

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple February 2

The Meeting of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is described in the third Gospel (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the Divine Child was brought to the Temple at Jerusalem to be presented to the Lord. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple for forty days. At the end of the time of her purification, the mother went to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb, two turtledoves, or pigeons to the Lord as a sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity. Out of humility, however, she fulfilled the requirements of the Law.



At this time the righteous Elder Simeon was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he beheld the promised Messiah. By divine inspiration, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the Law.

Saint Simeon received the divine Child in his arms,¹ and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was an 84-year-old widow, Saint Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day." She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the Divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

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February 2, 2025

PRESENTATION (MEETING) OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

COMMEMORATIONS:

GABRIEL THE NEW MARTYR OF
CONSTANTINOPLE, JORDAN THE NEW
MARTYR, AGATHADOROS THE MARTYR OF
CAPPADOCIA

Tone 7 - Festal Eothinon
Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 2:25-32
Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 2:22-40

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST - Tone 1 Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of justice, Christ our God, lighting those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who granteth us Resurrection.

TODAY:

ORTHROS 8:00 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m.

BAPTISMAL LITURGY (Fox & Bryson) 9:15 a.m.

Blessing of Candles

Coffee Hour & Sunday School following Liturgy

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Feb 9):
COFFEE HOUR:	Catechumens	Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabriela P. & Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Atkinson-Hazel's Birthday	Please sign up on the hallway sheet
USHERS:	Todd Moody & Radu C.	Nick M. & Chris H.
CLEANING TEAM:	Radu C., Mary T., Daniel F.	Catechumens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Eric M. & Zach W.	Miriam K., Conor M., Daniel C., Laura S.

Mark Your Calendar:

Lenten Triodion Begins
February 9

Great Vespers February 22
Great Vespers with be sung by the
St. Tikhon's Seminary Choir
Fr. John will give a talk:
"Responding to God's Call"

Choir Workshop
Saturday, February 22
With Fr. Caleb Lewis, Director of
Music at St. Tikhon's Monastery &
Seminary
Choir Singers: 10:30-12:30
Choir Directing: 1:30-2:30

Lenten Retreat
March 22
Missions with Fr. Hector Firoglanis
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Annunciation of the Theotokos
Tuesday, March 25

Choir Concert
April 6-1:30 to 2:30
Passion & Resurrection of Christ
Invite family and friends!

Holy Pascha
April 20, 2025
We live from Pascha to Pascha!

**FEBRUARY OUTREACH
COLLECTION:**
Paper Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of the Holy Land and Syria	+Eustathia +Costantine +Claudia
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	(February Parish Diptychs)
Displaced of Southern California.	+Frank +Kristina +John +Steve +John
Nl. Ambrose (Bryson), Lydia, James, Edwin, Michael	+Hertanse +Thomas +Wendy Susanna
Serge Nun Sergeia Doris Michael John James Steven Paraskevi Elizabeth Michaela Nicholas	<u>Catechumens</u>
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries Nathan, John, & all seminarians Those searching for spouses Engaged Couples Families trying to conceive Expectant mothers New mothers and their babies The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Lucretia Andrew Ryan Michael Kassandra Rose Jasper Catherine Matthew Matthew Mary Carol Morgan Meghan John Steven Bobby Liara Asher Sarah

This Week:

- Mon, Feb 3:** Divine Liturgy, 7:00 am
~Sts. Simeon & Anna~
Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, 6:30 pm
- Tues, Feb 4:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 pm
- Wed, Feb 5:** Confessions, 6:00 pm
Little Compline, 6:30 pm
Patristic Discussion Group, 7:00 pm
- Thurs, Feb 6:** Divine Liturgy (St. Julian), 8:00 am
Vespers, 6:30 pm
Revelation Bible Study, 7:30 pm
- Fri, Feb 7:** Confessions, 6:00 pm
Paraklesis, 6:30 pm
- Sat, Feb 8:** Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8:00 am
Creative Arts Workshop, 3:00 pm
Catechumen Class, 4:30 pm
Parenting Book Study, 4:30 pm
Great VESPERS, 6:00 pm
Confessions, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, Feb 9:** The Publican & the Pharisee
~Lenten Triodion Begins!~
ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 am
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9 am
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.
Trisagion Memorial, 11:15 a.m.
~10 Years Hind Jacob~
Coffee Hour & Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal, 12:45 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 1/25: 73 Liturgy 1/26: 237

OFFERINGS 1/26: Candles, \$176 Collections, \$438.52. Book Shelf Ministry, \$252. Building Fund, \$200. Hospitality, \$93. Teen Fund, \$750. Stewardship, \$4,639.42. Total received: \$6,548.94.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!