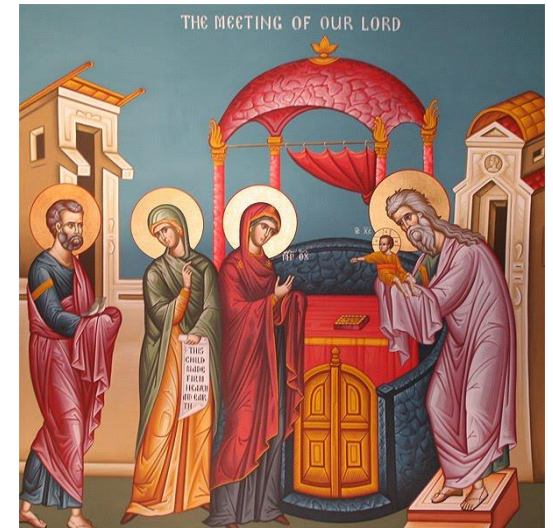


<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>MEETING OF THE LORD 9 am Matins 10 am – 11.30 am Divine Liturgy</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7 pm – 8.45 pm Iconography Class</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.30 – 8.45 pm Bible class (8.45 – 10 pm Confessions)</b>
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> ropes</b>	<b>6.30 pm Class for beginners in how to make Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9 am Matins 10 am – 11.30 am Divine Liturgy Sunday of The Tax Collector and The Pharisee FAST FREE WEEK</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.15 pm - 8.45 pm CHANTING CLASS (learning hymns for Sunday Liturgy with Fr. Samuel and Anne Perks; every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month)</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.30– 8.45 pm Bible class (8.45 – 10 pm Confessions)</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9 am Matins 10 am – 11.30 am Divine Liturgy Sunday of The Prodigal Son</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>7.30 – 8.45 pm Bible class (8.45 – 10 pm Confessions)</b>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>9 am Matins 10 am – 11.30 am Divine Liturgy Sunday of Meatfare. Sunday of The Last Judgement</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.15 pm - 8.45 pm CHANTING CLASS</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>7.30 – 8.45 pm Bible class (8.45 – 10 pm Confessions)</b>

## This feast of the Meeting of The Lord

The story of the Presentation is told in Luke 2:22-29. Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed their religious customs. An important custom was for the couple to take their first-born son to the Temple. The baby was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and was dedicated to God. In addition, if the parents were wealthy, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or a turtle dove to be offered as a sacrifice at the Temple. The custom provided that if the parents were poor, they were to offer two pigeons or two turtle doves for the sacrifice. Joseph and Mary were not wealthy, so they took two turtle doves with them to offer as a sacrifice at the Temple.



When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph took Him to the Temple in Jerusalem. They were not wealthy, so they took two turtle doves with them to offer as a sacrifice at the Temple. As they arrived at the Temple, Mary and Joseph were met by a very old man named Simeon. He was a holy man and was noted as a very intelligent scholar. Simeon spent much time studying about the prophets of Israel. It was during his studies that he learned of the coming of the Messiah. The Jewish people were waiting for the Messiah to come and deliver Israel from their conquerors. From that time on, Simeon spent his time praying for the Messiah to come. He spent many years in prayer. Finally, while Simeon was praying, he heard the voice of God. God promised Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. When Simeon saw Jesus, he took the baby in his arms and blessed the Lord and said:

"Lord, now let Your servant go in peace according to Your promise, because my eyes have seen Your salvation which you have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory to your people Israel."