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Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple/ St. Columban

Sunday December 4, 2016

Ephesians 2:14-22, Hebrews 9:1-7, Luke 12:16-21, Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

Tropar and Kondak Tone 7

Please welcome Aaron, Tanya, Brayden, Blake, Kole, and Kyle Hodak today and make them feel at home.

Ladies Altar Society Dinner is today at Alba's in Homer City at 1:30 PM.

“Let us humble ourselves, brethren, and the Lord will show us all things, as a loving father shows all things to his children.”
St. Silouan of Mount Athos

Hours and Communion Prayers 9:30 AM. Confessions: ½ hour before services.

Orthodox Practice Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

The Orthodox teaching on the *The Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple as the heralding of the salvation of mankind* is seen in the Icon of the Feast. The central theme of the icon is the Holy of Holies in the Temple which is about to receive a blessing far superior to any of its former blessings. The priest Zacharias, the father of St. John the Baptist, receives Panagia at the gates of the Temple and in this way prophesies that the Virgin Mary is the *New Ark of the Covenant*. Saints Joachim and Anna, accompanied by virgins of Jerusalem, carrying torches in procession, bring Panagia *as a well-pleasing sacrifice*. The Theotokos is brought to the gates and ascends to the *Holy of Holies* where she is cared for by angels. Notice that the young virgins do not have their heads covered but that the Theotokos has her head covered. Also the garments of the Mother of God resemble those of Saint Anna and not of the young virgins. The Theotokos, although a child, is already a perfected woman that has reached full spiritual maturity. *She who in body is but three years old, and yet in the spirit is full of years* (Ode three of the Second Canon)

Please see the Advent Mission Project information downstairs. This will benefit crisis pregnancies and children.

November Bulletin Sponsor – 11/13 For Anna and Mike/ by Liz

12/4 Bulletin Sponsor – Liz/ for Mom Eternal Light – In Memory of Kate Daskivich/ by Kathy

Web site of church structures before the fall of Constantinople <http://byzantium1200.com/>

Please see the daily Advent Prayers at the back of the church. Please take one for evening prayers. We will be saying a special petition for Advent at the Litany of fervent supplication.

Making of Rolls - Schedule

Make Dough 4:00 PM	Bake 8:30AM
Tuesday Dec 6	Wed Dec 7
Thursday Dec 8	Friday Dec 9
Monday Dec 12	Tues Dec 13
Wed Dec 14	Thursday Dec 15

St Nicholas Day Celebration and Potluck – December 18th.

Please see the Holy Cross flier downstairs for scholarships for High School Juniors and Seniors.

“The sins of those who ask for pardon are forgiven. But see that you do not harbor hatred for your brothers when you ask forgiveness of your sins.”
St Ephraim the Syrian

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