Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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Icon of the Feast

The Holy Icon shows that the meeting takes place inside the Temple and in front of the altar. The altar has a book or a scroll on it and is covered by a canopy. The Theotokos stands to the left and is holding out her hands in a gesture of offering. The one hand of the Theotokos is covered by her cloak or as it is known, the maphorion. She has just handed her Son to Simeon.

Christ is shown as a child, but He is not in swaddling clothes. He is clothed in a small dress and his legs are bare. Jesus appears to be giving a blessing. Simeon holds Jesus with both hands which are covered. This shows the reverence Simeon had for the Messiah. Simeon is bare headed and there is nothing to show that he is a priest. Some biblical scholars say that Simeon was probably a priest of the Temple or a Doctor of the Law.

Joseph is behind the Theotokos. He is carrying the two turtle doves for the sacrifice. Anna the Prophetess is also standing behind the Theotokos and is pointing to the Christ child.

The words Simeon spoke when he saw the Christ Child are known as "St. Simeon's Prayer." This prayer is sung daily at the evening Vespers services of the Orthodox Church.

In the Orthodox Church, both baby boys and baby girls are taken to the Church on the fortieth day after their birth. This is done in remembrance of the Theotokos and Joseph taking the infant Jesus to the Temple.

February 9, 2020 – Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican & Leave-taking of the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

Matins Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1):
While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou who alone art the lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Presentation of Christ (Tone 1):
Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Who art full of grace, for from Thee did shine the Sun of Justice, Christ Who is our God, a light to those who dwell in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, bearing in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, Who grants to us Resurrection.

A Note to Visitors and Guests: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us today for worship! If this is your first visit to All Saints, please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card at the greeter’s stand before you leave. The greeter also has Liturgy Books for use during the service, if you desire one. We hope you will join us for brunch following this morning’s service.

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Please send bulletin submissions to Kim A. at Keggers854 [at] aol [dot] com by Wednesday of the week.
Kontakion for the Presentation of Christ (Tone 1):
Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin’s womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon’s arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):
Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Prokeimenon Psalm:
My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His servant.

Epistle Reading: The Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:10-14

This Week at All Saints

Saturday, February 15: Vespers, 7:30 PM (Confession available before and after)

Volunteers

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News and Announcements

House Blessings: The season for house blessings has begun. Nothing elaborate is required and a meal is discouraged. Please contact Fr. Pat at your convenience to arrange a time for your home to be blessed or with any questions. The visit need not take more than an hour.

Save the date! Teen SOYO will be meeting after church school on Sunday, February 16th from 1-4 PM to complete a service project for the homeless.

Diocese of Toledo Spring Gathering February 2020: St. Mary Church in Palos Heights, IL is excited to host the Spring Gathering February 20th-23rd 2020! We have a great weekend planned including special guest speaker, Dr. Albert Rossi from St. Vladimir's Seminary. Registration for the Spring Gathering can now be done online at: https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/1089606

OCMC Mission Team Dinner: join All Saints' table on Thursday February 13th at 6:30 PM at St John the Baptist Orthodox Church 2350 East Dempster St in Des Plaines. Guest speaker: Metropolitan Theodosius of Kananga, Democratic Republic of Congo. The hosting church puts a lot of effort in preparing for this event; come honor their work, while at the same time supporting orthodox missions! Suggested donation $35/person.