparion ST. George: You were.....Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, //and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

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Tone 4 Kontakion (Feast)

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!”

Kontakion St. George...Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Steadfast protectress of Christian

Tone 5 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. **V.** *Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!*

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Song of the Theotokos)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Epistle (215) Galatians 6:11-18 (320) Hebrews 9:1-7 (**Feast**)

Tone 5 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! **V.** *I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. V. For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. **Tone 8** V Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!*

Gospel (66) Luke 12:16-21 (54, 58) Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (**Feast**)

Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing: TONE :4

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.// How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? Since she is a living Ark of God let no profane hand touch the Theotokos. But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her, praising her in joy with the angel’s song:// “Truly, thou art more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!”

Communion Hymn Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Orthodox Saints Quotes

“There where only the High Priest may enter, and then rarely: only once a year, it is there in this holy sanctuary of grace that Mary is offered to stay there indefinitely. Who has ever heard anything similar? Who has ever seen or heard, now or formerly, that a woman was introduced into the intimacy of the Holy of Holies, and that it was in this place, almost inaccessible even to men, that she lived and ate. Is this not a striking demonstration of the strange magnificence of which her womb would be the object? Is it not a manifest sign, a irrefutable proof? **+St. Germanus of Constantinople**

Payers for the livings: Archbishop Benjamin, Abbot Tryphon, the child of God Monika, Nick, and all our brethren of this Holy Temple

Prayers for the Departed: all the orthodox that lies here and there sleep in the Lord .

Important Note

**Fr. Boris will be serving This Sunday.

** The St. Nicholas party for the Kids is Dec. 11th @ 4:00PM. Looking forward to see all of you.

**Council Meeting Dec, 5th. There is an opening for 2people to serve on the council. If you are interested, please let me, or one of the council members know. So you can be nominated.

Deacon note regarding serving: I pray this is not misunderstood or taken out of contact! When serving, it is very important, to do it with Joy and thanks giving. In a spirit of unity and not division. Simply put if we call ourselves Christians and members of Christ’s body. Then there is no room for our individual will..! But God’s will be discerned for us through praying and putting on the greater good through love and doing mercy!