

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple. Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul (1st c.). Martyrdom of St. Michael, Prince of Tver' (1318). Rt. Blv. Yaropolk, in Baptism Peter, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn' (1086). Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, at Rome (ca. 230). Martyr Procopius the Reader, at Cæsarea in Palestine (303). Martyr Menignus at Parium (250). St. Agabbas of Syria (5th c.). Righteous Michael the Soldier, of Bulgaria (866).

EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4.1-6: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12.16-22: The parable of the Rich Fool.

READERS: Readers are needed to volunteer for readings at Vespers, for the Hours and the Epistle. If you are interested in doing this, see Fr James.

COFFEE HOUR: Johnson Family. **NEXT WEEK:** Available.

NATIVITY FLOWERS: Envelopes are available at the information desk to make a donation toward flowers for the upcoming celebration of the Nativity of Christ.

ST NICHOLAS DAY SHOES: Each year, in celebration of St Nicholas the Wonderworker, the children bring a pair of shoes to the parish, just in case something good were to be placed in them. Please bring a pair next week for each of the kids in your family. Define kids however you would like to!

MATCHING DONATION: A very kind donation was given for the Building Fund from a friend of the parish. Before it is deposited, I would like to offer an opportunity to match this donation out of grateful thanksgiving and hope in the building up of our temple.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Two chartered buses will take local participants to the annual March For Life in Washington DC. They are leaving Ithaca late evening on January 21st and returning late evening the 22nd. Cost is \$25 each. Registration deadline is December 1st. For more information or to register, contact lthacatodc@yahoo.com.

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WELCOME!: We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Please know that we are glad that you are here praying with us and invite you to join us after the service for a meal and to meet everyone in our community.

DDB: As the chilly winds of fall and winter arrive, 2015 will soon come to an end. It has been a fruitful year of supporting seminarians, mission parishes, and providing support to revitalize older parishes. This is a reality thanks to the sacrificial financial contributions of our Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors. To date there are 174 individual and organizational DDBs. An invitation is extended for our parish to join them this year.

OCF NEWS: Until December 6th, the OCF will be collecting items for the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) to distribute to victims of various crises throughout the world. Please bring the following items to the church: hand towels, washcloths, combs, metal nail files/clippers, bath size bars of soap wrapped in original packaging, toothbrushes (individually packaged) and band-aids. Thank you!

ONLINE CALENDAR: The calendar of services and events on the parish webpage has been updated to a new format. It is now a Google calendar, which can be subscribed to so that it can sync with your online calendars as well. This will also make it easier to modify and provide subscribers with notices about upcoming events. Please subscribe and share with friends!

<u>LIVING:</u>			
Apr Timothy H	Mary & Susan	Samuel	Daniel
Apr Herman S	John & Carmine	Lisa	Ada
Apr John C	Nathan	Lyudmila	Lillian
Apr Thomas E	Leah	Nickolay	Joseph
Apr Michael T	Helen	Anetta	Marie
Apr Stephen M	Lindsey	James Sr	Joseph
Pr Jason	Susanne H	Jan V.	Laura
Pr Athanasios	Elizabeth	Zachary	Martha
Dn Symeon	Mary	Iconographer Helena	Stanley & Helen,
Dn Michael	Joe A	Natasha, Lena, Vera, &	Taissia
Abess Silouana	Daniel	Sergei	Steluta
Mother Raphaela	Andrew & family	<u>Catechumens:</u> Elliott,	Theophan
Mother Christophora	Harold	Micah, Danielle.	Lynda
Mat Cecelia	Wilhemina	<u>Children:</u> Caleb,	Florence
Mat Katya	Elizabeth	Christopher E, Anthony,	James
Mat Dorothy	David	Mia and Isabel	James R
Joshua	Madeline	<u>Seminarians:</u> Rdr Robert	Vasily
Brittany & Isaac	Shirley	and Ivan	Modecai
Gretchen	Larry	BIRTHDAYS: None.	Alexandr
Peter	Christina	ANNIVS: None.	NEWLY REPOSED:
Marriane	Jim & Kim	NAMESDAYS: None.	Ron, Dn Mark, John.
Terrence	Rachel	REPOSED:	ANNIVERSARIES:
Helen	Constantine & Maria	Priest Matthew	None.
Judy	Gaetan	Priest John	
Gretchen	Jean	Apr Alexander	
	Christine	Rdr Gregory	

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER VESPERS AND AT ANY OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22: 8:40 Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy, & Social Hour

