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FEBRUARY 2, 2025 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.

[\(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)

DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.

[\(LITURGY SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE\)](#)



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APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST. MODE 1. (Before the entrance)

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION. GRAVE MODE. (After the entrance)

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον· ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον· τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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KONTAKION. MODE 1.

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE DAY

EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Mode 3

Luke 1: 46-48

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:7-17

BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel According to Luke 2:22-40

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that 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 turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking 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 should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came 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 let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

METROPOLIS ANNOUNCEMENTS

METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP 2025

This July, the Metropolis invites youth ages 8-18 to join us for the Metropolis Summer Camp at St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center in Dunlap, CA. This exciting experience offers a chance to make new friends, reconnect with old ones, and deepen your faith. Online camper registration opens on February 1, and spots will fill up quickly!

METROPOLIS SUMMER CAMP

WEBSITE: <https://gosfyouth.org/summer-camp>

2025 SUMMER CAMP DATES

Session 1: July 6 - 12

Session 2: July 13 - 19

Session 3: July 20 - 26

CAMPER REGISTRATION

\$725 Early Registration (February 1 – February 8)

\$750 Regular Registration (February 9 – March 31)

\$775 Late Registration (April 1 or later)

**A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required to register. Payment plans are available.*

CAMPER AGES

The youngest campers will be 8 years old (or entering 3rd grade in Fall 2025) and the oldest will be 18 years old (or will be graduating High School in Spring 2025).

SESSION 1 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUS

If you are from Southern California and attending during Session 1, there is a bus that will be making three stops at parishes along the way to St. Nicholas Ranch.

More information: [CLICK HERE](#)

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

The Metropolis is seeking passionate, faithful, and dedicated young adults (19+) to join the camp staff. Additionally, they are looking for medical and lifeguard personnel. If you know someone who would be a great fit for the Metropolis Staff, please encourage them to apply! Applications are open until March 1 on our website. [CLICK HERE](#)

MEDICAL STAFF

The Metropolis is in need of summer camp medical staff. If you are a licensed medical professional or know someone who is, please encourage them to apply on the camp website [CLICK HERE](#). We especially love having MD's, NP's, and RN's!

AMAZON WISH LIST

Help us keep the cost of camp down and make a donation from our Amazon Wish List [HERE](#).

CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THOSE IN NEED

With the generous support of both the Archbishop Elpidophoros Summer Camp Scholarship Fund and Leadership 100, the Metropolis will be able to offer camp scholarships to assist families experiencing financial challenges. Before you apply for a scholarship, we ask that you first ask your parish if they have any summer camp scholarships available. As you wait to hear about parish camp scholarships or hear back from the Archdiocese, we highly suggest registering now by paying the \$100 deposit to secure a spot as we will quickly fill up! [CLICK HERE](#)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION PROCEDURE

*For the benefit of our Sunday School students, their teachers and the TIMELY start of their Sunday School Classes, the children will be receiving Holy Communion first.

***The ushers will release the children by pew from Front to Back.**

*Only parents of the smallest, youngest Sunday School children, who need assistance, should receive Holy Communion with their children.

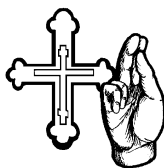
*If you are not seated when Holy Communion begins, please take a seat in the back rows, quietly. Your children will be released in turn.

*Please do not attempt to send your children down the side aisles to the front alone or down the center aisle.

*After all children have received, the ushers will release the adults, again from the front pews.

