

## The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord February 2, 2025

### The First Antiphon

My heart hath poured forth a good word; I speak of my works to the king. My tongue is the pen of a swiftly writing scribe.

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... (*Refrain*)

### The Second Antiphon

Gird Thy sword upon Thy thigh, O mighty One, in Thy comeliness and Thy beauty. Bend Thy bow, and proceed prosperously, and be king.

*Refrain:* Save us, O Son of God, Who wast borne in the arms of righteous Simeon; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Thine arrows are sharp, O mighty One, in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the peoples fall under Thee. (*Refrain*)

A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Thy kingdom. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... Only begotten Son and Immortal Word of God...

### The Third Antiphon

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy countenance. I shall commemorate thy name in every generation. (*Now sing the Apolytikion of the Presentation.*)

### The Entrance Hymn

The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the Gentiles. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

### Resurrectional 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.

### Troparion 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.

### Kontakion of The Presentation Of Christ (Tone 1)

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

### The Prokeimenon

My soul doth magnify the Lord. For he hath regarded the humiliation of his handmaid.

### The Epistle

**Hebrews 7:7-17**

Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

### The Holy Gospel

**Luke 2:22-40**

Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which

will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

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**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, John, Corgie, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Carol, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Cassi, Nina, Dominick, Yina, Rashid, Hala, Alex, Lauren, Aaron, Adam, Atticus, Gabriela, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, suffering believers throughout the world.

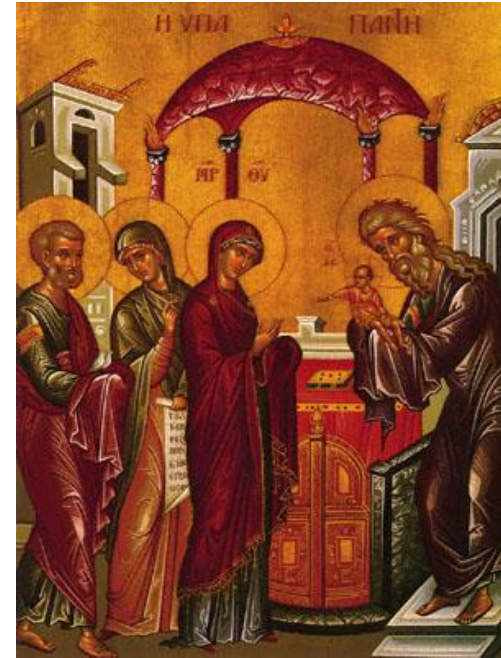
**Upcoming Dates:** March 3—First Day of Lent; April 20—Pascha.

**Now is the time to register your children for the 2025 Summer Youth Camps at Antiochian Village.** Website: [www.antiochianvillage.org](http://www.antiochianvillage.org)

**Zoom Prayer/Bible Study is Wednesday at 8:00 PM.** We are studying the Gospel according to St. John, chapters 2 and 3. Look for an email on Tuesday that provides linking information as well as supporting material.

**Fr Tom is available for house blessings.** Please contact him by email or phone.

**Know your faith.** Christ was circumcised on the eighth day of his earthly life. We celebrate the feast of his circumcision on January 1. Circumcision made a man a member of the covenant people of God and obligated him to keep the law. Circumcision has been replaced by Holy Baptism as the Sacrament of Initiation in the New Testament (Covenant). The Passover of the OT has been replaced by the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the New Testament. Christ was presented in the temple on the fortieth day of his earthly life. He was held in the arms of two elderly, devout believers--Anna and Simeon, who first spoke these words: “Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace....” We celebrate the Presentation of our Lord on February 2. Which son of Jacob served in the court of Pharaoh? Joseph. Which disciple introduced his brother to Jesus? Andrew. The triangular piece of bread to the left of the Lamb represents the Theotokos. The blessed bread is known as the prosfora.



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