The Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos will be celebrated this coming Thursday 21 Nov. at 9:00am. This is the first Holy Day of the Season of Advent. We can show our sincere commitment to make a genuine, spiritual effort of preparing for the coming feast of Christmas through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, by keeping this Holy Day. In this way we will bring ourselves into a closer alignment with God and consequent inner strength which is the fruit spiritual renewal. Our Blessed Mother is the perfect embodiment of the true spirit of Advent, namely the zealous preparation for the Birth of Christ through purity of heart and hearing the Word of God and keeping it.

Sun 17 November 23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Sat 16 Nov 3:15pm Confessions
Sun 17 Nov 9:00am +Mary Lou Sumner by Neil Roncase
Thr 21 Nov 9:00am Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos
Fri 22 Nov 9:00am Parishioners of St. John’s
Sat 23 Nov 3:15 pm Confessions
Sun 24 Nov 9:00am +Helen Lewis by Diana, Jim, Michael & Matthew O’Hare

7 Branch Candles are given for the repose of the soul of +Helen Lewis by Diana, Jim, Michael & Matthew O’Hare

Parish Income Sun 10 Nov Offertory $1,183 ; Loose $61; Candles $35; Fuel $207, Holy Days $78 Total $1,564 Month to date: $3,605

Divine Liturgy this Weekend
Changeable Parts: Large Green Book: Tone 6 p. 152
Opening Hymn: Red Book: O Jesus Lord p 153
Closing Hymn : Large Green Book: Beneath Your Compassion p. 454 (B).

The Holy season of Advent (Pre Christmas Fast) began last Friday the 14th of November. This is a time of renewal thru more intense spiritual exercise. To begin, pick out something that you can do to improve your relationship with God, and with His help, try each day to accomplish the task you chose. Stop multitasking and concentrate on something in your life that needs your attention because it separates you from God.

The Fall Chinese Auction was a fine success due to your generous support and many donations of gifts. We thank St. John’s Guild and the GCU Lodge 69 also for their valued support. May God bless and reward all those who worked so hard to make it a success. The profit was $2,831.

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal began in October. The Appeal asks for your support for the many charitable causes which are helped by your contributions. Sharing and spreading our Faith in Christ is part of being a true disciple of Christ. For example, our donations help establish new parishes in our Eparchy. Our donations support seminarians who will dedicate their lives, as priests, to the preaching of the Gospel. Our donations are like vines planted in the vineyard of Christ which will yield a rich harvest for the good of many.

The Pre Christmas Bake Sale, sponsored by St. John’s Guild will be held on the weekend after Thanksgiving beginning with dough preparation on Friday 29 and Sat 30 Nov starting at 8:00am. Baking will be done on Sunday 1 December thru Tuesday 3 Dec. beginning at 7am. Please save the dates and plan ahead to volunteer to help us with the baking chores.

Work has Begun on New Gas Boiler for our church. Hopefully this new conversion from oil to gas will have a beneficial effect on our fuel bills. Soon work will begin on New Front Steps for the Church. Please be aware that we could not do these necessary improvements without the Support of St. John’s Guild and our Willing Workers. Both improvements are each in the $30,000 range.

The Sunday Morning Coffee Social will be held this Sunday in the school.

Please remember in your prayers: parishioners, family and friends recovering from illness and surgery: Chestnut Knoll: Carol Horosky; Coatesville VA Hosp: Michael Dwinchick; The Gardens of Pottstown, Margaret Kanuck, Frederick Home: Sarah Rosoha; Manatawny Manor: Dot Leck; Manor Care: Shirley Slabodin; Unity Place: Helen Barr; Sanatoga Center: Patricia Keim; and also the following: Betty Bartko, Audrey Cortez, Robert Davies, Frank Dagostino, Louise Dwinchick,Keith Hunter, Irene Kopcho, Ellie Kuntzelman, Joanne Marcheskie, Mark McDonald, Patricia Mc Laughlin, Joanne Mac Lean, Robert Nagy, Justin Saylor, Roxanne Stiung.