***Please cooperate with our ushers. Please do not ask to be allowed through ahead of others.**

***Please remember this new procedure is for the benefit of our children and their Sunday School experience.**



Divine Services for February and March 2025

(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):

- Saturday, February 22nd** *Saturday of the Souls*
Orthros (9:00am), Divine Liturgy (10:00am)
- Saturday, March 1st** *Saturday of the Souls*
Orthros (9:00am), Divine Liturgy (10:00am)
- Saturday, March 8th** *The Commemoration of the Miracle of Koliva
Wrought by St. Theodore the Tyro.*
Orthros (9:00am), Divine Liturgy (10:00am)
BRING KOLIVA
- Wednesday, March 5th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, March 7th** *Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm*
- Wednesday, March 12th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, March 14th** *Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm*
- Wednesday, March 19th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, March 21th** *Salutations to the Theotokos – 6:00pm*
- Monday, March 25th** *Annunciation of the Theotokos*
Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
- Wednesday, March 26th** *Pre-Sanctified Liturgy – 6:00pm*
- Friday, March 28th** *Salutations to the Theotokos – 7:00pm*

STUDIES IN THE FAITH

Spring Session, 2025
Feb 03rd – April 07th

Our text for the 2024 Studies in the Faith class will be, *The Orthodox Faith, “Worship” Volume 2*, by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Our class for this year, will be taught with 10 class sessions, meeting on Monday evenings 6:30 – 7:30 pm.

These informative classes will serve as an excellent introduction to the Orthodox Faith for those interested in the Orthodox Church. This series of classes will also provide an inspiring enrichment and review for practicing Orthodox Christians.

*Reading each week’s assigned chapter and participating in class discussions is encouraged to ensure that the sessions become an exciting and meaningful experience for all participants. For those interested in this year’s class please email Fr. Peter at: frpeter@saint-anthonys.org

* Google SVS Press, go to the Find a Book tab at the top right of page, and type in: Volume 2 “Worship.” The cost of the book is \$20. Plus tax. (Please order your copy before the class begins).

CHAPTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

First Session – Monday Feb 03rd

Chapter One: “The Church Building”

Second Session – Monday Feb 10th

Chapter Two: “The Sacraments”

Third Session – Monday Feb 17th

Chapter Two continued: “The Sacraments”

Fourth Session – Monday Feb 24th

Chapter Three: “The Daily Cycle of Prayers”

Fifth Session – Monday March 03rd

Chapter Four: “The Church Year”

Sixth Session – Monday March 10th

Chapter Four continued: “The Church Year”

Seventh Session – Monday March 17th

Chapter Five: “The Divine Liturgy”

Eighth Session – Monday March 24th

Chapter Five continued: “The Divine Liturgy”

Ninth Session – Monday March 31st

Great Lent

Tenth Session – April 07th

Holy Week

USHERS:

Perry Vidalakis, Nikole Zoumberakis and Pete Katsafados



Today’s coffee hour fellowship will be hosted by the Greek Dancer Groups.

Sunday School Fellowship Ministry

All children ages 4 (by 12/31) through high school seniors are welcome in our program. Children under the age of four can join the Little Lambs parent participation class. Sunday School begins after Holy Communion and ends by 12:00 pm.

Byzantine Chant Lenten Journey

Our chanters will be hosting a free series of Byzantine Chant classes, starting the first week of the Triodion and continuing through Holy Week.

This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone—young and old, current and future Orthodox Christians—to explore the rich musical tradition of the Greek Orthodox Church.

- **When:** Wednesdays at 7pm (or immediately following the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies during Lent)
- **Where:** Inside the Church

Anyone can attend! If you simply want to learn and listen, feel free to observe. But if you might be interested in chanting during the Orthros or Liturgy services, we especially encourage you to join!

No prior experience of Byzantine Chant, the Greek language, or any form of musical performance is required! Open to all ages — children, teenagers, young-adults, adults, seniors. You will need to be an Orthodox Christian to participate in the services, but these classes are open to all — even those not yet baptized or chrismated.

Our short-term goal is to offer an introductory level knowledge of this rich musical tradition with our parish, and encourage the ability to participate in the services by the time we arrive at Pascha. Our long-term hope is to possibly establish the first Byzantine Chant Choir in the Los Angeles area.

