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



On February 15, the Holy Church solemnly recalls the meeting of the Infant Christ by the righteous Simeon and the prophetess Anna in the Jerusalem temple, where He was brought by the Most Holy Virgin and Joseph to "do everything according to the law of the Lord."

The righteous and pious elder Simeon thanks God for fulfilling his long-standing aspirations - "to see Christ the Lord." The most pious and righteous aspirations of people have met their fulfillment in him.

The one Who holds everything in His right hand, now, having become a baby, lies in the hands of the old man, and in the Holy Spirit he sees in Him "the Salvation of God prepared before all nations, the Light to enlighten the pagans and the Glory of the people of Israel." (Luke 2, 30-32)

And then the righteous Simeon talks about what will happen to people who either meet Christ, or somehow learn about Him: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many..., and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed." (Luke 2, 34-35)

The Lord Jesus Christ announced His Divine truth to everyone, but not everyone accepted it. Some believed in Him and loved His gospel, others despised and even hated.

"To cause the rising... the Child is destined" to those who create the works of faith — works of love, who, although falling by their infirmities, stumbling over the temptations of the world, immediately resort to the sacrament of Repentance and Holy Communion, trying to be renewed.

Blessed is he who will have the same faith in Him that elder Simeon had. Before such will open the mystery of the immutable truth and the goodness of God. Together with the righteous God-receiver, he will happily say: "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word". Amen.



Baptismal homes blessing

Though water is sanctified many times during a year, only once – during the Baptismal Festivity – that it is sanctified by the special rite (order), for at this time we try to mystically participate at the Lord's Baptism in the river of Jordan, the event that all the Christians join at their own baptism.

The regeneration of the world is dependent on the humans, and begins in the waters of Jordan, thus we bring this water to our homes and houses, as well as our farms and working places and elsewhere – to expand on them the grace of the Baptism.

This blessed tradition has been kept by the Orthodox 9 parishes for many good years like a proper means to extend the Holiday to every house.

The joyful travel from place to place, be it a remote farm (as is often the case), a town or a city house or apartment, or a senior dwelling – has already begun this year, thanks to the president who has given a priest a kind drive and to all our people who have invited us to their places.

Our Lord has kindly given us a clement weather and rather a good road for the season and country.



We have seen so many happy faces, and so many little ones – the children of our parishioners, that it was a sheer joy for us, to see you in good health, even those who have given all the strength of their lives to the Church!

To whom (and also to those who we are still going to see) we would like to express our gratitude for hosting us and helping us, and also to wish a quick fulfilment of all the beautiful prayers of baptismal homes blessing!

God grant you many years!

May this water become a gift of sanctification, a deliverance from sins, for healing of soul and body, and the water springing up to eternal life to all our parishioners!

The mercy of God, the Kingdom of Heaven!



Chimera, Angeline Mary

February 1, 1937 – January 22, 2019

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Angeline announce her passing on January 22, 2019 at the age of 81.

Angeline was a kind, loving, and happy woman devoted to her family and her church.

Angeline is survived by her loving husband, Cecil, her three children, Barbara, Barry (Darlene), Bradley (Jody), eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents, Stanley and Lena, and three siblings, John, Jean, and Rose.

The parishioners of Orthodox 9 extend our deepest and sincere condolences to the family of Chimera for their recent incalculable loss of beloved and kindest wife, mother, grand-mother, great grand-mother, sister and aunt - Angeline Mary.



One of the most devout parishioners in the history of the parishes, a faithful servant of her native Holy Ascension church, a responsible and constant organizer and helper of the church. With her body having rested at her dear parish church, may her soul rest in the peaceful heavenly mansions of God! Memory Eternal!



Special Thanks from the priest and his family

This year during the Christmas season we received a lot of Christmas cards and gifts and sweets with plenty of good wishes from the parishioners and we would like to take the opportunity and express our warm gratitude to all of you, dear brothers and sisters, for your generous support, good wishes and love! May God in return grant you all of these hundredfold!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<u>1</u> St. Macarius the Great. 	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy at Nisku	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> St. Xenia of St. Petersburg 	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy at St. Barbara's Cathedral	<u>11</u> Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer 	<u>12</u> Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs 	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> <i>Meeting of the Lord</i> 	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy at Nisku (Publican and Pharisee Sunday)	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Tikhon, patriarch of Moscow 	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, Vegreville. (Prodigal Son Sunday)	<u>25</u> Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos 	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> St. Cyril, Equal-to-the- Apostles 	<u>28</u>		

If you want me to pray for your near and dear who has departed this life, or for someone who is sick, just give me a call or send me an e-mail or let me know before the service.

Father EVGENIY