

Looking Ahead . . .

February
Feb 13 - Marriage Sunday
Feb 28 - First day of Lent

March
March 19 & 26 Pysanky Class

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

Presentation of our Lord

On February 2nd, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple. We also call this day The Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna. This feast occurs 40 Days after the birth of Jesus. The proceedings take place as is the Jewish custom since the time of Moses. There were two main purposes for the visit to the temple. One was to fulfill the rituals surrounding the firstborn son. In Jewish society the firstborn son belonged especially to God. This is why Mary and Joseph offered turtle doves and young pigeons as a sacrifice for Jesus. The second reason was that women were considered ritually impure after childbearing, and after 40 days they were to return to the temple to be cleansed. A sacrifice would also have been offered on Mary's account. Since Mary didn't really need to be purified, we see her time at the temple as an act of obedience to God. Luke's gospel account of the presentation includes Simeon and Anna. Both of them proclaim that the salvation of Israel has arrived, and praise God for this day. Tradition is that the Righteous Simeon was one of the scholars who translated the scriptures into Greek in Alexandria. When he came across Isaiah 7:14, (Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel) he thought that the word virgin was a mistake. Instead, he was about to write the word woman, when an angel appeared. The angel told him that he would see these words fulfilled. So Simeon kept the translation as virgin, and began awaiting the day he would behold the Christ child, born of a virgin. Then, when the Holy Family came to Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit led Simeon to the temple to witness the reception of Christ that day. Anna, who we call Anna the Prophetess, was a widow in the temple. She constantly fasted and praised God in the temple. When she witnessed the presentation of Jesus in the temple, she also rejoiced and proclaimed the divinity of Christ to those who would listen to her. Luke records that she became a widow in her youth, and spent the eighty-some years after the death of her husband in the temple. The sight of Jesus must have been such a blessing to a woman who had endured such sorrow in her life. Simeon and Anna show the fulfillment of the hope of the Old Testament. They have lived through the sorrows of Israel. Then, near the end of their years, they witness the arrival of the hope of Israel: their salvation, Jesus Christ. These figures remind us of the great joy we should have as Christians. God's word has been fulfilled, and we are able to witness Christ in our lives, and behold him in the Eucharist.

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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

**Христос Раждається!
ГЛАВІТЕ ЙОГО!**

**Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!**

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Jan 30	Zacchaeus Sunday	Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk
Jan 31	No Liturgy	
Feb 1	No Liturgy	
Feb 2	Presentation of the our Lord 5:00PM	Steve Deskevich
Feb 3	No Liturgy	
Feb 4	No Liturgy	
Feb 5	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Feb 6	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee	Kevin Rogers

Week of January 30 to February 6, 2022

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ
and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part
of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

Zacchaeus Sunday

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Luke 19:1-10

Tropar (Tone 3)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world. Glory be ...

Kondak

You arose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power. Now and ...

Theotokion

Today the Virgin stands before us in the church, and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us. Angels are worshipping with hierarchs apostles, exult with the prophets, for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

Prokeimen

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

verse: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - January 23, 2022 - \$275.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Saturdays with Jesus - Saturday, February 12, 2022 - 10:00AM - Adult class

2:00PM - Children from 5 and up

Marriage Sunday - The Eparchial celebration of Marriage will be on Sunday, February 13.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family,

Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Tuinstra family, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family, the Williams family, Lindsey Lamer.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

When the grumpy church secretary planned a vacation, the priest decided to call a temp agency for help. After the secretary return she asked the priest,

“So how’d the hotshot temp work out?”

“Well,” the priest responded, “it was pretty rough. She couldn’t type more than thirty words a minute and she kept pestering me with basic questions about the computer. She couldn’t figure out how to replace the paper in the copier, and she had terrible phone manners. In fact, she spent much of her time on the phone gossiping.”

“That’s pretty much what I expected.” The secretary sneered.

“Yeah,” the priest replied, “it was pretty much as though you’d never left.”

Notice about the Child Protection

It is important to remind the people of our parish from time to time that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer, he or she should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop, who can be reached at his chancery by dialing (440) 888-1522, or by writing to him at PO Box 347180, Parma, OH 44134-7180. You may also report it to the Assistance Coordinator, Marika Zaliszczuk at (412) 215-5372. For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy’s safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto: <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/safe-environment/>.