

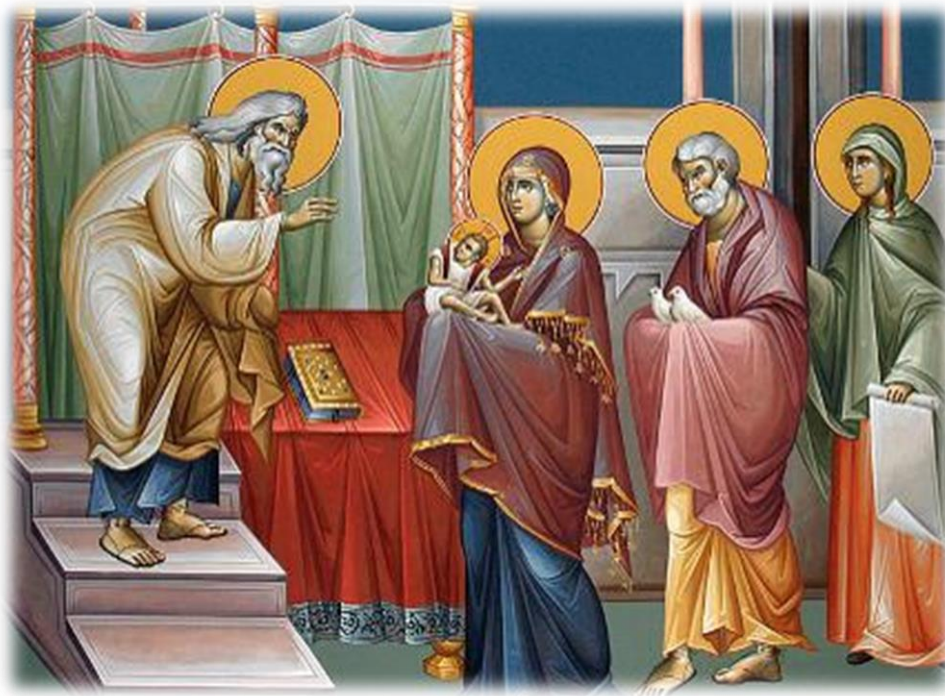
Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
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Glory Forever!
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THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD, GOD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON AND ANNA



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 01 17:00 Vigil: **THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA** *Suffrages for +Mary Lezo:* Children Dolores and John.
- Sun. Feb. 02 10:30 **THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON AND ANNA** *Suffrages pro populo, esp. for +George & Agnes Rusinko and sons George and Michael* – Aimée (née Rusinko) & Michael Kakos.
- Sat. Feb. 08 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE.** *Suffrages for +Msgr. Raymond Balta* – Fr. Regis Dusecina
- Sun. Feb. 09 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE** *Suffrages pro populo*



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COLLECTION

TOTAL: \$1353

Adults: \$1156

Initial Off: \$5

ATTENDANCE:

Candles: \$42

Holy Days: \$5


Sat. 14 + 1

Fuel: \$145

Sun. 25



Seventy weeks after the announcement of John's birth to Zechariah by the angel Gabriel and forty days after His birth, Jesus comes to His temple to fulfill the Torah for the second time. He comes from His circumcision to the altar just as we, after baptism, come to the sacrament of His Body and Blood. The closed womb of virginity that Jesus opens is signified by the east door of the temple, through which only the high priest may enter. Joseph and Mary were of a "humble state," that is, too poor to be able to afford a lamb. Their offering was marked by poverty, simplicity and chastity. The true sacrifice of Christ was the chastity of His body and the grace of His spirit. Simeon is portrayed like the other Old Testament saints in the infancy narrative (Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph). Simeon embodies in himself priesthood and prophecy, and what he presents to Jesus are the keys of the priestly and prophetic offices that unlock the sins that bind humanity. The mystery of Christ is revealed: He is a light to the Gentiles and glory to Israel!

 Master, Lord and God, You sent Your only-begotten Son, Your Word, into the world, born of a woman under the Law for the sake of our redemption. Through Your Spirit, You foretold His coming and bore witness to His presence to Simeon the Elder. Bless us also, Your unworthy servants, by His radiance and accept our prayers, as You accepted the acknowledgment of the prophetess Anna. Make us worthy to embrace Your incarnate Word in our souls, and to be called consecrated temples of Your all-holy Spirit. By Your strength, give joy to our civil authorities and to all your Church, that in us Your Name may be glorified, and that of Your only-begotten Son and that of Your adorable and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Ambon Prayer: On the Feast of the Encounter



~ Announcements ~

- ✠ Our parish is most grateful to **Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kakos** for their incredibly generous gift to the church for the maintenance of our parish cemetery. *«May God grant to His servants Aimée and Michael peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!»*
- ✠ Kindly remember to pray for the health and well-being of two of our parishioners: **Anthony Macchiaroli** and **Mary Ann Kontir**. *«May God grant to His servants Mary Ann and Anthony peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years!»*
- ✠ The first bingo of 2025 will be on **FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY**.
- ✠ The first **ALL SOULS'** is **SATURDAY, 22 FEBRUARY**.