

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 turtle doves, 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 (February 3) 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). Before Christ was born, the righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous persons of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet Him in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the VI century.

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Friend of the Bridegroom: “He must increase, but I must decrease.”(John 3:30)



Sunday, February 2nd, 2025

The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

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Sunday, Feb 2nd 32nd Sunday after PNTCST/Tone 7 Meeting of Our Lord

9:30 am Youth Divine Liturgy f/b Blessing of Candles & Church School Mtg

Wednesday, Feb 5th Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernígov

5:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, Feb 7th St. Parthenios, Bishop of Lampsakos

6:00 pm Akathist followed by Catechuman Class

Saturday, Feb 8th Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates

5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, Feb 9th 33rd Sunday after PNTCST/Tone 8 the Publican & the Pharisee

9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Attendance/Stewardship January 26th

Weekly Stewardship Offerings:	\$1,418.00
Weekly Candle Offerings:	\$320.00
Charity of the Month (Warren Family Mission):	\$65.00
YTD Budget Inflows:	\$11,425.15
YTD Budget Outflows	\$9,312.02
YTD Surplus/deficit	\$2,113.13

Prayer Corner

Fr. Dcn John Tutoki	Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)
Sbdcn George Kaschack	Sarah Crivella
Patty DiGiacobbe	James Livermore Jr.
David Campbell	Cassandra, Patrick, Elizabeth, & Patrick
Renee & Anna	Wallace Family
Laura & Roy	Greg, Clara, Jeanie
Azouria	Cara DeToro (Fr Dcn John's Friend)
Vladimir (Harry Krenitsky's Friend)	Nancy
Debbie	Tristan Beil
John & Joan Buranich (Eleanore Krenitsky's Brother & His Wife)	
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

Newly Departed: Walter Rusnak (1/3) [Harry Krenitsky's friend] & Also Ann Backiu (1/28) [Cheryl's Aunt]

Expecting: Tom & Cadie Kirk, Natalie & Chase York, Erin & Paul DiGiacobbe & their unborn children

Newborns: Allegra & her parents Nick & Raquel Cironi

Catechumens: Lucian & Lilianna Vasil, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christophher, & William Cunningham, Matthew Rose, Nicky Lewis, Alexander Mackey, Tristan & Colleen Beil

Birthdays: Carter Worley (2nd), Lachlan Brown (4th), Chris Wallace (5th), Harrison Krenitsky (6th), & Keely Henry & Barbara Yugovich (8th)

Anniversaries: Greg & Helen Zylka (7th) & Dr. Rudolph & Tammi Krafft (8th)

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	For the Birthday of Susanna
Altar	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Christ	For the Memory of Helen Bobosh & Helen Skovran

Announcements

Blessing of the Candles

As is traditional for the feast of The Meeting of the Lord, we will bless candles after Liturgy today.

Church School Meeting

A meeting with the teachers and Fr. Brian for the rest of the Church School year will be held during coffee hour after Liturgy today. All parents and volunteers are also welcome to attend!

Parish Annual Meeting

Will be held after Liturgy and a brief coffee hour in the Nave of the church on Sunday February 16th.

2024 Donation Statements

2024 donation statements are available. Please see Carol Bobosh to get your statement or if you have any questions. Also the 2024 altar candle commemoration list is available at the candle stand.