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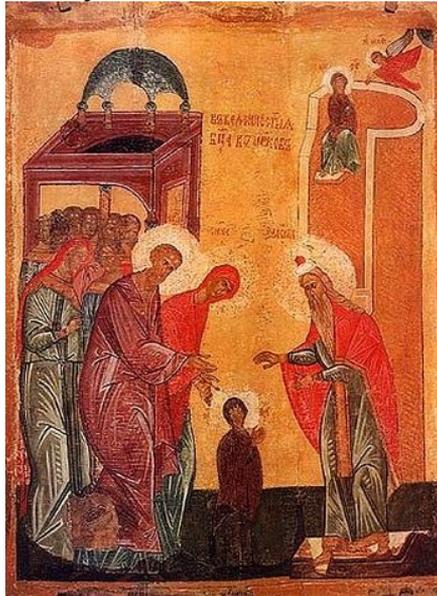
**November 24, 2019**

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Afterfeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy**

**Theotokos into the Temple**

**Greatmartyr Catherine of Alexandria**



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 6            Troparion            (Resurrection)**

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

### **Troparion            Tone 4 (Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos)**

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!

### **Tone 4            Troparion            (Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria)**

By thy virtues as by rays of the sun thou didst enlighten the unbelieving philosophers, and like the most bright moon thou didst drive away the darkness of disbelief from those walking in the night; thou didst convince the queen, and didst also chastise the tyrant, God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine. Thou didst hasten with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the fairest Bridegroom of Christ, and thou wast crowned by Him with a royal crown;// Standing before Him with the Angels, pray for us who keep thy most sacred memory!

### **Tone 6            Kontakion            (Resurrection)**

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race.// He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### **Tone 2            Kontakion            (Great Martyr Catherine)**

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs form a great choir in praise of the most wise Catherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent,// despising the knowledge of the orators.

### **Tone 4            Kontakion            (Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos)**

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!”

*Epistle and Gospel Readings*

*Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

*Gospel: Luke 13:10-17*

<sup>10</sup> Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. <sup>12</sup> But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” <sup>13</sup> And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. <sup>14</sup> But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? <sup>16</sup> So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” <sup>17</sup> And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

*Many Years!*

<i>Birthdays</i>	24	Joey Lopes
	25	Danielle Bush
	26	Mary Gordy
		George Gordy

*Announcements for Sunday, November 24, 2019:*

- **Akathist of Thanksgiving.** Wednesday, November 27  
at 6pm
- **Family Church School** Saturday, December 7 at 4pm
- **Nativity Charity** During the season of the Nativity Fast, we will be supporting The Child Abuse Reporting Enforcement (C.A.R.E.) Cottage, a division of the Monroe County Sherriff's Office. Please consider being a part of this charity. Make out any checks to St. Innocent with the charity noted in the subject line, cash placed in an envelope indicating the charity or on Realm indicating the same.

*We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.*

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall!