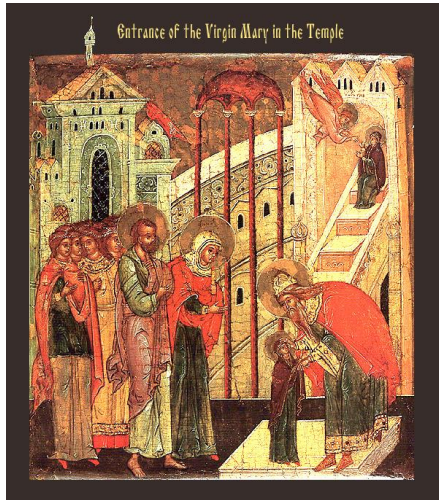


# +St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church+

A Parish of the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania of the Orthodox Church in America  
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*~November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

*Forefeast of the Entry into the Temple of the  
Most Holy Theotokos*

**Schedule of Services:**

**Monday, Nov 21 – Festal Divine Liturgy –**

**Presentation of Theotokos 9am**

**Wednesday, Nov 23 – Daily Vespers 6pm**

**Saturday, Nov 26 – Great Vespers 4pm**

**Sunday, Nov 27 – Divine Liturgy**

**9:30 am**

**\*\* Special Meeting for the Election of Officers for Parish Council has been moved from Nov 20<sup>th</sup> to Nov 27<sup>th</sup> following Fellowship Coffee Hour – His Grace Bishop Tikhon will join us for Liturgy and for our meeting.\*\*\***

**Nominations for Parish Council-** Nominations for council will be accepted in writing until the end of Vespers on Wednesday Consider how YOU can SERVE your parish!

**Pinch Pinch Pinch...** - We're pinching again. You know what that means! You and your fingers are cordially invited to pinch with us! Cheese starts on Monday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> and Potato on Monday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due in by Saturday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Christmas Card-** Christmas card entries are due back by December 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday. Cost is \$10 per name. See Father or Matushka.

**New Century Celebration Video-** Soon we will have available and will be offering for sale the recorded Divine Liturgy and Banquet from our New Century Celebration on October 22, 2011. Cost will be \$20 per DVD recording. Get yours quick. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Reserve your copy there. See Helen Connor with any questions. Call 740-1286. We are told they are nearly ready for delivery.

**Volunteer \*STILL\*Needed-** We are in need of a volunteer to take over the weekly bulletin mailing. Those who cannot be with us are grateful to receive the weekly bulletin. We have need of a new volunteer to take over this task from the current bulletin mailing team. Please see Father Adam or Candice Mesh to hear details. Thank you for your faithfulness.

**Orthodox Christmas Concert at WB Cathedral on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** - The Wyoming Valley Orthodox Choir will present a Christmas Concert at 3:00pm on Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Wilkes Barre. The concert will feature both liturgical as well as various carols of the Eastern European, Ukrainian, and Russian tradition. Speacial guests will be the Podoben Male Chorus who will feature hymns and carols sung in Russian and Church Slavonic. The price of admission will be a non-perishable food item. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen. Light refreshments will be served in the Church parlors following the concert.

**Memory Eternal!**- We will celebrate litiya this morning for the repose of Anna Lipinski, Paul Sulewski, and the Handoga family (John, Michael, Betty, May, Bill, & Vasil)

**ON TITHING**- Do you think it might be difficult; impossible; unthinkable even that you could give the first ten percent of your income to God as a worthy tithe? Many people feel this way when presented with such an idea. In some ways who could blame someone for seeing this as startling if they have never practiced the discipline of tithing. What does Christ say about honoring God with your earthly treasure? Consider the lesson of today's Gospel reading below...

### ***Luke 12:16-21***

<sup>16</sup> Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.

<sup>17</sup> And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?'

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> '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." '

<sup>20</sup> 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?'

<sup>21</sup> So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

## **Food for thought.....**

**It is NOT impossible. Nothing is impossible with God.**