

Biblical Account of Christ's Presentation into the Temple- February 2nd

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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.

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."

Also, in the Temple was Anna the Prophetess. She had been a widow for many years. Anna was about eighty-four years old and spent her time in the Temple worshiping, fasting, and praying. When she saw the Christ Child she praised God and spoke of him to all who were awaiting the Messiah.

After Jesus was presented in the Temple, the family returned to Galilee to the town of Nazareth. The Bible tells us that Jesus grew and became strong, and was filled with wisdom.

TO OUR VISITORS:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.

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SUNDAY OF THE CANAANITE WOMAN

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COMMEMORATION OF: Removal of the Relics of Ignatios the God-bearer;
Laurence the Recluse of the Kiev Caves; Philotheos

APOLYTIKIA - ENTRANCE HYMNS

Katelas to Stavro (Hymn of the Day) Tone 7

Ke tropon metohon (St. Ignatios) Tone 4

*Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones,
O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation.
Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling
for the faith, O Hieromartyr Ignatius. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him
to save our souls.*

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8
*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his
calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in
Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos,
for You alone love mankind.*

KONTAKION

O mitran parthenikin Tone 1
*For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed
the aged Symeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O
Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and
undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.*

EPISTLE READING 2nd Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

BRETHREN, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."
Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O

Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

TODAY

- ✦ Sunday, 1/29– Sunday of the Canaanite Woman
- ✦ 1st Summer Camp Parents Meeting - If you are interested in the camp, please come to the partition area in the social hall after the Divine Liturgy.

THIS WEEK

- ✦ MONDAY, 1/30– SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HIERARCHS: ORTHROS 8:30 A.M., DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 A.M.
- ✦ THURSDAY, 2/2– PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD: ORTHROS 8:30 A.M., DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✦ The **2017 Ecclesiastical Calendars** are here! Please pick yours up in the Narthex. Mahalo to Tom Sofos for underwriting the printing of our calendars again this year!
- ✦ It's time to register for **Summer Camp!** Register at <http://www.youth.sanfran.goarch.org/editor/summer-camp/>. See Dimi Nicholas or email office@greekorthodoxhawaii.org for more information.

Wisdom of the Holy Fathers

"The first stage of this tranquility consists in silencing the lips when the heart is excited. The second, in silencing the mind when the soul is still excited. The goal is a perfect peacefulness even in the middle of the raging storm."

~St. John of the Ladder

"Always have the fear of God in your heart, and remember that God is always with you, everywhere, whether you are walking or sitting."

~St. Gennadios of Constantinople