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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy
Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

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The Divine Liturgy intention is for the he parish family

If you would like to schedule a Litrgy please talk to Father Vasyl or use the sign up sheet in the vestibule.

THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON AND ANNA, celebrated forty days after the Birth of the Savior on Dec. 25. Coming to his believing and exultant people, as "a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of his people Israel." St. Sophronius of Jerusalem wrote about this feast: "Let us all hasten to meet (encounter) Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal Light."

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS will take place in February, March, and June. Please submit FIRST

NAMES of your deceased on the envelope. On this Feast day, we see Jesus forty days old, carried into the temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, to be recognized as God's Messiah by the aged Simeon and Anna.

In obedience to the Law of Moses, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. Joseph and Mary brought the Child Jesus into the temple along with a humble sacrifice of young pigeons as a sign of thanksgiving.

In Jerusalem at that time there lived a man, Simeon, who was just and devout.

Encounter of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ with Simeon and Anna
Thirty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
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Menologion

The holy martyr Tatiana, who died in Rome under Emperor Alexander Severus. (c.227)

Propers

Pages 141, 321-324

Fasts & Feasts

FEBRUARY

- 2 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee 8:30 am
- 9 Sunday of the Prodigal Son. 8:30 am
- 22 First All-Souls Saturday 9 am
- 23 Sunday of the Second Coming of Christ (Meat-Fare) 8:30 am
- March**
- 2 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-Fare) 8:30 am
- 3 Beginning of the Holy Forty Days Fast
- 8 First Sunday of the Great Fast (Sunday of Orthodoxy)
- 15 Second All-Souls Saturday
- 16 Second Sunday of the Great Fast (St. Gregory Palamas)
- 22 Third All Souls Saturday
- 23 Third Sunday of the Great Fast (Veneration of the Cross)
- 25 Annunciation to the Mother of God
- 29 Fourth All-Souls Saturday
- 30 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (St. John of the Ladder)

According to tradition, Simeon had been visited by an angel of the Lord who foretold him that he would not see death before seeing the Messiah born of the

Virgin. Led by the Holy Spirit into the temple on the day that the holy family brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the law, Simeon took the Child into his arms and blessed God by saying: "Lord, now let 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 people, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess who was also in the temple that day. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day.

Simeon and Anna represent the true Israel of God. They have kept the law given through Moses. They have worshiped in the holy place, the Temple, and they are alive to the unexpectedness of God's providence.

Simeon and Anna are inspired by the Holy Spirit to see in this child the Holy One of Israel, long awaited. They themselves are old and have grown old in the service of God. They have that widened perception which comes with continual praying.

Blessing of Candles this year will take place at the 9:00 am Liturgy on February 2nd. It is a pious and venerable tradition in our Church to bless candles after the Ambon Prayer of the Holy Encounter Liturgy. It is impossible to imagine our worship without burning candles. We use candles made of beeswax as a form of prayer offering and devotion to God, Most Holy Theotokos or Saints. Candles are blessed in all church solemnities and ceremonies and are symbolic of Christ, who is "the Light of the World." According to a different symbolism, the two elements of a candle represent the two natures of Christ: the Divine (the burning wick) and the Human (the wax body). According to Saint Simeon of Thessalonica (XV century), the pure wax symbolizes the purity and innocence of people offering it. The wax is offered as a sign of our repentance for our obstinacy and willfulness. The softness and malleability of the wax speak of our readiness to obey God. The flame of the candle shows the warmth of love to God. We should not put up a candle just for the sake of the ritual, with our hearts remaining cold.

Until I complete my rehabilitation I will not be making any bulletins.

Being that I am chair-bound, do you wonder how I entertain myself? Well, I pay bills and assemble bulletins for the church. I also watch the news and YouTube. I follow the war in Ukraine, watch church videos, and learn about life in the Carpathian mountains. If you would like to follow the life of families in the mountains and provide them with income, watch the sites on your phone or computer. If you have cable or satellite tv you can watch them there.

<https://www.youtube.com/@foodaroundtheworld7320>
https://www.youtube.com/@MountainEchoes_Channel
https://www.youtube.com/@CozyintheMountains_Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/@Carpathiancuisine-ei1ic3ff2k>

God willing I'll see you around the middle of the month.

War in Ukraine

<https://www.youtube.com/@DenysDavydov>
<https://www.youtube.com/c/therussiantude>
<https://www.youtube.com/@arturrehi>
<https://www.youtube.com/@RFU>

News

<https://www.youtube.com/@TalkingwithTVPWorld>

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<https://www.youtube.com/c/LOGOSTVU%C5%BDHORODKATEDR%C3%81LA>
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We are planning events and fundraisers in the New Year. Mike Pochan will keep you informed. These fund raisers are very important because because the GCU provides matching funds.