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Monthly Parish Bulletin
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"On The Seventh Day, God Rested"

In the story of Creation as recorded in the Book of Genesis, we read that God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, for on that day He ceased all of the work He had set out to accomplish. (Genesis 2:3) For the Jews of antiquity, this "seventh day" became known as the Sabbath, which literally means "to rest." According to the Hebrew tradition — based on the 10 Commandments given to Moses by God on Mt. Sinai — the Sabbath was a day where everyone was expected to refrain from regular work. It was a day, when all pious Jews would cast aside all worldly concerns and mundane thoughts an concentrate on truly making it a holy day. Following the Resurrection of Christ, a "New Sabbath" was established by the followers of our Lord. Since the Gospels clearly point out that Jesus rose from the dead on the FIRST DAY of the week, Sunday became a special, sacred day for the early Christians. While our modern society may try to tell us that Sunday is "Just another day," Orthodox Christians can never become lax in the observance of the Lord's Day. It is our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Sunday is also an appropriate time to discuss the Sunday Gospel and sermon with other members of our family. Most of us find our normal week filled with activities and appointments. For our PHYSICAL as well as SPIRITUAL well-being, it is essential that we set aside a day to refresh ourselves. May we never underestimate the importance of "keeping the Sabbath holy." After all, God Himself commanded us to do so!+

Entrance of the Virgin into the Temple

Seven days within the Season of Advent on November 20th the feast of Mary's Entrance into the Temple as a child is celebrated. This feast is filled with important spiritual significant for the believer. The texts of the service tells how Mary was brought as a small child to the Old Testament Temple in Jerusalem by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the Lord until the time of her betrothal in marriage. According to Church Tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the Temple community which was headed by the Priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be nourished there by the holy angels in order to become herself the "holy of holies" of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the God born to her. The main theme of Mary's entrance into the Temple, repeated many times in the service of the Church, is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the Living Temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of the old that "The dwelling place of God is with men," and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place for the Divine Presence. In celebrating the Feast we are not only reminded that Mary, by conceiving Christ in her womb became the Living Temple of God, but also that each one of us too, are the house and tabernacle of the Lord. St. Paul reminds us of this when he says: "We are the Temple of the Living God, as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (2 Cor. 6:11) Come to the Liturgy, November 20th and honor Mary, the image of the Church, the people of God, in whom God dwells.

Parish Council

The Annual Parish meeting will be on Sunday, December 20th following Divine Liturgy. There will be two (2) vacancies for Parish Council and two (2) vacancies for auditors. Those who want to be eligible to run for Parish Council or who want to be able to participate fully in the Annual Parrish meeting need to be sure that they are voting members of the parish according to the bylaws: Be a baptized and Christmated Orthodox Christian. Be at least 18 years of age. Partake of the Sacrament of Private Confession and Communion in the Parish at least once a year. Has been a member of the Parish for a prior consecutive six month period. Regularly fulfill such financial obligations as may be established by the Parish. Please see Fr. Dusan, if you have any questions or if you are interested in running for one of these vacancies.

Christmas Card 2026

If you would like to be included in the Christmas Card, please complete the form below and include a free will donation. The donations given will go towards the printing and postage of the card with the remainder going towards the Mission Fund. Suggested amount is $25.00. The Christmas Card is sent to all the members and friends of St. Demetrius Parish. Please complete the form below and send to:

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