

# ALL SAINTS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple

**Saturday Vespers, 7pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am**



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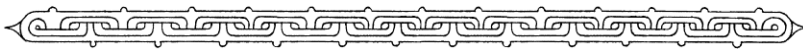
**Second Antiphon:** O Son of God, who wast carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia!

**Entrance Hymn:** The Lord hath made known His salvation; He hath revealed His justice before all nations. O Son of God, who wast carried in the arms of Simeon the Righteous, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Apolytikion of the Resurrection (Tone 7):** Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

**Apolytikion of the Presentation of the Lord (Tone 1):** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous old man, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us resurrection.

**Kontakion for the Presentation of our Lord (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 dost love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.



## **EPISTLE READING**

*For the Feast of the Presentation*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.

**The reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (7:7-17)**

Brethren: It is beyond all contradiction that the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.

Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.

For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: “Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

## **GOSPEL READING**

*For the Feast of the Presentation*

### **The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (2:22-40)**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him 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 turtledoves, or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, 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. 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 lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.’**

His father and His mother marveled at what was said about Him. Simeon 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 out of many hearts may be revealed.’

There was also 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.

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.



**Hymn to the Theotokos (Tone 3):** O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians: Protect, preserve, and aid all who put their hope in thee. Let us magnify, O believers, the first-born Son, the eternal Word of the Father, first-born of a mother who knew no man. For we have beheld in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures a sign that every first-born male that opens the womb is called holy to God.

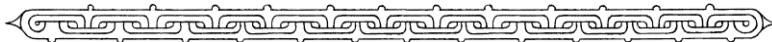
**Communion Hymn:** I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

## **MAGNIFICATIONS OF THE PRESENTATION CANON**

*Sung during Communion or at the end of the Liturgy*

1. O pure Virgin Mother, / that which came to pass in thee / is beyond the understanding / of angels and men.
2. Now Simeon the elder / receives in his arms / the Maker of the Law, / and the Master of all!
3. Desiring to save Adam, / the Creator took up abode / in thy pure and spotless womb, / O Virgin Mother of God.
4. All creation doth bless thee, / O pure Virgin, / and in faith doth glorify thee / as the Theotokos.
5. O come ye and behold / Christ the Master of all, / whom Simeon doth hold / in the Temple today.
6. Thou lookest down upon earth / and dost make it tremble; / how then can I who am old / carry Thee in my arms?
7. Simeon had lived for many years / when he beheld Christ / and cried aloud unto Him: / 'Now let me depart in peace!'

8. O Mary Theotokos, / thou art the mystic tongs / who conceived in thy pure womb / Christ who is the living coal.
9. Thou, O God, who wast before all things, / by Thy will became man / and art carried to the Temple / as an infant forty days old.
10. The aged priest Simeon / received the Lord of all, / who by His own holy will / came to earth from heaven.
11. Illuminate my soul / and my senses as well, / that I might clearly see Thee, / and proclaim that Thou art God!
12. O pure Virgin Mother, / how dost thou bring Him / as an infant to the Temple / and give Him to Simeon?
13. O Lord, my Creator, / now let me depart in peace, / for I have seen the Christ, / my salvation and my light.
14. Him whom the angels on high / serve with fear and trembling, / now here on earth below / Simeon carries.
15. O Thou who art by nature one / but in persons three: / Keep watch over Thy servants / who put their faith in Thee.
16. O Virgin Theotokos, / hope of all Christians: / Protect, preserve and aid / all who put their hope in thee.



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

## Today:

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am, followed by the blessing of the candles
- Coffee hour provided by last names R-Z
- Adult church school will take place in the church, taught by Joseph Letendre

**Tuesday, Feb. 4:** Morning prayers, 9am

## Wednesday, Feb. 5:

- Morning prayers, 9am
- Homeschool classes, 10am-4pm
- Vespers, 7pm

**Thursday & Friday, Feb. 6 & 7:** Morning prayers, 9am

**Saturday, February 8:** Great Vespers, 7pm

## Next Sunday, February 9: **The Pharisee and the Publican**

- Orthros & Divine Liturgy, beginning 8:30am
- Coffee hour provided by families A-F
- Church school for all ages, following coffee hour

**PROSPHORA BAKERS NEEDED:** We are in need of additional bakers for our weekly holy bread rotation. Pat Kushiner has graciously offered to instruct anyone willing to learn. If you are interested, please see Fr. Andrew for a blessing and then set up an appointment with Pat.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** It is customary for every Orthodox household to be blessed by a priest between January 6 and the beginning of Great Lent each year. It is not necessary to feed or pay the priest, and you are certainly not required to have his entire family over. Please see Fr. Andrew to set up an appointment. If you would rather wait until after Pascha, that will also be fine.

**ICON ACADEMY:** Eva W. plans once again to host an iconography class this spring. Classes will be held at church on several Saturday mornings, beginning in March. Instruction

and all materials are provided, and no previous experience is needed. If interested, please see Eva before February 1, and Fr. Andrew for his blessing to attend.

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun., Feb 2</b> <i>Presentation</i>	Christy K	Cristina P	Azizeh C	Lydia A	R-Z
<b>Sun., Feb. 9</b> <i>Pharisee &amp; Publ.</i>	Jim K	Sarah S	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
<b>Sun., Feb. 16</b> <i>Prodigal Son</i>	Paul K	Dn Walid	John O	Alina S	G-K
<b><u>Sat., Feb. 22</u></b> <i>Sat. of Souls</i>	Joseph L	Sandy A	JoAnne T	n/a	n/a
<b>Sun, Feb. 23</b> <i>Meat-fare*</i>	Richard C.	Debbie K	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
<b>Sun., March 2</b> <i>Forgiveness*</i>	Michelle C	Domitille N	John O	Lydia A	R-Z

***For Sunday coffee hour, the last names of our church members have been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.***

***If you have children, monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and make sure they don't take more than they can eat. Please also help your children clean up after themselves.***

***Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour, but of course, things go faster when we all pitch in and help!***

***\*Meat-Fare Sunday (Feb. 23) is our final day for meat until Pascha (April 20). Forgiveness Sunday (March 2, also known as Cheese-Fare) is our final day for dairy products and eggs. Coffee hour offerings on March 2 may include dairy and eggs but no meat.***



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY 2-8, 2024

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*This week's Old Testament readings come from Vespers for the feast of the Presentation. The Gospel readings for the next four weeks take us through the Passion narratives of Mark and Luke, leading us up to the Lenten fast.*

**Sunday, February 2: The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple**

Hebrews 7:7-17 / Luke 2:22-40

**Monday, February 3: Righteous Simeon & Prophetess Anna**

**Nicholas, Archbishop & Enlightener of Japan**

Exodus 12:51-13:3, 13:11-16 / 1 Peter 2:21-3:9 / Mark 11:1-19

**Tuesday, Feb. 4: Isidore of Pelusium**

Leviticus 12:1-8 / 1 Peter 3:10-22 / Mark 11:20-33

**Wednesday, Feb. 5: Agatha the Martyr**

Numbers 18:14-19 / 1 Peter 4:1-11 / Mark 12:1-12

**Thursday, Feb. 6: Photius the Great, Patriarch of Constantinople**

Isaiah 6:1-10 / 1 Peter 4:12-5:14 / Mark 12:13-27

**Friday, Feb. 7: Richard, King of Wessex**

Isaiah 19:1-21 / 2 Peter 1:1-11 / Mark 12:28-37

**Saturday, Feb. 8: Great-Martyr Theodore the Commander**

2 Timothy 2:11-19 / Luke 18:1-8

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