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## Sunday, 11 February 2024 Divine Liturgy Sundays at 9:30 AM Confessions 8:45-9:15 AM

Heirom.. Ignatius



В воспоминание об исходе из Египта и об избавлении от рабства каждый первый сын в израильской семье посвящался Богу. Кроме того, каждый мальчик на сороковой день после рождения должен был приноситься матерью в храм, где родители в благодарность

Господу, совершали жертвоприношение, Иосиф и Мария также принесли Младенца Иисуса и жертву за Него – двух голубиных птенцов.

При входе в црам из встретил старец Симеон, живший в Иерусалиме. Он ожидал прешествия Спасителя, и Дух Святой обещал ему, что он не умрет до тех пор, пока своими глазами не увидит Спасителя.

Встретив Марию с Младенцем, Симеон подошел, взял на руки Иисуса и, благодаря Богу, сказал: «Ныне отпускаешь раба Твоего, Владыко, по слову Твоему, с миром; ибо видели очи мои спасение Твое, которое Ты уготовал пред лицом всех народов, свет к просвещению язычников, и славу народа Твоего Израиля» (Лк. 2:29-32)

## The Meeting of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This holiday we commemorate the bringing of Jesus Christ by the Blessed Virgin Mary, after the days of purification, to the temple for the ransom established by the law of Moses. The Most Holy Virgin, although she had no need for purification, nevertheless appeared in the temple to fulfill everything according to the law.

In the temple the Child was met by the righteous Simeon. In sacred delight, St. The elder sends up praise and thanks to God, who fulfilled the aspirations of his heart, and, imbued with a feeling of unearthly bliss, takes the Baby into his arms and, at the end of his days, utters wondrous

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words that St. The Church repeats daily in Vespers at sunset: "Now let Thy servant depart. Master, according to Your word be with peace; For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people: a light for the revelation of gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel."

Listening to these words, Joseph and Mary marveled at them, for these words clearly testified that the secret of God had already been revealed to the righteous Simeon. Continuing then with his inspired prophecy, the righteous elder turned to Mary and, pointing to Her at the Child, said: "Behold, this one is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, ... and a weapon will pierce your very soul: so that they will be revealed from many hearts of thought." At the same time, righteous Anna was in the temple, who also added her inspired voice to the voice of Simeon, glorifying God and, like a prophetess, probably speaking about the Child in a prophetic sense. The holiday itself received its name from the event of the meeting of the Infant with God by righteous Simeon.

## Our meeting with the Lord

We also meet the Lord daily during the Liturgy, when at the end of it the Holy Mysteries of the Body and Blood of Christ appear in the open royal doors, and the choir sings: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, God the Lord, and appears to us.* In addition, believers and piously living Christians have internal, secret meetings every day, i.e. meeting the Lord Iduring prayer, secret or open, during diligent repentance, when Christ comes to the repentant soul secretly and comforts it, embraces it in a fatherly manner, reconciles with it, dwells in it, especially during the sincere communion of the Holy Mysteries of Christ Body and Blood His... Let us meet the Lord here on earth, as long as we live, in repentance and virtue with pure and undefiled souls, remaining in mutual love and doing all righteousness, so that at His second coming we may meet Him in joy and settle forever in His kingdom.

()Righteous. John of Kronstadt)