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**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Leavetaking of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple/Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome**

**Tone 1 Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / "Glory to Thy Resurrec-  
tion, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest  
of mankind!"

**Troparion Tone 4** *(Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)* / 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** *(Hieromartyr Clement)*

O holy athlete, / thou didst gloriously amaze the ends of the earth with the miracles Of God. / On the day of thy honored memorial, / beyond nature, thou didst cause the waters of the sea to withdraw / for those who came earnestly to the divinely-built church / holding thy precious relics. / After the people left, / thou didst wondrously cause the sea to return to the shore.// All-wondrous Clement, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 1 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Hu-  
man nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O  
Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// "Thou art the  
Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

**Tone 8 Kontakion** *(Hieromartyr Clement)*

As a branch bearing much fruit upon the earth, / propagated by the cutting of tor-  
tures, O astonishing one, / thou didst put forth ripe bunches of grapes ever distilling  
the sweet-new vine of salvation, gladdening the hearts of the faithful. / Therefore, as we  
gather to keep thy holy memorial, we rejoice and magnify Christ. / O greatly-suffering  
hierarchy, intercede with Christ God// that remission of sins may be granted to those who  
celebrate the feast of thy memorial with love!

**Tone 4 Kontakion** *(Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple)*

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!"

### **Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)**

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 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. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 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." 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? 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?" 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.

Join us this Advent for our **Adult Education Series**

"On the Incarnation" by St. Athanasius of Alexandria, held each Saturday after Vespers until Christmas.

Those interested in purchasing a book, please see Father. If you would like to read or print it from an online source, a PDF is available at

[http://www.copticchurch.net/topics/theology/incarnation\\_st\\_athanasius.pdf](http://www.copticchurch.net/topics/theology/incarnation_st_athanasius.pdf)

## **Saint Clement of Rome was a contemporary of the apostles and one of Rome's earliest bishops.**

Born into a wealthy and well-known Roman family, Clement was highly educated and raised in luxury. But he lost his family when his mother and brothers were caught in a roaring gale at sea and were flung by the storm to different places. His grieving father went off to look for his wife and sons, and somehow also was lost. Clement wanted desperately to find his family, and decided to travel east in his search. He went to Alexandria, where he met the apostle Barnabas. Later, in Palestine, he was introduced to the apostle Peter, and the two men struck up a friendship. After many spiritual conversations Clement agreed to be baptized by Peter, and became his follower. In the next years he accompanied the great apostle on his travels and helped in Peter's efforts to bring people to Christ, enduring with him his sufferings and imprisonments. As they traveled, Clement and Peter shared an extraordinary personal experience. They found Clement's mother, reduced to begging in an obscure town. Later they found his father. Reunion with his parents was like a release from prison for Clement, freeing him from the worry of not knowing what had happened to them. He and Peter rejoiced together. Peter knew that enemies of Christ were determined to kill him. He wanted to leave the Church, and Rome, in good hands. He and the other apostles made Clement a bishop. After Peter's death as a martyr, two men served briefly as Bishop of Rome, and then came Clement's tenure. He served brilliantly, convincing unbelievers to follow Christ and fearlessly proclaiming the faith. As bishop, he urged his flock in a letter to be willingly "imprisoned" or "bound" for Christ: "Let the one truly possessed by the love of Christ keep His commandments. What can express the binding power of divine love?" The emperor Trajan exiled Clement to Cherson, a place in the Crimea. There he met several thousand prisoners for the faith, Christians who had also been exiled and put to the arduous work of stonecutting at a quarry in the hot, dry land where water was scarce. They welcomed Clement and took strength from his encouragement and unshakable faith. So strong were his prayers that God revealed a hidden spring from which they could all take physical refreshment as well. Once again Clement brought unbelievers to the faith, in this case pagans who lived in the area. The stonecutting work led to the building of a church right in the quarry, and more were built in the following years. Clement was put to death by drowning in the year 101. It would be centuries before his relics were rescued from the sea, but their wonderworking power has healed and saved many other prisoners of unbelief and despair, leading them to certainty that the Kingdom is the place where all those in prison will be set free.

## Calendar of Events – Starting today: November 25

Sunday	11/25	<b>9:10am</b> - Hours <b>9:30am</b> - Divine Liturgy Sunday School
Monday	11/26	<b>5:30pm</b> Choir practice @ Fr's house
Tuesday	11/27	
Wednesday	11/28	<b>2:00-5:00pm</b> Office Hours
Thursday	11/29	
Friday	11/30	
Saturday	12/01	<b>6:00pm</b> Great Vespers <b>7:00pm</b> Adult education
Sunday	12/02	<b>9:10am</b> - Hours <b>9:30am</b> - Divine Liturgy

### Weekly announcements, looking ahead:

- ◆ Sunday school meets today, and on 12/09/2018 right before the Saint Nicholas party.
- ◆ Office Hours this Wednesday 2-5pm.
- ◆ Myrrhbearers of St George meet next Sunday after fellowship:  
We will discuss:
  1. Decorating the temple for Christmas / flowers.
  2. Saint Nicholas party for the children.
  3. Christmas meal for a family in need.
- ◆ December 5th, Vespers at 6pm for Saint Nicholas Feast day.
- ◆ December 6th Divine Liturgy at 9:30am. We will decorate for Christmas after fellowship. Please plan to come and help in bringing festivities to our Church.
- ◆ Sunday 12/09/2018 Saint Nicholas party. Please bring traditional foods for this feast to share.

**Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers this week:**

**For good health and healing:** Souraya, Alice, Basil, Jacob, Collette, Christina, Eddie, Gary, Ruth, Fred, Donald, Gloria, Nick, Nadia, Maria, Timothy, Debruto, Christy, Justin, Nicholas, Mary, Dragosh, Doreen

**For a new Job:** Mario, Jason, Janice, Jamileh, Timothy.

**Memory Eternal:** Newly Departed Abraham, Spyridon (Pete), Daria.