Whether you're musically inclined or simply curious about this sacred tradition, we welcome you on this Lenten journey.

Questions or to Sign Up:

Simply attend the first session on Wednesday, February 5th at 7pm! For more information or with any questions, email the church office, or speak with either Michael Kontaxis or Liam McCann in the Church hall on any Sunday!

Greek wine event

"The St Anthony Speaker Series Greek Wine event is now on Thursday, February 20th at 6:00pm in the St Anthony church hall. Our own wine expert Liam McCann will discuss the fascinating grapes and regions that make Greek wine so wonderful. The talk is free. If you'd like to sample wines it's only \$20 per person. Please email Alma at the Church office if you would like to attend so we can have an accurate headcount at alma@saint-anthonys.org. Hope to see you there!"

St. Anthony's 2024 Pledged Stewards (Members) *(as of January 31, 2025)*

Stratos, Fr. Peter/Pres. Aida	Gallanis, Pete & Danica
Akrotirianakis, Joseph N. & Sherese	Gavalas, Cleola & George
Albeck, Irene	Grafos, Thean
Albeck, Mark Gregory	Halias, Joanne & John
Angelos, James & Sophia	Haralambos, Anthony & Kathleen
Antsos, Dimitrios & Judith Din	Horaites, George & Olympia
Athanasoulis, Chris & Tina	Kalivas, Pota
Athenson, Alex & Cynthia Sigler	Kallas, Mark & Debra
Attalla, Philip "Ted" & Michelle Reagan	Kamar, April
Becronis, Christina	Kaparos, Stefanos
Bissias, Peter	Karvelas, Kosta & Marina
Blosiu, Julian O. & Catalina E.	Kefallinos, Vicki & Nick
Bonorris, Donna & Pete	Kokoris, Maria & Nicholas
Brown, Niki	Koulakis, John and Gisele
Bryant, Dan & Karen	Koutsoukos, Lin & George
Buickians, Gagik & Jacqueline	Kouvara, Bessie & Dana Roberts
Burkard Jr., Frank J. & Penelope	Lappas, Virginia
Buzas, John & Pamela	Loutsos, Anna & Georgia & John
Caire, John.	Grajeda
Christodoulides, Loucas & Andri	Lubian, Daniel & Stephanie
Christopoulos, Tony and Lynnette	Macris, Catherine & George
Damilatis, Eleni	Makris, Ted & Maria
Dewar, Mary & Andrew	Maslen, Larissa & Mark Carpenter
Dimopoulos, Antonios	McCann, Liam
Dupas, Theodore & Evangeline	McNulty, Jennie & Chris
Efstathiou, Teddi & Dean	Mechalas, Bess
Gallagher, Eleni & Matthew	Metry, Sam and Gemalyn

Moutzouridis, Vasiliki & Peter
Nichols, James & Joyce
Otis, Robert & Denise
Panagiot, Harry & Anastasia
Papavasiliou, George & Stacy
Pappas, Dr. Alex P.
Pappas, Dr. James P.
Pappas, Dr. Peter A.
Pappas, Maria E.
Pappas, Tony & Stergiani
Pastis, Patricia
Patzakis, Dr. Michael
Patzakis, John & Andrea
Pirovolos, Nicholas & Anna
Plumtree, Martha & Wayne
Pollalis, Dino J.
Polwrek, Joseph & Jennifer
Poulos, Yiota
Rafeedie, Linda S.

