

Biblical Account of Christ's Presentation into the Temple- February 2nd

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The story of the Presentation is told in [Luke 2:22-29](#). Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed their religious customs. An important custom was for the couple to take their first-born son to the Temple. The baby was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and was dedicated to God. In addition, if the parents were wealthy, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or a turtle dove to be offered as a sacrifice at the Temple. The custom provided that if the parents were poor, they were to offer two pigeons or two turtle doves for the sacrifice.

When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the Temple in Jerusalem. They were not wealthy, so they took two turtle doves with them to offer as a sacrifice at the Temple. As they arrived at the Temple, Mary and Joseph were met by a very old man named Simeon. He was a holy man and was noted as a very intelligent scholar. Simeon spent much time studying about the prophets of Israel. It was during his studies that he learned of the coming of the Messiah. The Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah to come and deliver Israel from their conquerors. From that time on, Simeon spent his time praying for the Messiah to come. He spent many years in prayer. Finally, while Simeon was praying he heard the voice of God. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

When Simeon saw Jesus, he took the baby in his arms and blessed the Lord and said: "Lord, now let Your servant go in peace according to Your promise, because 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 to your people Israel."

Also, in the Temple was Anna the Prophetess. She had been a widow for many years. Anna was about eighty-four years old and spent her time in the Temple worshiping, fasting, and praying. When she saw the Christ Child she praised God and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the Messiah.

After Jesus was presented in the Temple, the family returned to Galilee to the town of Nazareth. The Bible tells us that Jesus grew and became strong, and was filled with wisdom.

To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.

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January 27, 2019

15th Sunday of Luke

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Commemoration of: Removal of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; Peter the Right. of Egypt

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Ote katilthes (Hymn of the Day) Tone 2
When You descended to death, O Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your radiant Divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You raised the dead, all the power of Haven were crying out to You, O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

I tu stomatos su (St. John Chrysostom) Tone 8
The grace that from your mouth shone forth like a torch illumined the universe. It deposited in the world the treasures of the absence of avarice. It showed us the height that is attained by humility. Now you instruct us by your words, Father John Chrysostom. Intercede with Christ God, the Word himself, entreating Him to save our souls.

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8
Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover mankind.

Kontakion

O mitran parthenikin Tone 1
For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Symeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind. (Kevin Lawrence)

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2
BRETHREN, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

Today

✘ Sunday, 1/27– 15th Sunday of Luke

This Week

- ✘ Tuesday, 1/29– Bible Study on Gospel of Mark: 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- ✘ Wednesday, 1/30– Three Holy Hierarchs: Orthros 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.;
- ✘ Friday, 2/1- Study Byzantine Chant 1:30 to 3 p.m.; Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
- ✘ Saturday, 2/2– Presentation of our Lord into the Temple: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- ✘ Sunday, 2/3– 16th Sunday of Matthew

Announcements

- ✘ **New Liturgy Books**– Recently, we received our shipment of the 2019 Edition of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom books (hardcover). They contain the 2016 translation approved by the Eparchial Synod of the Archdiocese. They are now available for use and are located in our pew pockets. They are also available for purchase at \$25 each. To purchase your own copy, please see one of our ushers.
- ✘ **2019 Stewardship Forms & Envelopes**– If you did not receive your new Stewards Packet in the mail, please let Sarah Cleopatra Kritikos know, and she will provide one. Steward Envelopes will be distributed once Cleo receives your completed forms.
- ✘ **Post Epiphany House Blessings**– Fr. Alexander is available by appointment to bless your homes and or businesses before Great Lent begins.