

# Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Call to arrange sacraments, service, instruction,  
counseling, home visits, sick calls

## Troparion (Tone 6)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb;  
the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave,  
seeking Your most pure body.  
You took captive hell, //  
not being tempted by it.  
You came to the Virgin, granting life. //  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

## Troparion (Tone 4)

Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of  
sorrow,  
by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin.  
In fulfillment of her vow,  
today with joy she brings to the temple of the  
Lord  
the true temple and pure Mother of God the  
Word.

## Kontakion (Tone 6)

When Christ God the Giver of Life,  
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery  
with His mighty hand,  
He bestowed resurrection on the human  
race. //  
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the  
Life, and the God of all.

## Kontakion (Tone 4)

Today the universe is filled with joy  
at the glorious feast of the Mother of God,  
and cries out: "She is the heavenly tabernacle."

**November 20, 2011**

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6  
(9<sup>th</sup> of Luke). Forefeast of the Entry Into the  
Temple of the Most-holy Theotokos.

## Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

**Living:** Lena, Bobby, David, Nina, Simon and  
Mary Herbert, Mary Wlazelek, Emily  
Gerasimoff, Patricia Gerasimoff, Elliot Torpey,  
Emilie Albrecht, LeRoy family and friends,  
McCartney family, veterans, Alex Mackiewicz,  
Kelli, Michael. **May God Grant Them Many  
Years!**

**Departed:** Margaret Ryan, Dorothy  
Drevanko, Mary Spack, Dr. T. Kazmar,  
veterans. **May Their Memories Be  
Eternal!**

## Upcoming Services

Monday	Festal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy</i>

### **Ephesians 2:4-10**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### **Luke 12:16-21**

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" ' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

### **Announcements**

#### **All-American Council Discussion**

Matthew Andrews will review and lead a discussion today of the recently concluded All-American Council in Seattle.

#### **Church Education**

Next Sunday, after the Divine Liturgy, there will be another installment of our discussion about the Christian faith. We will focus specifically on the Old Testament and the Feast of the Nativity.

#### **Nativity Flowers**

Debbie Kavalkovich is taking orders for Nativity flowers.

#### **Church Council**

The Council will meet in two weeks.

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### **Weekly Financial Statement (11.13.11)**

Income: \$1510.00

Expenditures: 3173.16

Net Total: -\$1663.16

*The Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos* into the Temple has only one day of prefeast. The hymns for today praise St Anna for bringing her daughter, the living temple of God, to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The three Old Testament readings at Great Vespers refer to the Temple. The first lesson (Exodus 40:1-5, 9-10, 16, 34-35) refers to the arrangement of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation (a portable sanctuary which was carried by the Israelites in their wanderings). The second lesson (III Kings/I Kings 7:51; 8:1, 3-7, 9-11) describes the dedication of Solomon's Temple. The third lesson (Ezekiel 43:27-44:4) speaks of the gate of the sanctuary which faces east. God enters through this gate, which is shut so that no one else can enter by it.

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O my most holy Lady, the Theotokos, by your holy and all-powerful prayers to the Lord our God, remove from me, your humble and burdened servant, despair, forgetfulness, lack of understanding, and negligence, and take away all unclean, crafty and blameworthy thoughts from my smitten heart, and from my darkened mind; quench the flame of my passion, for I am poor and lost; deliver me from my cruel recollections and undertakings, and set me free from all evil actions; for you are blessed of all generations, and your most honorable name is glorified unto the ages of ages. Amen.