

## Liturgical Schedule



### **Monday, November 8**

#### **Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael & All the Angelic Powers**

Great Vespers with Communion 7:00 PM  
 Joshua 5:13-15; Judges 6,2,7,11-24; & Isaiah 14:7-20; Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21

On Saturday morning, November 13th, **Charles Edmund Kircher and Honora Marie Bullock** will be crowned in marriage at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Tempe. You are invited to join in witnessing them enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony! The ceremony will begin at 10 am and will also be live-streamed (link to be emailed at a later date). Please keep **Charles Edmund and Honora Marie** in your prayers as they prepare to receive the nuptial blessing!

### **Saturday Evening, November 13**

Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM  
**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM  
*Intention:* †Joseph Kowalczyk (Banas Family)

### **Sunday, November 14** **Tone 8**

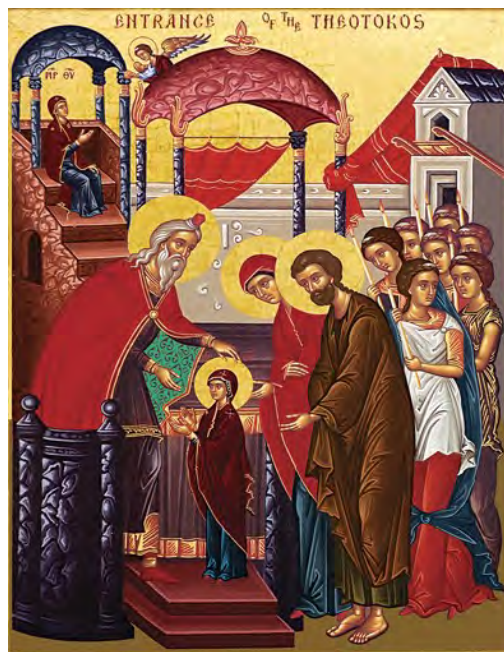
#### **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy and Illustrious Apostle Philip  
 Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM  
 Third Hour 9:45 AM  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM  
 Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 10:25-37  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas

### **November 15-December 24**

#### **Phillip's (Advent) Fast**

The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. By tradition it is a period of strict abstinence with the usual mitigations. In particular, Christmas Eve, December 24, is by tradition a day of strict abstinence. Common practice in recent years has been to adopt at the very minimum some increased level of abstinence beyond that of non-penitential seasons. The observance of this fast is voluntary.



### **Saturday Evening, November 20**

Great Vespers with Communion 5:00 PM  
 Exodus 40: 1-5,9,10,16,34-35; 3 (1) Kings 7:51-8:1,3-7,9-11; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4

### **Sunday, November 21** **Tone 1**

#### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**

Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM  
 Third Hour 9:45 AM  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM  
 Ephesians 5:9-19; Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 12:16-21; Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas



### **Thursday, November 25**

#### **Thanksgiving Day**

Holy Fathers and Martyrs Clement, Pope of Rome & Peter, Bishop of Alexandria  
 Confessions 8:00-8:30 AM  
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM  
 1 Timothy 6:6-11,17-19:1; Luke 12:13-15,22-31,42-48  
*Intention:* Thanksgiving for all blessings (Little Family)

### **Saturday Evening, November 27**

Confessions 4:00-4:30 PM  
**Vigil** Vespers Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM  
*Intention:* †Helen Ferencz (Al Ferencz)

### **Sunday, November 28** **Tone 2**

#### **27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Venerable Martyr Stephen the Younger;  
 Holy Martyr Irenarchus  
 Confessions 9:00-9:30 AM  
 Third Hour 9:45 AM  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM  
 Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 13:10-17  
*Intention:* Parishioners of St. Thomas

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### **EASTERN ADVENT WREATH**

#### **First Sunday of Advent (Nov 18)**

Candle: green (faith)

Symbolism: The first candle reminds us of faith, the faith we have in God that He will keep His promise to send His Son.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 40:3-5; 52:7

Theme: God's promise to send the Messiah.

#### **Second Sunday of Advent (Nov 25)**

Candle: blue (hope)

Light both candles and review the meaning of the first candle.

Symbolism: The second candle reminds us of the hope we have that Christ will come again this year to bring new joy into our lives.

Scripture: Luke 1:5-31

Theme: Ways in which Christ brings joy to our hearts today and why should a Christian be joyful.

#### **Third Sunday of Advent (Dec 2)**

Candle: gold (love)

Light all three candles and review the meaning of the first two candles.

Symbolism: Remember the words of St. John, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

Scripture: St. Luke 1:26-38.

Theme: The life of St. Nicholas who was known for his great generosity in distributing gifts and money to the poor. He preferred to deliver his gifts after dark and in disguise so that no one would know who left them. How can we follow his example by giving gifts to the needy?

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec 9)**

Candle: white (peace)

Always review the meaning of the previous candles as the candles are being lit.

Symbolism: This candle reminds us of the Angel's message to the shepherds, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

Scripture: Luke 2:1-18

Theme: Reflect on whether there is someone who has something against us, or if we have something against anyone. Are there relationships that need repairing or people we need to forgive? Forgive and be forgiven.

#### **Fifth Sunday of Advent (Dec 16)**

Candle: purple (repentance)

Review the meaning of the first four candles.

Symbolism: This candle reminds us of our need to repent before we can meet the coming of Christ. "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8, 14-15.

Theme: Discuss repentance and then prepare oneself with a thorough self-examination

followed by confession and communion.

#### **Sixth Sunday of Advent (Dec 23)**

Candle: red (Holy Communion)

Symbolism: Christ, Who was born in Bethlehem and Who will come again at the end of time, comes to us now in the great Sacrament of Holy Communion. The reason He was born in Bethlehem was that we might allow Him to come and be born in the manger of our hearts.

Scripture: John 1:1-18 and John 6:52-58.

Theme: Reflect on Holy Communion

#### **Seventh Sunday of Advent (Dec 25)**

Candle: a specially decorated white candle such as the one used at baptism or during Pascha (Christ)

Begin by lighting all seven candles. Review the meaning of the first six candles.

Symbolism: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given and His name shall be called Wonderful."

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Theme: The meaning of Christ's coming.

### **"The Ancient Prophecies foretold..."**

