

Household Devotionals: Icons and Prayers

Monday, January 30 - Thursday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

February 2

Apolytikion of the Feast
First Tone

Hail, Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who were in darkness! / Rejoice, O righteous Elder; you received in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who grants us the Resurrection.

Kontakion of the Feast
First Tone

O Christ our God, who through Your birth sanctified the virginal womb and have blessed the arms of Simeon: You have come today to save us. When wars prevail, keep Your people in peace and strengthen our public authorities in every good deed, you You alone are the Lover of Mankind

Ikos of the Feast

Let us run to the Theotokos, in order to see her Son being presented to Simeon. The bodiless Angels, seeing Him from on high, were amazed and they said, "Now we behold wondrous and most marvelous things past understanding and beyond telling. He who cannot be contained is now contained in the arms of the Elder. He who is unlimited in His Divinity in the bosom of the Father is not limited by the flesh, for He alone is the Lover of Mankind."

Unmercenaries Cyrus & John (+311)

January 31

Kontakion of the Saints
Third Tone

Having received the gift of miracles through divine grace, O saints, you work wonders in the world unceasingly. You remove all of our passions through your invisible surgery, divinely-wise Cyrus and glorious John, for you are truly divine physicians.

Bridget of Kildare (+523)

February 1

Kontakion of the Saint
Fourth Tone

The holy virgin Brigid full of divine wisdom, went with joy along the way of evangelical childhood, and with the grace of God attained in this way the summit of virtue. She now bestows blessings upon those who come to her with faith. O holy Virgin, intercede with Christ our God that He may have mercy on our souls.

Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom

January 30

Apolytikion of Saints
First Tone

Let us who love their words come together, honoring with hymns, the three greatest luminaries of the Three-Sunned divinity: / Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, together with the renowned John Chrysostom, of golden speech. / They have illumined the entire world with the rays of divine doctrines; / they are sweetly-flowing rivers of wisdom, / who with divine knowledge have watered all of creation with clear streams; / for they always intercede with the Trinity for us.

Forefeast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

February 1

Apolytikion of the Forefeast
First Tone

The celestial choir of heavenly angels bends down to the earth and sees the First-born of all creation being carried into the Temple as a babe by a Mother who has not known man, and in amazement sings with us a pre-festal hymn.

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