

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

Today the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to



Commemorated on [January 27](#)

God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "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" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons on the Feast by the holy bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilocius of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century.

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Sunday, February 3, 2019
Gospel: St. Matthew 15:21-28

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Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

36th Sunday After Pentecost / Righteous God-bearer Simeon & Anna the Prophetess

February Bulletin Sponsor: Father Andrew

In honor of my spiritual father, Archpriest James Gleason, on the occasion of his 50th Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood

Liturgical & Events Schedule

TWO WEEK BULLETIN

Sunday, February 3

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Social / Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 4

Funeral Service for a Priest w/ Bishop Paul in Mogodore

Tuesday, February 5

Divine Liturgy for funeral of Archpriest John Mason w/ Bishop Paul in Mogodore

Friday, February 8

10:00 am: Respect Life Meeting

Saturday, February 9

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, February 10 (Zacchaeus Sunday)

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Social / Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 11

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Tuesday, February 12

5:00 pm: Chamber After Hours here

Wednesday, February 13

6:00 pm: Public Village Meeting

Thursday, February 14

10:00 am Deanery Meeting in Canton

Saturday, February 16

9:30 am: Zoe for Life Retreat / NO VESPERS

Sunday, February 17

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Memorial Sunday / Social / Choir Rehearsal

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS OFFERED FOR FEBRUARY

Chandelier: Laura: (\$50) In loving memory of her mother Margaret Mazur Malfara

Altar Candles: (\$50) Susan Guzy: In Loving Memory of the Felenchak and Guzy Families

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Basil: In Loving memory of grandparents Lucas and Mary and Uncle Michael Yuhas

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) Mike & Diane Tryon: In loving memory of Tina Chavez my Dialysis friend!

Bulletin: (\$50) Open Fr. Andrew: In honor of my Spiritual Father on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of his ordination

February

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Social</u>
3	Wayne	Wayne	Open
10	Susan	Ron	Terri C
17	Jen / Cole	Tim	Open
24	Jean	Natalie	Open



FEBRUARY SPECIAL COLLECTION
ZOE FOR LIFE

Please be generous!

Faith & Family Night at the Toledo Walleye:

Sunday, February 10



- *Sit together as a group
- *Exclusive ticket discount
- *Church name on the video board
- *Sing the National Anthem
- *Have one member ride the Zamboni
- *Group picture with Spike & Cat Trick

There are pre-game party spaces available!

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



Prayer List (Updated January 31)

Clergy: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; William Bass; Ted Bobosh, John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan; John Jones; Josef Von Klarr; Vladimir Lecko; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko; Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii: Pani Patricia Duranko; Barbara Kopka; Virginia Lecko; Sonya Tutko

Parishioners / & their Family: Carol Chevenger (*Roddie's mom*); Kristi Clabaugh (*Andy's mom*); Christopher Dixon (*son-in-law of Mary H.*); Victoria Dixon (*Mary H. Daughter*); John Richard Elcishko; Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's Nephew*); Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*); Julia Guzy; Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); Margi Habegger (*Laura's sister*); James Heffernan (*father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Judy Heffernan; Maria (*Terrie's mom*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); David Martin; Greg Mazur; Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Helen Jean Rofnar (*Cousin to Rose's*); John Rofnar (*Cousin to the Rose's*); Joe Rose; Margaret Rose (*daughter*); Steven Schirtzinger (*Christi's brother*); Nancy Sitzler (*mother of Amber Twarek*); Baby Stella Miller (*Chico's granddaughter*); Mason (*granson of the Cassell's*); Peter Truta (*cousin of Jean H.*) Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Larry Twarek (*Greg's T. Uncle*); Kristen (*Daughter of the Cassell's*); Eleanor W; Lauren Jerome & her unborn baby (*Daughter of Jean H*); Nikki and her unborn baby; Brianna and her unborn baby (*Trudy's daughter*)

Other Requests: Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); David Bobb (*friend of Nikki*); Steven Brancho (*friend of Fr*); Anna Burch (*friend of Wayne*); Frank Cannon; Diane Cannon (*Friends of Halupki festival*); Linda Crockett (*Vendor*); Danielle (*friend of the Cassell's*); Shawntee Day (*Friend of Christi*); Chris Fallon (*Bishop Matthias's sister-in-law*); Ben Franklin (*friend of Laura Kovach*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Tom Hutnyan (*Brother of Fr. Emil*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Donald Gresh (*neighbor to Basil*); Elliott Joy (*Police chief's son*); Alicia Kelly (*friend of Tammy B.*); Tommy Leonchick (*Friend of Fr's*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie*); Michael Lucak (*son of the Protodeacon Dennis*); Dana Mahler (*Friend of Christi*); Jim Mahler (*neighbour of Laura*); Dan Mallory (*neighbor of Basil*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr.'s*); Todd Pollick (*Friend of the Twarek's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Emily Sarisky (*Fr's friend*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Matthew Sterling (*neighbor of Diane T*); Janice Timko; Becky Vermillion (*friend of Laura*); Donald Williams (*Friend of Joe S.*); Alisha Zura & new born Evelyn (*friend of Natalie*); Cheyenne Welch & her two unborn babies (*wife of Former Sgt. of Marblehead Police Dept*); Katie & her unborn baby (*manager at Bruno's*)

Military: Craig Cassell; Nathan Brown

Captives: Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*); Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*); for the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - FEBRUARY

Suggested donation of Apple Sauce (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through January 13.

February donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday February 14.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Our Diocesan website (www.midwestdiocese.org) has an article about the First Annual Blessing of the Lake. Visit the Diocesan website often! There are some great articles there and it is a good place to know what is going on in our Diocese.

FINANCIAL TITHING ONLY

JANUARY 2019

Sunday, Jan. 6: \$1,165
Sunday, Jan. 13: \$ 760
Sunday, Jan 20: SNOW-NO SERVICES
Sunday, Jan. 27: \$1,762
MONTH TOTAL: \$3,687

OTHER INCOME

JANUARY 2019

Jan. 6: \$15 in Vigils; \$5 in candles; \$6 loose change; \$160 in Special Collection: Marblehead Police Department.
Jan. 13: \$70 in Vigils; \$15 in candles; \$1 loose; \$25 in Food Pantry; 131 in Special Collection for Police
Jan. 27: \$60 Vigils; \$35 candles; \$25 Tomb Candles; \$2 in Loose change; \$153 Special Collection (Marblehead Police); \$50 Food Pantry

ATTENDANCE 2019

Tuesday, Jan. 1 (Feast Day): 12 people
Friday, Jan 4 Royal Hours: 9 people
Saturday, Jan. 5 (Liturgy): 9 people
Saturday, Jan. 5 (Holy Night Supper): 17 people
Sunday, Jan. 6 (Theophany): 22 Total (17 members; 3 children; 2 guests; 17 Communicants); 15 people attended Vigil
Sunday, Jan. 13: 22 Total (18 members; 3 children; 1 guest; 17 communicants
No services Weekend of the 19TH- Snow
Sunday, Jan. 27: 16 Total (16 members; 13 Communicants; 7 attended Vespers

VIGILS- JANUARY 27

Basil Glovinsky (5) Loving memory of Godmother, Helen Beadle; Loving memory of friend, Ron Austalosh; Loving memory of friend Harold (Zeke) Zura; Health of Julia Guzy; Health of niece, Diane Tryon (now in rehab)
Sandy Martin (1) Special intention
Twarek Family (7) In memory of Zeke Zura; In memory Lloyd Hamann; In memory Bernell Lowien; Health and God's to Todd; Health of Diane, Ida, Betty, Steve, John, Brad, Stella, Julia, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intention; Special intention

MARBLEHEAD POLICE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE

Grand Prize- \$10,000 as well as additional \$6,000 cash on the main board.

This event will be held at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall @ 506 E. Main Street on Saturday April 27. Doors open @ 5:00pm

Ticket donation is \$100 (you are entered into drawing plus Prime Rib or chicken dinner. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

NOTE: April 27 is Holy Saturday for us. We can support the Police by buying a raffle ticket. Fr. Andrew, is the Chaplain for the Police.

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Feb. 3: Indonesian Tsunami Victims / Police officer killed in CA; Police officer killed in Louisiana
Feb. 10: His Grace, Bp. Athanasius (Akunda) / Matushka Marilyn Federoff / Hermenegildo Guerrero, Larry Naiser, Ricky Crawford, Russell Daff; Donald Simoncic
Feb. 24: Terror attack victims in Syria
March 3: Two military soldiers killed in Afghanistan / Officer Sean from AL / Jane Naiser
March 10: Pani Patricia Patrick / Archpriest John Mason

MARBLEHEAD PURSE BINGO SPONSORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tickets are \$40 which includes 16 games of bingo and a buffet dinner. Cash bar will be available. Pre-order for Wine is now available.

Tables will be reserved for tickets purchased in groups of eight only. It will be at St. Mary's Byzantine Hall on Saturday March 9. Doors open @ 5:30 & dinner @ 6:00pm. (Dinner provided by 1812 Food & Spirits. Bingo begins @ 7:00pm.

