

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

February 2

The meeting of our Lord — the Light and Life of Mankind!

+ The location shown in the icon is the Temple.

+ God Himself had commanded that all Jewish newborns be presented to the Temple 40 days after childbirth.

+ The Panagia and St. Joseph bring the Christ Child to sanctify and dedicate Him to God, in keeping with the law.

+ Jesus Christ, Who is God from before all time, humbles Himself not only to be born as a Child, but chooses to be born into a life of earthly poverty!

+ St. Joseph the Betrothed and the Panagia were too poor to offer a sacrificial lamb at the Temple, so they offered two turtle doves as the custom provided.

+ St. Anna the Prophetess had lived in the Temple day and night for decades, fasting, praying, and awaiting the Messiah.

+ On seeing Him, she praises God and "speaks about the Child to all who sought the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38).



+ Jesus Christ, Who is God before all ages, is presented to the Temple as any other child of a poor Jewish family of the time.

+ His true poverty is less an issue of being born into a poor family, and more that He assumed our human nature for the benefit of mankind.

+ St. Gregory the Theologian says, "while He was rich, He became poor so that we might become rich with His divinity."

+ Christ is held by St. Simeon, a righteous man, referred to as the "God-receiver."

+ He recognizes the infant to be the long-awaited Messiah, and declares Him "a light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of His people, Israel."

+ The Holy Spirit revealed Christ to Sts. Simeon and Anna due to their piety and steadfastness in seeking Him, as we are called to do.

+ St. Simeon prophesies to the Panagia of both her Son's great ministry and of heartache she will endure, foretelling of Christ's Crucifixion for our sake.



OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

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SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th	TRIODION WEEKS Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th	The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 23rd FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 2nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th	GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th	ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd	VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th	ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th	ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	GREAT AND HOLY WEEK ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th	GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!	BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!



The Wonderworker

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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

February 2025

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Kristu!

Glory Forever!
Slava na v'iki!

Schedule of Services (January 26—March 2)

Sunday, January 26

Resurrectional Tone 6; Our Venerable Father Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople (5th-6th c.); The New Martyrs and Confessors, Who Suffered Death at the Hands of the Godless in 1917 for the Faith of Christ in Rus'-Ukraine
10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, February 2

The Meeting (Encounter) of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple; Resurrectional Tone 7 (Zacchaeus)
9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions
10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth Panakhida for +John & +Mary Zayac, +Michael, +Michael W & +Anna Melneczyn offered by Shelly Hejnal
Holy Anointing Мирowanie

Sunday, February 9

The Sunday of the Tax Collector (Publican) and the Pharisee, Beginning of the Lenten Triodion; The Final Day of the Meeting (Encounter) in the Temple, The Holy Martyr Nicephoros of Antioch in Syria (ca. 257); Metropolitan Benjamin of Petrograd and those with him (1922); Resurrectional Tone 8
10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, February 16

Prodigal Son Sunday, Resurrectional Tone 1; The Holy Martyrs Pamphilius, Presbyter Valens, Deacon Paul, Seleucus, Porphyrius, Julian, Theodulus, Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Samuel, and Daniel, at Caesarea in Palestine (307-309). Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Nicholas, Archbishop of Japan and Equal-to-the-Apostles, (1912)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Saturday, February 22

Meatfare Saturday, Memorial, For-the-Souls (All-) Souls Saturday; Discovery of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395-423). St. Athansios the Confessor of Constantinople (821)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Panakhida with the Reading of the Lists *Hramoty*

Sunday, February 23

Sunday of the Final Judgement, Meatfare Sunday, Resurrectional Tone 2; The Holy Bishop-Martyr Polykarp of Smyrna (167)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, March 2

Cheesefare Sunday, Sunday of Forgiveness, The Expulsion of Adam & Eve from the Garden of Eden, Resurrectional Tone 3; The Holy Bishop-Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (ca. 320)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Prayer for the Beginning of the Great Fast

February Milestones - Birthdays: 2, Candice Tustan; 15, Torry Tustan & Damian Kristof. May our Good God grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

Superbowlsky 21!

Sunday, February 9, 2025. Tickets are still \$10 each for a single box on the board and are available from Maria Hejnal. The boards will be posted via our Facebook page and for those who request it, an email will be sent after squares are picked so you will know your numbers before the game. Cash or checks can be made out to: St Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church. All Money and tickets will need to be returned no later than Saturday, February 10, 2024. To get your tick ets

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please contact Shelly Hejnal via ukiemom4@aol.com, text her @ 440-728-4485 or call after 5:00 pm. If you are out of town and want to get any tickets, please contact her for VENMO info and we will make sure a ticket (or tickets) will be filled out for you. Make sure your ticket stub is filled out completely with your name, phone number and email address. All monies and tickets need to be returned to the person who sold them making sure all goes in the hopper on Sunday, February 9. If you happen to be one of the lucky winners per board, we will contact you.

*Commemoration of the Departed Soul on
Meat-Fare Saturday, All Souls Saturday, February 22, 2025*
St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral
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2101 Quail Street - Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Dear Father,


Please include the following names of beloved souls on the All-Souls Commemorations on the All-Souls Saturdays and the appropriate Fridays during the Great Fast.

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

Name: _____ Offering: _____

*Please join ZOE for Life!®
and
St. Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox
Church
for a Prayer Service as we*

Pray for the Unborn Children



*Sunday, January 26, 2025
6:00 pm
10383 Albion Road
North Royalton 44133*

*Prayer Service & Presentation
Guest Speaker Presentation Follows – 6:45 pm
Father Andrew Harmon*

