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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

The Divine Liturgy intention is for the parish
family

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

2026 THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS:

*Fr. Vasyl would like to come and visit with
you, pray with you and ask God to bless
your home.*

My understanding is that we are making
significant progress in accunulating the funds to
repair the church dome, which failed because of a
lightening strike and a bad repair job. Many
thanks to those who contributed to the cause,
especially those who contributed through the
"GoFundMe" website. Christian charity is alive
and well, The Lord does not forget such acts of
charity. дякую. Thank you!

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. 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

34nd Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Tone 1

Menologion

Saint Tryphon of Campsada During the Decian
persecution he was taken to Nicaea about the
year 250 and was tortured in a horrible
manner. He was beheaded with a sword after
he had converted the heathen prefect Licus.

Propers

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Fasts & Feasts

February

Mon 2 Encounter of Our Lord
with Simeon Solemn Holy Day
(40 days after Christmas.)

Sat 7 1st All Souls Saturday
Divine Liturgy &
Panachida

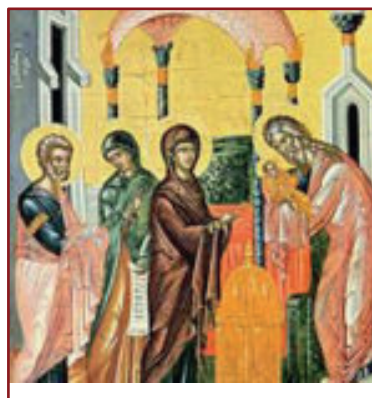
Mon 16 First Day of the Great
Fast

Sat 28 2nd All Souls Saturday
Divine Liturgy &
Panachida

March

Sat 7 3rd All Souls Saturday
Divine Liturgy &
Panachida

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS will take place in
February, March, and June. Please submit
the First Names of your deceased on the envelope.



Would anyone be
intested in learning
how I create the
church bulletin?
After my surgery in
at the end of
January I was out
of comission until
mid-March. And
again from July
through January.

Every church needs
a bulletin and I'm
not going to be
around forever.



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.

Candles are traditionally blessed on the **feast of the Presentation**, as Jesus is the light of the world. In this ritual, the priest and people sing the Troparion, and then the priest blesses the candles with holy water, imploring Jesus' blessing with His

grace so that "the light of the candles dispel all darkness and shadow, so let the invisible flame of the Holy Spirit illuminate our hearts." Luke's Gospel tells us that Anna told everyone who would listen to her about this marvelous child. Do WE tell those around us about the Christ Child Who has changed OUR lives?

The **Feast of the Presentation** is the final day of the **Christmas Season**. It overlaps many other feastal seasons. This is the last time we will experience Christ as a child when he is presented in the temple.



Triodion (CONTINUED)

During this entire period, the services of the Divine Liturgy and the Canonical Hours (the fixed daily prayers such as Vespers, Compline, and Matins) undergo certain changes. On most weekdays of Lent, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated at all, and instead the faithful gather for the more penitential Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, which is a Vespers service with the distribution of Holy Communion consecrated the previous Sunday. The daily offices become longer, more sober in tone, and more explicitly focused on repentance, mortality, and the hope of resurrection.

One feature that may be unfamiliar to Roman Catholics is the intensity of weekday worship during Lent. In the Byzantine tradition, the Triodion provides hymns for every weekday of Great Lent, not only Sundays. Each day has its own theological emphasis, often tied to biblical figures, ascetical themes, or virtues such as compunction, watchfulness, humility, and perseverance. Over the course of the season, the faithful are immersed—day after day—in a sustained meditation on sin, repentance, mercy, spiritual struggle, and ultimately, the transformation of the human person by God's grace.

It is worth noting that not all editions of the Triodion are identical. In the version used by the Old Believers and by those who follow the Ruthenian recension, the Triodion concludes with the service of Lazarus Saturday. In that tradition, the services of Holy Week are found instead in the Pentecostarion, the liturgical book that covers the period from Pascha through Pentecost. This difference reflects variations in how the Byzantine liturgical books developed historically, rather than any disagreement about theology or practice.

1. 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."

I will be starting a cantor's school in the church basement. No date as been set for the initial class. That date will be determined by my health and the weather. To be honest I'm just not ready. The cantor's job is to lead singing and to pass on the teachings of the church. In the time that I have left, I will share with you everything that I have been taught by those who came before me.