

Sunday, November 21
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple

Sunday Tropar, tone 1: Though the stone was sealed by the Jews * and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, * You arose, O Savior, on the third day, * and gave life to the world. * And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your kingdom! * Glory to Your saving plan, * O only Lover of Mankind.

Feast Day Tropar, tone 4: Today is the prelude of the benevolence of God, * and the herald of the salvation of mankind, * for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God * and foretells Christ to all. * Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: * "Hail, fulfillment of the Creator's plan."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Sunday Kondak, tone 1: You arose in glory from the tomb * and with Yourself You raised the world. * All humanity acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. * Adam exults, O Master, * and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: * "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Prokimen, tone 1: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: *Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.*

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 8-19

Brothers and Sisters! Live as children of light. Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth. Be correct in your judgment of what pleases the Lord. Take no part in vain deeds done in darkness; rather, condemn them. It is shameful even to mention the things these people do in secret; but when such deeds are condemned they are seen in the light of day, and all that then appears is light. That is why we read: "Awake, O sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Keep careful watch over your conduct. Do not act like fools, but like thoughtful men. Make the most of the present opportunity, for these are evil days. Do not continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of the Lord. Avoid getting drunk on wine; That leads to debauchery. Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and

hymns and inspired songs. Sing praise to the Lord with all your hearts.

Alleluia Verses: *God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me. Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.*

Gospel: Luke 12: 16-21

At that time the Lord told this parable: "There was a rich man who had a good harvest. 'What shall I do?' he asked himself. 'I have no place to store my harvest. I know!' he said, 'I will pull down my grain bins and build larger ones. All my grain and my goods will go there. Then I will say to myself: You have blessings in reserve for years to come. Relax! Eat heartily, drink well. Enjoy yourself.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life shall be required of you. To whom will all this piled-up wealth of yours go?' That is the way it works with the man who grows rich for himself instead of growing rich in the sight of God."

Instead of: 'It is truly right . . .': Seeing the entry of Mary the most Pure, the angels marveled at how a virgin could enter the holy of holies. Since no hand of the wicked may touch the living Tabernacle of God, may the lips of the faithful endlessly sing out with joy to the Mother of God the greetings of the angel: "O pure virgin, you are truly above all creatures!"

Communion Hymn: I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!