

The Prophet

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The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

is on the 40th day which falls on February 2nd. ('Candlemas' in the Western Church) The Church celebrates Joseph and Mary bringing Jesus to the Temple and his being received (met) by the Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna. The words spoken by Simeon ("Lord, now let your servant depart in peace...") are sung at every vespers.

On this day it is the custom of the Church to bless candles to take home for use throughout the year.

The Paschal Season

The Paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is itself preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man and how his life was greatly changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Lk 19.3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through lent towards Easter. It is the first movement of salvation.

Individual Confession

(Private Confession)

In Confession, the sacrament of repentance and reconciliation, we come to Christ and receive His divine forgiveness. We are allowed once more to enter into Holy Communion with Him in the Church. We are reinstated into that life which we received in baptism and are renewed with that power which we were given in Chrismation.

Individual Confession is a requirement which proves to the community that you, indeed, desire to join yourself to our communion.

As in previous years, I have considered the inclusion of the preparatory time before Great Lent to be considered as a 'lenten confession.' This year the period of time begins January 28 and concludes on March 31st. (No confessions during Holy Week). Why wait? The closer we get to Palm Sunday the longer the wait. Just do it!

Because of the early start of Great Lent, there will be no General Confession in February.

Watch!

Communion is not just 'religious food' which we take into our bodies. This is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Here is an excerpt from a Prayer of St. John Chrysostom: "O Lord my God, I know that I am not worthy nor sufficiently pleasing that You should come under the that you should come under the roof of the house of my soul for it is entirely desolate and fallen in ruin and You will not find in me a place worthy to lay your head. But as you humbled Yourself from on high for our sake, so now humble Yourself to my lowliness."

"Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. "

Corinthians 11:27-31(NKJV)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 4:

O Club Super Bowl brunch

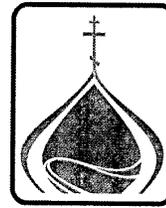
Sunday, February 11,

Meatfare Dinner

Sunday, February 18

Jr. O Club Spaghetti Dinner

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



100

Co-chair women

Diane Yarosh
Matushka Annice Oleynik

Committee Heads:

Venue:

Kyra Schenken
Susan Pazuchanics

Ad Book

Paula Phillis
Dr. Ruth Ann Esaias
Ann Marie Spetek

Ads

Kira Rudolph

Entertainment

Mary Ann Reck

Decorations

Matushka Myra Oleynik
Milana Sopko

Kids' Choir

Leah Stockman

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