



Come and See / Come, Follow Me



“As I think of temples, my thoughts turn to the many blessings we receive therein. As we enter through the doors of the temple, we leave behind us the distractions and confusion of the world. Inside this sacred sanctuary, we find beauty and order. There is rest for our souls and a respite from the cares of our lives.

As we attend the temple, there can come to us a dimension of spirituality and a feeling of peace which will transcend any other feeling which could come into the human heart. We will grasp the true meaning of the words of the Savior when He said: “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. ... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”
President Thomas S. Monson, April 2015

The Blessings that Await Us

The Philadelphia Temple will soon be dedicated. Its long-awaited opening will be here. We will have a sacred place conveniently nearby where we can bask in these beautiful blessings promised by our Prophet. We can also receive ordinances of salvation for ourselves, and then repeatedly return with names of our ancestors to bind our families to us. What will each of us do to bring into our lives the blessings that await us?

Inviting all to Come and See

As of September 2, nearly **103,400** guests have walked the halls of the Temple and learned of its purposes. You all have made a big difference in the lives of these people by inviting them. There are still over **35,000** open house tickets available. Time is running out. Soon, the temple will be dedicated and those who are not members will not be able to see first-hand its beauty and feel of its power. Don't let someone miss this opportunity! It is still not too late to warmly invite someone to *Come and See* the Temple.

Open House Volunteers

The Open House continues to be such a positive event. It is a wonderful sight to see you so graciously greet and host our guests, and create an atmosphere where they can feel the Spirit of His Holy House! It has also been gratifying to see the positive responses from our guests. Your service has been wonderful and is greatly appreciated.

As of September 2, we still need to fill **400** more shift positions to make this Open House successful. Look at your schedules, make another sacrifice, and volunteer. The volunteer site is: ldstemplevolunteer.org.

If you have volunteered and your availability has changed, please go to the volunteer site and cancel your shift. This allows others to sign up in your place and makes it much easier for those organizing the Open House to create a wonderful experience for our guests.

Youth Cultural Celebration

The youth of our temple district have been working hard to present to the rest of us a wonderful Youth Cultural Celebration! Their leaders and other volunteers have been teaching, and sewing, driving, and praying. This will be a marvelous event that will build and strengthen love and testimonies. Here is what is still to come.

Saturday, September 10, at The Pavilion at Villanova University [1598, 1530 County Line Rd, Bryn Mawr, PA]

Practice from 9:00am to 1:30pm

Please do NOT wear your costumes. Bring your own water bottle and lunch.

Parking is free in the Main Lot [Lancaster Ave (US 30) and Ithan Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA]

Saturday, September 17, at the Liacouras Center [1776 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA]

9:30am until after the Celebration is over. Bring your own lunch and water bottle. Dinner will be provided.

The previously scheduled dress rehearsal performance at 3:00pm has been CANCELED.

The Youth Cultural Celebration performance will be on September 17 at 7:00pm. It will be webcast and can be seen in any meetinghouse in the temple district.

Tickets to the Liacouras Center for the performance are available through your stake leaders.



The Philadelphia Temple Dedication

Our Temple will be dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, September 18. Dedicatory Sessions will be held at 9:00am, 12:00noon, and 3:00pm and will be broadcast to select meetinghouses in your stake. Members may attend more than one session, if they wish. All other church meetings will be canceled that day.

During the dedicatory sessions, the meetinghouses to which the sessions will be broadcast should be treated as an extension of the temple. Those who attend must be baptized members over 8 years of age and temple worthy.

To be able to enter these meetinghouses, you must show a Philadelphia Temple Dedication Recommend, with your name on it and signed by a member of your bishopric or by your branch president.

Members should be in their seats 30 minutes before the session begins. Youth, ages 8 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Remember to bring a white handkerchief with you to the dedication.

Any of your friends or family outside of the temple district who wish to obtain Temple Dedication Recommends should contact Dwayne Hansen [dwayneh@ptd.net/ 610-554-5111] with their names, home ward and stake.

The Opening of the Philadelphia Temple

Our Temple will finally be open beginning Tuesday, September 20.

Here is a message from Bruce R. Winn, President of the Philadelphia Temple.

We are so grateful for the miraculous response we are seeing to the need for workers in the Philadelphia Temple. We have already over 700 called and set apart workers and will have over 1,000 by the temple dedication. What a wonderful blessing this will be in the lives of individuals and what a change it will make in our wards and stakes.

I am certain that The Lord wants our lives to change and improve and that is why the temple is here. We simply cannot spend time in the temple and stay the same. Our hearts soften, we become more Christ-like, our thoughts elevate and we receive the gift of charity.

We have all been a part of a great miracle so far in being a part of the open houses. We have seen the thousands go through every day and have seen them feel the Spirit. You can see it in their eyes. But we will also all experience the next miracle when the temple is dedicated and we have the opportunity to experience that event and then be in the temple regularly. It is almost here! We can feel it! We look forward to seeing you in the temple.

Temple ordinance sessions will be held according to the following schedule. All endowment and baptistry sessions should be scheduled in advance by calling (215) 398-3040 ext. 103.

Endowment Sessions:

- Tuesdays, Thursdays: 6:30pm and 8:00pm
- Wednesdays and Fridays: 10:00am, 11:30am, 6:30pm, and 8:00pm
- Saturdays: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm, and 2:30pm
- Spanish Sessions: 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 7:00am

Baptistry Sessions:

- Tuesdays, Thursdays: 6:00pm and 7:30pm
- Wednesdays and Fridays: 10:30am, 12:00pm, 6:00pm, and 7:30pm
- Saturdays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm, and 1:30pm
- Family Priority sessions: Fridays at 6:00pm and Saturdays at 12:00pm

The baptistry is by appointment only. Baptistry sessions will not be assigned to wards and branches by the temple, but unit leadership, families, and individuals should call to schedule the baptistry.

Parking under the temple is free. Temple clothing is available, but you are encouraged to bring your own.

Start now to bring more of the blessings of Temple and Family History work to you and your family who are living on both sides of the veil!