***O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good:***

***for His mercy endureth for ever.***

***Psalm 107:1***



**Thanksgiving Eve**

**November 25, 2015+ 7:00 p.m.**

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**Thanksgiving Eve Vespers**

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*Pre-service music and silent prayer before worship*

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