Call and pay by Credit card at MPCOC 419-702-7492

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

Birthday		Anniversary
4- Nathaniel Bremer 5- Christi Soski 6- Alex Zarynow 10- Fr. Eli Bremer 12- Fr. James Gleason	14- Sandy Martin 16- David Mazurik 22- Wayne Golob 24- Sonya Rose 26- Bill Glovinsky 26- Pani Bernadette Zarynow	22-10-1973: Retired Metropolitan Herman 14- Jim & Rita Mazur 2-14-2004: The Most Blessed Tikhon 18- Joe & Sonya Rose 2-21-2014: Bishop David of Alaska

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

Sixth Anniversary of Metropolitan Tikhon's Enthronement

Exactly six years ago today — on January 27, 2013 — His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon was [enthroned at Saint Nicholas Cathedral](#) in Washington, DC as Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada.

On behalf of the Holy Synod of Bishops, the clergy, monastics and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, we pray that our Lord will grant His Beatitude peace, safety, honor, health and length of days “rightly dividing” the word of God’s truth. Axios! Eis polla eti despota! May God grant you many years!

A gallery highlighting Metropolitan Tikhon’s ministry also is available for viewing on the OCA [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



Metropolitan Tikhon was enthroned at Washington, DC’s St. Nicholas Cathedral on January 27, 2013.

1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Epistle)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

FEBRUARY Reposed List

2- Nancy Pipenur (2018) 5- Peter Kowal (2004) 6- Steve Michael Mazur (1970) 6- Elizabeth Kravetz Mc Mahon (1984) 12- Glenn Schoonmaker (2002) 12- Lawrence Beck (2018)	17- Metropolitan Orestes (1977) 17- Stanley Guzy (1986) 20- Infant Linda Sue Alber (1969) 21- Mary Tomka Matso (1956) 22- Metro Mazur (1973) 22- Fr. Andrew Hutnyan (2004)	23- George Elchisco Sr. (1961) 26- Elizabeth Millie (1998) 29- Mary Uka Kosteary (1996) 14- Rose Polosky (No Year provided) Helen Hritsko (1908)- (No Date) Alexandra Brendza (1909)-(No date) Steve Danchisen (1909)-(No date)
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Meeting of the Lord Con't

In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast.

Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: Saint Andrew of Crete in the seventh century; Saint Cosmas Bishop of Maium, Saint John of Damascus, and Saint Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the eighth century; and Saint Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica in the ninth century.

On this day we also commemorate the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos known as "the Softening of Evil Hearts" or "Simeon's Prophecy." The Mother of God is depicted without Her Child, with seven swords piercing her breast: three from the left side, three from the right, and one from below.

A similar icon, "Of the Seven Swords" (August 13) shows three swords on the left side and four from the right.

The icon "Simeon's Prophecy" symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy of the righteous Elder Simeon: "a sword shall pierce through your own soul" (Luke 2:35).

Holy, Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver Commemorated on [February 3](#)

Righteous Simeon the God-Receiver was, according to the testimony of the holy Evangelist Luke, a just and devout man waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him (Luke 2:25). God promised him that he would not die until the promised Messiah, Christ the Lord, came into the world.

Ancient historians tell us that the Egyptian pharaoh Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-247 B.C.) wished to include texts of Holy Scripture in the famous Library at Alexandria. He invited scholars from Jerusalem, and the Sanhedrin sent their wise men. The

Righteous Simeon was one of the seventy scholars who came to Alexandria to translate the Holy Scriptures into Greek. The completed work was called "The Septuagint," and is the version of the Old Testament used by the Orthodox Church.

Saint Simeon was translating a book of the Prophet Isaiah, and read the words: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive in the womb, and shall bring forth a Son" (Is 7:14). He thought that "virgin" was inaccurate, and he wanted to correct the text to read "woman." At that moment an angel appeared to him and held back his hand saying, "You shall see these words fulfilled. You shall not die until you behold Christ the Lord born of a pure and spotless Virgin."

From this day, Saint Simeon lived in expectation of the Promised Messiah. One day, the righteous Elder received a revelation from the Holy Spirit, and came to the Temple. It was on the very day (the fortieth after the Birth of Christ) when the All-Pure Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph had come to the Temple in order to perform the ritual prescribed by Jewish Law.

When Saint Simeon beheld their arrival, the Holy Spirit revealed to him that the divine Child held by the All-Pure Virgin Mary was the Promised Messiah, the Savior of the world. The Elder took the Child in his arms 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" (Luke 2:29-32).

There is a Christian epigram (Number 46) in "The Greek Anthology" which is addressed to Saint Simeon. It tells the righteous Elder to receive the Child Who was born before Adam, and Who will deliver Simeon from this life and bring him to eternal life. A similar idea is expressed in the Aposticha (Slavic use) for the Forefeast of the Nativity of the Lord (December 24). There the Mother of God refers to her Son as "older than ancient Adam."

Simeon blessed the All-Pure Virgin and Saint Joseph, and turning to the Mother of God he said, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

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