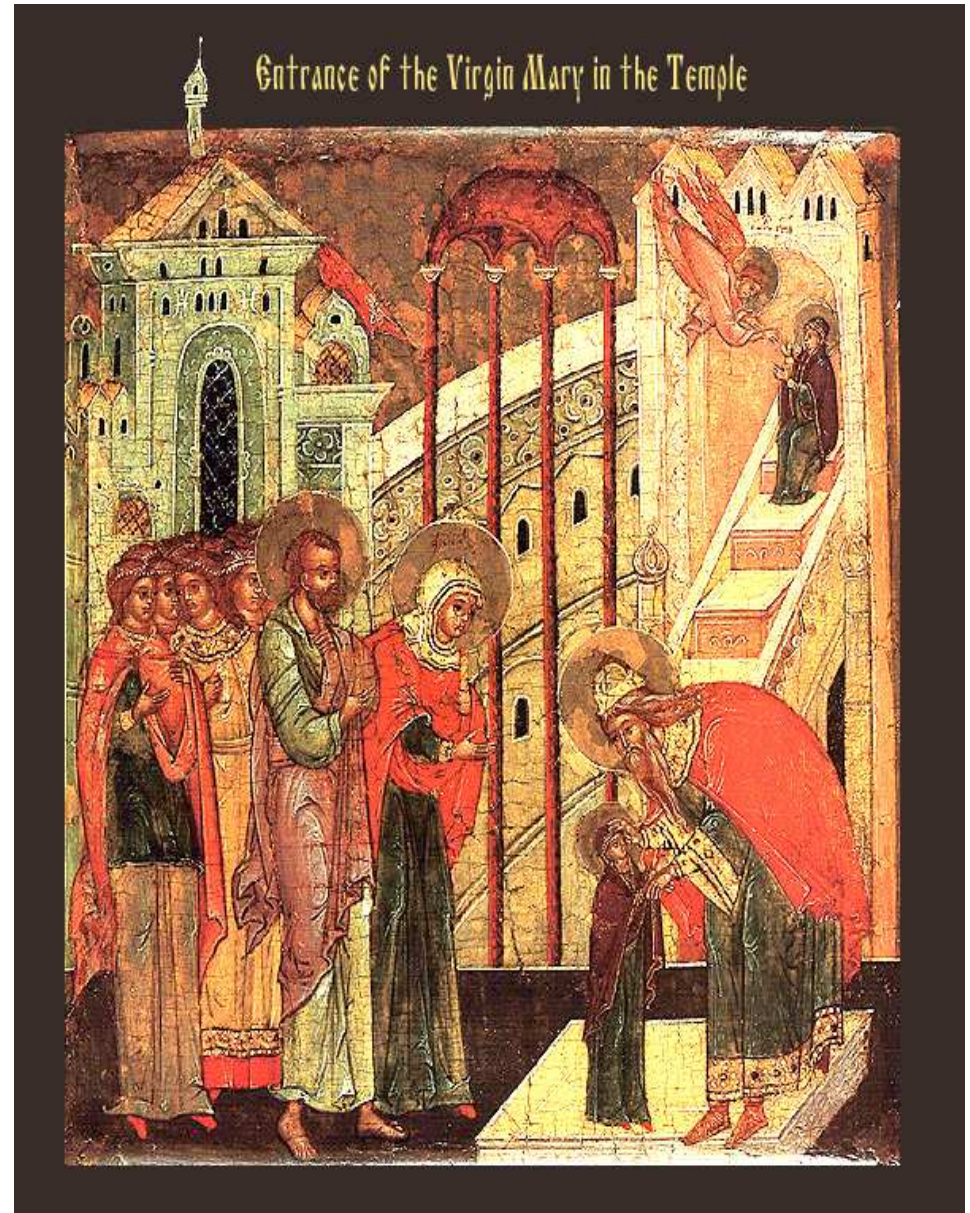


*Today, we give thanks
for Your bounty,
O Lord,
as our fathers did in times gone by.
Be praised for filling our emptiness
with Yourself,
for blessing the works of our hands.
For all Your favors
glory by forever Yours,
O Lord,
so rich in loving kindness.*

*Troparion for Thanksgiving,
Tone VII*



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NOVEMBER 18, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Martyr Plato of Ancyra; Martyr Romanus the Deacon, of Caesarea, and the youth Barulas;
Martyrs Zacchaeus the Deacon, and Alphæus, of Caesarea in Palestine;
Election of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America,
to the Patriarchal Throne*

“From your youth you loved the Lord, O blessed father, Tikhon, so that you became an example to all by the power and goodness of your life, for your faith and love as well as your humility and purity endear you to all, and your teachings inspire us even now. Since you enjoy the presence of the Trinity in the mansions of heaven, pray for the salvation of our souls.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

THE ENTRY INTO THE TEMPLE OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday, November 21