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24: 7 PM Lansing Community Thanksgiving Service
8 PM Ithaca College OCF in Mueller Chapel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: 8:30 Orthros, 9:30 Divine Liturgy for the Feast at St Catherine's Church in Ithaca
6 PM Thanksgiving Akathist

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28: 6 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29: 8:40 Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy, Social Hour.
Bring Shoes! No RC SS

DECEMBER 6: St Nicholas Day Celebration

DECEMBER 24: Annual Holy Supper and Vigil for Nativity

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that you would renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only Merciful and loving Lord Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

AROUND THE CHURCH: IOCC: International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) mission, in the spirit of Christ's love, is to offer emergency relief and development programs to those in need worldwide, without discrimination, and strengthen the capacity of the Orthodox Church to so respond. IOCC helps to expand the capacity of the Orthodox Church globally to more effectively minister to people in need.

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Lansing, New York



Ss PHILEMON, APPHIA AND ARCHIPPUS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 2015

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AFTERFEAST OF THE ENTRANCE INTO THE TEMPLE

SUNDAY HYMNS FOR NOVEMBER 22ND

Troparion Tone 8 (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Troparion Tone 4 (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!”

Troparion Tone 3 (Apostles)

Holy Apostles Philemon, Archipus, Apphia, and Onesimus,
entreat the merciful God
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Kontakion Tone 8 (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion Tone 2 (Apostles)

Let us praise the Apostles of Christ,
who illumine the ends of the earth like all-radiant stars:
glorious Philemon an dedicated Archippus,
Onesimus, together with Mark and Apollos, and the all-wise Apphia.
Let us cry to them:
“Unceasingly pray for us all!”

Kontakion Tone 4 (Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)

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!”

Prokeimenon Tone 8 (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps 75/76:11)
v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)
Tone 3: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Lk 1:46-47)

Alleluia Verses Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps 94/95:1)
v :Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps 94/95:2)
v: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps 44/45:10)

Hymn to the Theotokos 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, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!”

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 115/116:13)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SS PHILEMON, APPHIA AND ARCHIPPUS OF THE SEVENTY

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and his wife Apphia lived in the city of Colossa in Phrygia. After they were baptized by the holy Apostle Paul, they converted their house into a house of prayer, where all those who believed in Christ gathered and attended services. They devoted themselves to serving the sick and downcast. St Philemon became bishop of the city of Gaza, and he preached the Word of God throughout Phrygia. The holy Apostle Paul continued to be his guide, and addressed to him his Epistle filled with love, and in which he sends blessings “to Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow laborer, and to our beloved Apphia, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house” (Phil 1:1-3). St Onesimus (February 15), also mentioned in the Epistle, was St Philemon’s former slave. Sts Philemon and Apphia, and also St Archippus, all received the crown of martyrdom during the persecution of Nero (54-68). During a pagan festival an enraged crowd rushed into the Christian church when services were going on. All fled in terror, and only Sts Philemon, Archippus and Apphia remained. They seized them and led them off to the city prefect. The crowd beat and stabbed St Archippus with knives, and he died on the way to the court. Sts Philemon and Apphia were stoned to death by order of the prefect.

THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO PHILEMON

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved friend and fellow laborer, to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

Therefore, though I might be very bold in Christ to command you what is fitting, yet for love's sake I rather appeal to you – being such a one as Paul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ – I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, who once is profitable to you and to me.

I am sending him back, is, my own heart, whom I wished behalf he might minister to me in without your consent I wanted to deed might not be by compulsion,

For perhaps he departed for you might receive him forever, no slave – a beloved brother, especially the flesh and in the Lord.

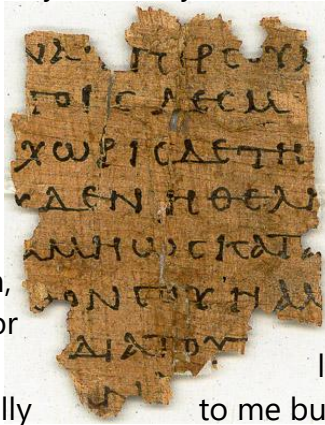
If then you count me as a partner, receive him as you would me. But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account.

I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay – not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides. Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord.

Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.



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You therefore receive him, that to keep with me, that on your my chains for the gospel. But do nothing, that your good as it were, but voluntary.

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THE ENTRY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE

According to Holy Tradition, the parents of the Virgin Mary, Sts 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 119/120-133/134 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 St 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. 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.