

36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Holy and Righteous Simeon the God-receiver and Anna the Prophetess. Right Believing Prince Roman of Uglich (1285). Prophet Azariah (2 Chronicles 15th-10th c. B.C.). Martyrs Papias, Diodorus and Claudianus, at Perge in Pamphylia (250). Martyrs Adrian and Eubulus, at Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 308-309). Martyr Blaise of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (ca. 308-309).

1 Timothy 1:15-17

Mathew 15:21-28

Forty days after Christ was born he was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time as well his mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the second of February, the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the Meeting (or Presentation or Reception) of the Lord.

The meeting of Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna (Lk 2:22-36) is the main event of the feast of Christ's presentation in the Temple. It was "revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Lk 2:26) and, inspired by the same Spirit, he came to the Temple where he met the new-born Messiah, took him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Orthodox Vesper service:

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel (Lk 2:29-32).

In the service of the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, the fact emphasized is that Christ, the Son and Word of God through whom the world was created, now is held as an infant in Simeon's hands; this same Son of God, the Giver of the Law, now himself fulfills the Law, carried in arms as a human child.

Receive him, O Simeon, whom Moses on Mount Sinai beheld in the darkness as the Giver of the Law. Receive him as a babe now obeying the Law. For he it is of whom the Law and the Prophets have spoken, incarnate for our sake and saving mankind. Come let us adore him!

The celebration of the Meeting of the Lord in the Church is not merely an historical commemoration. Inspired by the same Holy Spirit as Simeon, and led by the same Spirit into the Church of the Messiah, the members of the Church also can claim their own "meeting" with the Lord, and so also can witness that they too can "depart in peace" since their eyes have seen the salvation of God in the person of his Christ.

-- An excerpt from www.churchmotherofgod.org

SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb.3.....9:30am Third Hour
9:45am St. Xenia prayers
10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Feb.10.....9:30am Third Hour
Zacchaeus
9:45am General Confession
10:00am Divine Liturgy

Welcome to all our visitors.

Please join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy.

Many Years to all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and name days during the month of February!

Birthdays- Eugene Bohensky, Colleen Bohensky, Nicholas Bohensky, Nina Bohensky, Catherine Christensen, Matthew Comroe, Basil Farbanish, David Fichtner, Susan Fichtner, Nicholas Gakos, Nicholas Krawchuk, April Kirchdoerffer, Sydney Morgan, Victoria Schempp, Aleksander Olszowy, Lisa Wydner, Erik Yarosh.



HTOC Youth Group Gyro Sale Today!

Premade sandwiches or take-home kits are \$5 each and can be picked up in Founders Hall after Liturgy. Please support our youth in this fundraiser.

Coffee hour- thank you to Galina and Jerry Adair for hosting coffee hour last Sunday. Contact Sandi Masklee for more information about hosting at sjmasklee@gmail.com.

College students-To let these students know they are still in our thoughts and prayers; the Care Committee sends them 'care packages'. Included in these packages are ecards or gift cards for places such as Starbucks, McDonalds, Panera. Terri Barrow will be stepping down as coordinator (Thanks Terri!) and a replacement will be needed. Please let Matushka Kerri know if you are able to help manage this ministry or if you can donate a gift card or two.



MARCH 1-3, 2019
ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT

Theme: A Teaching Liturgy!

Please join us at our Annual Retreat for Altar Servers who currently serve in the altar, and for those with an interest in serving in the altar. Archpriest Jason Vansuch will be our retreat leader.

The event is fully sponsored by the OCA Diocese of New York & New Jersey. Register today!

The retreat takes place at St. Basil Academy. Please visit the Diocesan website for more info and to sign up www.nynjoca.org

Tax Statements- will be available shortly.

Beer Tasting- has been postponed until the fall. Details will follow.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May. Please see the bulletin board in Founders Hall for information regarding an Orthodox Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, organized by Fr Ilya Gotlinsky. See www.OrthodoxTours.com, or talk to John Babiak for more information.

PIEROGIES – The Pierogi Store is open every Sunday. Contact Jeanne Connerat at momjpc@comcast.net for any special requests.

AMAZON SITE- please use the Amazon Associates link when shopping online: www.amazon.com/?tag=holytrinorthc-20

“Having God, fear nothing, but cast all of your care upon Him, and He will take care of you. Believe undoubtingly, and God will help you according to His mercy.” + St. Barsanuphius the Great

“It is only necessary to seek one thing: to be with Jesus. The man who remains with Jesus is rich, even if he is poor with regard to material things. Who ever desires the earthly more than the heavenly loses both the earthly and the heavenly. But whoever seeks the heavenly is Lord of the whole world.” + St. Ignatius Brianchaninov

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The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
(commemorated on February 2)

February 3, 2019