Sipsas, Pantelis & Nafsika
Stavropoulos, Tina
Treantafelles, Andreas & Georgia
Tripodes Zacharias N.
Tripodes, Dena
Tripodes, Georgia E.
Tripodes, Marika
Tsudis, Mara and RJ Thieneman
Tsudis, Peter and Carol
Vagenas, Alex & Tashia
Vagenas, Vasilios
Vavoulis, Ted & Esther
Vidalakis, Nancy
Vorgias, Demetrios
Vorgias, Zacharias & Alma
Webster, John & Jennifer
Zarifes, Peter & Tina

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this stewardship list. Please forgive us if there are any errors or omissions. Contact Alma at the church office 626-449-6943 for any questions or corrections.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the completed commitment card. If you have not done it, please return your completed commitment card to church as soon as possible. ***If you are new to the community and want to become a member in our Church, please feel free to either take a Steward Financial Commitment card (pledge Card) from the announcement table in the narthex, contact the Church office or Please visit saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com to make your offering and schedule your regular stewardship giving.***



2025 Stewardship Financial Commitment

2025

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's grace." (1 Peter 4:10)*

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME(S), PLEASE INCLUDE CHILDREN UNDER 18.

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PREFERRED PHONE

OTHER/SECOND PHONE

E-MAIL

SIGNATURE

DATE

[For office use only]

ST. ANTHONY GIVING LEVELS:

CONTRIBUTOR: \$499 & below

\$9.60/week OR \$42/month & below

FRIEND: \$500 - \$999

\$9.60-\$19/week OR \$42-\$83/month

SUPPORTER: \$1,000 - \$1,999

\$19-\$38/week OR \$83-\$167/month

*** FAITHFUL: \$2,000 - \$3,999**

\$38-\$77/week OR \$167-\$333/month

*** DISCIPLE: \$4,000 - \$6,999**

\$77-\$135/week OR \$333-\$583/month

*** GUARDIAN: \$7,000 - \$9,999**

\$135-\$192/week OR \$583-\$833/month

*** ANGEL: \$10,000 - \$14,999**

\$192-\$288/week OR \$833-\$1,249/month

*** ARCHANGEL: \$15,000 and up**

\$288/week OR \$1,250/month & up

Review your stewardship commitment prayerfully, consider what you offer to Christ's Church in comparison to your monthly utility/ service payments.

Please return your completed commitment card to church by January 31, 2025

Your card must be on file for you to be considered in 'Good Standing'

In response to God's blessings, I/we pledge a 2025 offering of:

My Total Commitment for 2025: \$ _____

I will fulfill and pay my pledge: (CHECK ONE)

Weekly at \$ _____/week

Monthly at \$ _____/month Annually

Contact the Church office to set up easy recurring electronic payments
-OR- set up your own recurring giving at saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com

****To fully cover our operating expenses, our goal is to have our average stewardship be \$2,000 per family or above***

Please return your completed stewardship pledge card to Church as soon as possible

MAKE SURE YOU ARE A REGULAR SUPPORTER OF OUR CHURCH!

If you want to become a Steward/member of our Church, please complete the Steward Financial Commitment card (pledge Card), included above or they are available at the announcement table in the narthex,

Weekly stewardship weekly envelopes are available. Please contact the church office if you would like to have them for the 2025 stewardship contributions.

Please visit saint-anthonys.churchgiving.com or scan the QR code below to make your one time or recurring offering.

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2. Click sign in (top right)
3. Under Don't have an account click - Create One
4. Follow prompts
5. Name, email, set up password, account info





Scan QR code for Candle / Tray Donation



Scan QR code to follow
service on your phone or iPad



WELCOME!



We hope you enjoy your time with us today and
that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.

Please note that *only baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians may partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion*. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, you are welcome to come and receive the *Antidoron* (blessed bread) from the priest.

Contact our office at 626-449-6943 or office@saint-anthonys.org to receive more information about our parish or the Orthodox Christian faith.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Philoptochos Membership

Our Philoptochos chapter is growing and we invite you to renew and encourage every woman in our parish, 18 years of age or older, to become a member. Men and non-Orthodox women are also welcome to join as an Associate.

Please join us on Sunday, February 9 following liturgy for fellowship and to learn more about Philoptochos and the importance of being part of this wonderful ministry.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make a difference in our community. When we combine our strengths and skills, great things can happen!

COME JOIN US!

Sip, Sparkle and Belong

Join our dynamic and growing St. Anthony Philoptochos



Sunday, February 9 (after Liturgy)

*Take time to meet other members, prospective members
and learn more about Philoptochos' philanthropic work*

**Please come by our Philoptochos table for more information*

PHILOPTOCHOS



PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF
SAINT ANTHONY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
PANAGIA CHAPTER

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP FORM

2025 Philoptochos Membership 2025 Associate Membership Date _____
(Men / Non-Voting)

Last Name	First Name	Spouse Name	M.I.
Street Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone		Cell Phone	

Email

Notices will be sent via email. If you prefer your notices mailed, please, let us know by checking here

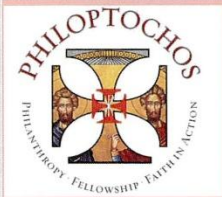
St. Anthony's Philoptochos Stewardship (membership dues). Select amount below:

\$50 \$75 \$100 \$125 Other

Each \$50 stewardship supports National Philoptochos (\$15), San Francisco Metropolis (\$15) and St. Anthony Philoptochos obligations and projects (\$20). ___ Check ___ Credit Card ___ Cash

I am interested in helping with the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding the Hungry | <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Fellowship | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delivering Meals to Parishioners | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking & Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Designer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homebound Visitations | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Talents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Tree | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Specify |



2025 PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your continued generosity allows Philoptochos to provide financial assistance and outreach to those in need. We invite you to renew your membership or become a new member as we endeavor to do our philanthropic work. Join us as we strive to fulfill the word of Christ.

".. whatever you did for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did for me" - Matthew 25:30

PLEASE RENEW OR JOIN BY MAIL (Check payable to: Saint Anthony Philoptochos Society)

Mail your check along with this form to:

Saint Anthony Philoptochos Society, Attention: Membership
778 South Rosemead Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91107

or pay online at <https://stanthonyphiloptochos.square.site>

Scroll down to "Annual Membership Dues"

For more information or questions, please contact Lisa Xanthos (626) 222-4374 or Helen Skandale (818) 618-4963

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Sophia Cathedral Presentation Ball 2026

Interested young women who will be a junior or senior in high school or a college freshmen and a minimum of 16 years old in January 2026 should send an email standing their interest and contact information to presentation@saintsophia.org

The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

February 2, 2025

When the most pure Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary's forty days of purification had been fulfilled, she took her first-born Son to Jerusalem on this, the fortieth day after His birth, that she might present Him in the temple according to the Law of Moses, which teaches that every first-born male child be dedicated to God, and also that she might offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons, as required by the Law (Luke 2:22-24; Exod. 13:2; Lev. 12:6-8). On this same day, a just and devout man, the greatly aged Symeon, was also present in the temple, being guided by the Holy Spirit. For a long time, this man had been awaiting the salvation of God, and he had been informed by divine revelation that he would not die until he beheld the Lord's Christ. Thus, when he beheld Him at that time and took Him up into his aged arms, he gave glory to God, singing: "Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, O Master. . ." And he confessed that he would close his eyes joyfully, since he had seen the Light of revelation for the nations and the Glory of Israel (Luke 2:25-32). From ancient times, the Holy Church has retained this tradition of the churching of the mother and new-born child on the fortieth day and of the reading of prayers of purification.

The Apodosis of the Feast of the Meeting in the Temple is usually on the 9th of February. This, however, may vary if the Feast falls within the period of the Triodion. Should this occur, the Typicon should be consulted for specific information concerning the Apodosis of the Feast.

The deadline for submitting information for the Sunday Bulletin is every Wednesday. please send it to office@saint-anthonys.org

Reminder:

**NO PARKING IN
EMERGENCY WHITE ZONE IN
FRONT OF CHURCH**

**A Handicap Placard or
Handicap License Plate is
required to park in the blue
handicap parking spaces.**