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Family

The core structure of a family rears a child on a more solid footing. Likewise, the core structure of a parish family rears every parishioner on a more solid footing in Christ. Therefore, the more we as a parish family are one and work as one, the firmer we will grow together as one in Christ. As St. Paul says: "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." May we all ever grow into this reality every day - With love in Christ, Fr. Ambrose



Fall Festival of Saints

Many families assembled on October 31st at Frank and Connie's house for a Fall Festival of Saints and Chili Cook-Off. We each chose a saint, dressed up, and others had to guess who we were. It was a wonderful time to learn about each other's favorite saints and to try and guess who each one was. We also crowned the chili cook 2023 winner: Mr. Nick Gressel. He now is the sole possessor of the golden spoon. Who will dethrone him next year or will he win it all again?





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PIEROGIES

Thaw in refrigerator
and sauté in butter and onions.

Ingredients: organic flour,
sour cream, cheese,
potatoes and spices.



Pierogies Are Back!

Anna Contory is now leading the Pierogi team back into action. Several got together to do a test run. The old Pierogi roller is still functioning, the cans still work, and the finger pinchers are in operation. If anyone would like to help and get their hands in the dough, please come!

They will be making more Pierogies on Nov. 14th, 15th, and 16th.

Please see Anna Conroy for details.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
**STEWARDSHIP
SUNDAY**

Come and pledge to offer your time,
talents, and treasure unto Christ and
His Holy Church for 2024.

And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one
whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD's offering to
the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service,
and for the holy garments.

Exodus 35:21-22

YOU ARE INVITED TO



**THANKS
GIVING
CELEBRATION**

WE WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF YOU COULD JOIN US FOR A
FESTIVE FEAST AND
A MOMENT OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR VETERANS.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**

**\$15 PER DINNER OR PAY WHAT YOU CAN
50 / 50 RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES**

HOLIDAY COOKIE WALK & PIEROGI SALE



**SATURDAY, 9TH
DECEMBER, 9TH
10AM-1PM**

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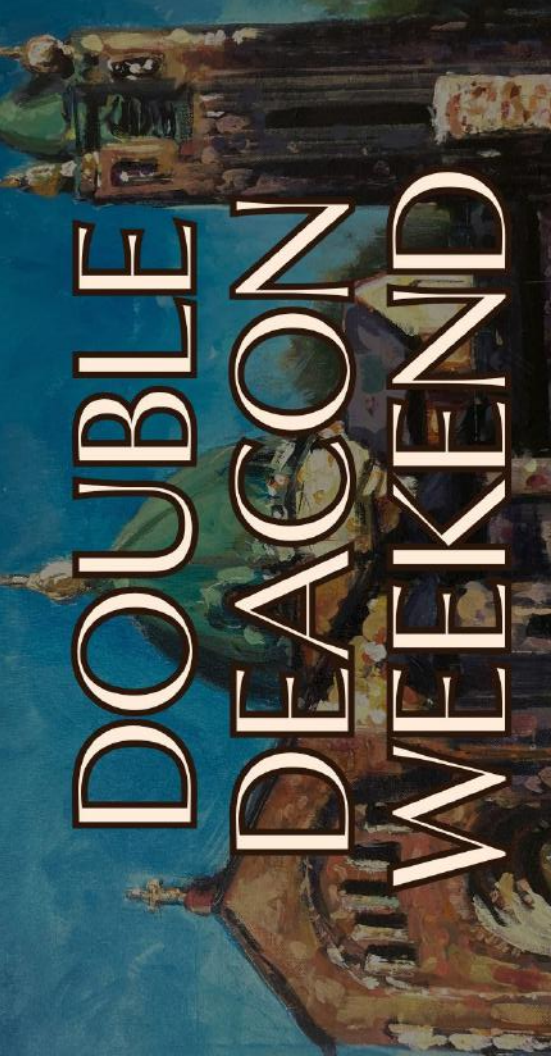
@ NOON

TUES, WED, & THURSDAYS @ 12PM
EASTERN DURING THE NATIVITY FAST
WE WILL MEET ON ZOOM/PHONE FOR 30
MINS FOR PRAYER, A SHORT READING,
AND DISCUSSION.

JOIN US DURING YOUR LUNCH BREAK!

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DOUBLE DEACON WEEKEND



TWO ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE

Come and celebrate two ordinations to the diaconate:
Stephen Turner and Henry John Dotterer.

DAYS	TIME
STEPHEN TURNER WILL BE ORDAINED ON SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH	9AM
HENRY JOHN DOTTERER WILL BE ORDAINED ON SUNDAY, DEC, 17TH	9AM

ANNUAL NATIVITY PLAY

Sunday, December 17th



**ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL WILL
BE HERE.**

**STARTS AFTER
DIVINE LITURGY**



THE ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS

By Metropolitan of Pisidia Sotirios †

On the 21st of November, the Church celebrates a special Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her going to the Temple of Jerusalem. As we know from Holy Tradition, her parents Sts. Joachim and Anna were elderly and beyond child bearing years. After many prayers, God blessed them with a daughter, after which they dedicated her to God. They named her Mary, and when she was three years old they brought her to the Temple of Jerusalem, the original having been built by King Solomon. The young Mary was received into the temple community by the Priest Zacharias (the father of St. John the Baptist, and a relative). It is in this sacred atmosphere of the Temple that the pure daughter Mary grew up, listening to hymns, Old Testament readings, and was in constant communion with God through prayer. These years in the Temple were her spiritual preparation for what was to come later: Fulfilling God's plan to bring into the world our Savior Jesus Christ.

When Sts. Joachim and Anna brought their daughter to the temple, little did they know that she would grow up to claim the highest honor that could ever be given, becoming the Mother of the Son of God! As Christians, we are grateful for the sacrifice they made, in giving up the happiness of having their lovely daughter at home. They did not think to keep her near them in any way, as would be expected of elderly parents to have their children to care for them. They joyfully and willfully dedicated their daughter to God, with absolute confidence that He, in His Fatherly love, would provide for them all. They are a good example for Christian parents. Parents should bond their children with God and His Church from the very beginning. To guide the little ones to the Church in loving it, to the Divine Liturgy and participation in the Sacred Mysteries. In this way, they will be ensured a blessed life. This constant communication with God will help the children grow, developing their skills and talents to advance in life. With the power and blessing of God, they will be delivered from the temptations and traps of the Evil One and his followers. Another shining example that the holy parents of the Theotokos provide, is what to do when a child has a calling to dedicate themselves fully to God as a monastic or priest. Parents can learn from their example, because it often happens that Orthodox parents resist when their child expresses the desire to become a monk or nun. They are afraid to “lose” their child. This can be the first reaction of a mother. Yet St. Anna had no such thoughts about little Mary, even though she was alone and had only received her child after many years of prayer. Both she and her husband did not hesitate to take their daughter by the hand and send her to the Temple. When it comes to children who choose this path, who knows what level of holiness will be reached, or how many people will be helped by their example or word to find the salvation of their souls!

“I honor those who honor Me” (1 Kings 2:30) said the Lord. The Most Holy Mother of God was praised by Him, she who glorified God by her obedience and wholehearted dedication to Christ! She was honored, and honored not only as the most glorious human being who ever lived, but higher than the Holy Angels: “More Honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare, more glorious than the Seraphim!” God honors and glorifies others as well, depending on their degree of devotion to God and His Church.

With the glorious hymns of this Feast, Our Church puts forward the deeper theological meaning of the Virgin Mary's Entry into the Temple: “Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.” (Kontakion of the Feast). She is the vessel of the Son of God, bringing Christ the Savior into our world. This is why our Church commemorates this event early in the Nativity Fast leading up to Christmas Day. It is in anticipation of this supreme event, the coming of the Redeemer and Savior to the world, Jesus Christ.



November 2023

Note: If this calendar and The Weekly are different, assume The Weekly is the most accurate.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15am Ridesharing 8:45am Holy Confessions 9am Choir Rehearsal 9:10am 3rd & 6th Hour 9:30am Divine Liturgy 11:15am Agape Meal 11:30am Church School L.4 12pm (maybe) Costume Fittin 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Food Pantry Delivery 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Vespers 6:30pm Fall Festival of Saints 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospora Baking 9am Divine Liturgy 8pm OCF @ SU 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diocesan Assembly 9pm Panera Pick Up 9pm Food Recovery 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Outreach Street Food M 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30pm Foundations 5pm Great Vespers 5:45pm Choir Rehearsal
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