“Today is the prelude of God’s good pleasure, the herald of the salvation of all mankind. The virgin is revealed in the temple of the Lord, thus foretelling to all the world the coming of Christ. Therefore, with all our hearts let us loudly acclaim her: Hail to you, fulfillment of the Creator’s plan.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 12:16-21

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, November 20	6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Entry of the Theotokos
Wednesday, November 21	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple
Thursday, November 22	9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service
Saturday, November 24	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 19	I Timothy 1:1-7	Luke 17:20-25
Tuesday, November 20	I Timothy 1:8-14	Luke 17:26-37
	I Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15	Luke 18:15-17,26-30
Wednesday, November 21	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Thursday, November 22	I Timothy 3:1-13	Luke 18:31-34
Friday, November 23	I Timothy 4:4-8,16	Luke 19:12-28
(St. Alexander Nevsky)	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Matthew 11:27-30
Saturday, November 24	Galatians 3:8-12	Luke 10:19-21

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

18, TODAY "Third" Sunday Food Sale

25, Sunday No Church School classes

DECEMBER:

5-6 Celebration at St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore

IN MEMORIAM:

PROTODEACON DENNIS AND HELEN LUCAK

As most of you know by now, Protodeacon Dennis and his wife Helen were tragic victims of an apparent murder on November 10. Their son has been charged and will await trial. The Lucaks were members of Holy Trinity Church for many years and were known by many and well regarded throughout the Cleveland Orthodox community. We offer communal prayers for their repose, for consolation for the family, and for his soul's salvation for their son Michael. Their bodies will lie in state at Archangel Michael Church in Broadview Heights on Sunday, November 18, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM, with a Panikhida Service at 6:30 PM. The Funeral Service will take place there on Monday, November 19, at 10:00 AM. Interment follows at St. Theodosius Cemetery. His Grace, Bishop Paul will preside at the services.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:

See details in the Fellowship Hall for the Dec. 5-6 events at St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore. Bishop Paul will be in attendance for the 6:00 Vigil on Dec. 5, as well as the Divine Liturgy on St. Nicholas Day.

MANY THANKS:

And God's Blessings to all who volunteered for the 90+ Celebration. Good food and lots of smiles were shared by all!

"THIRD" SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Today is our Food Sale in the Fellowship Hall. We have bakery and foods for your holiday. Plan to stop after the Divine Liturgy to purchase some treats.

PLEDGE CARDS:

Please remember to return your Pledge Card for the upcoming calendar year if you have not done so yet.

COFFEE HOUR:

Donors are needed for our weekly refreshments throughout the month of December. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by the Stoyka Family.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Sandie Adamczek.

Let us invoke the name of the Lord and save ourselves. When God's name is on our lips, we are saved. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light." (Psalm 36:5-6) Only submit to the Lord and implore Him."

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 11	\$ 3370.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	30.00
BUILDING FUND	365.00
MORTGAGE FUND	200.00
CANDLES	117.00
SEMINARIAN	55.00
ST. HERMAN'S MEATLOAF LUNCHEON	1040.00

REFLECTIONS ON RELIGIOUS POETRY –
A POEM FOR THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is sometimes said to be the “most American of holidays.” It is in fact a national feast day every year, being declared so by a Presidential proclamation. We generally think of it as going back to the 16th century, when Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock celebrated with the local Indians. What actually happened is disputable; however, a tradition of celebrating harvest seasons with prayers and festive meals did develop, but on different dates depending on the region. It was Abraham Lincoln who first issued a proclamation fixing the holiday in November and Franklin Roosevelt whose decision to celebrate it on the fourth Thursday of the month became the established custom.

Thanksgiving prayers and poems are abundant; we Orthodox Christians could consider our religion as one of perpetual thanksgiving. Our fundamental worship experience is the Divine Liturgy, the service of the Holy Eucharist, which comes from the Greek word meaning “giving thanks.” But we also observe Thanksgiving as citizens of the United States; and so to honor the spirit of this holiday, a poem by an American is truly appropriate. Appropriate too is the choice of e.e. cummings (1894-1962), who was born, spent most of his life, and died in New England, where Thanksgiving originated. He was nurtured in the environment of Puritan American spirituality, where God’s existence and actions are seen as directly influencing the lives of people. His poetry is recognizable for his unique habit of using only lower case words, which is also how he signed his works. The poem below was not specifically written for Thanksgiving, but it artfully expresses the spirit of gratitude in a modern American manner. In this poem, called “i thank You God for this most amazing,” he purposefully capitalizes the words that refer to divinity.

i thank You God for this most amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun’s birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any – lifted from the no
of all nothing – human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

The effective result of the poem is in its conveying how the feelings associated with being alive are in themselves acts of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day is only one day, but its significance is in being a communal opportunity for general gratitude as people of a nation, something the poem expressed in relation to universal human sensations.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus