

**21 November 2021**  
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost (9th of Luke)**  
**The Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple**

**Troparion (Tone 5)**           *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,  
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
born for our salvation from the Virgin;  
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,  
to endure death,  
and to raise the dead

**Troparion (Tone 4)**           *(Feast)*

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!”

Glory . . .

**Kontakion (Tone 5)**           *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,  
shattering its gates as Almighty,  
resurrecting the dead as Creator,  
and destroying the sting of death.  
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,  
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Now and ever . . .

**Kontakion (Tone 4)**           *(Feast)*

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 5)**   *(Resurrection)*

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever. (Ps. 11:7)  
v. *Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!* (Ps. 11:1a)

**Epistle (Galatians 6:11-18)** (Resurrection)

See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by the rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit brethren. Amen.

**Epistle (Hebrews 9:1-7)** (Feast)

Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak in detail. Now when these things had been prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part, the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!** (Tone 5) (Ps. 88:1-2,3)

*v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.*

*v. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.*

**Gospel (Luke 12:16-21)** (Resurrection)

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."

**Gospel (Luke 10:38-42;11:27-28)** (Feast)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

### **Theotokion (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 Hymn**

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. 115:4)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!