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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



February 2, 2014

The Meeting in the Temple of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ

Grave Tone ~ Eothion 10 ~ Ps. 109:8

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (February 2)

The Meeting of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ; Martyr Agathodoros of Cappadocia; New-martyrs Jordan of Trebizond and Gabriel of Constantinople.

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Grave Tone: Thou didst shatter death by Thy cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy, and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Presentation of our Lord – Tone 1: Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos full of grace, for from thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice, O righteous elder, carrying in thine arms the Deliverer of our souls, who granteth us the resurrection.

Kontakion of the Presentation of the Lord – Tone 1: Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love; for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

Prokeimenon: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

Verse: For He has regarded the humility of His servant.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

(Chapter 7:7-17)

BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here, tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself,

who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, Who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of Him, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

(Chapter 2:22-40)

At that time, the infant Jesus was brought up to Jerusalem by His parents to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people, Israel."

And Joseph and His mother marveled at what was said about Him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, His mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all who were looking for the redemption in Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb. 8th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 9th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Publican & Pharisee)
Saturday, Feb. 15th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 16th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Prodigal Son)
Saturday, Feb. 22nd – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M. (Souls Saturday)
Saturday, Feb. 22nd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:30 P.M.
Sunday, Feb. 23rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Meatfare Sunday)
Saturday, March 1st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, March 2nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M. (Cheesefare Sunday)
Sunday, March 2nd – Forgiveness Vespers, 5:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trisagion prayers are offered today by the **Gillis** and **Russell families** for the repose of **Dorthy Gillis** (memory eternal).

The **coffee hour** is brought to you today by **Sevin** and **Tania Russell**. Thank you.

The **St. Basil Youth Group** shall hold their monthly meeting today, Feb. 2nd, after Divine Liturgy. All teens and tweens 11 years old or older are invited to attend.

The **Ladies Guild** shall hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, Feb. 9th, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

Our annual **Super Bowl Party** and **Chili Cook-off** is scheduled for today, Feb. 2th. Festivities, God willing, shall begin 30 minutes before kick-off. Party animals, and purveyors and taste-testers of fine chili and other tasty foods, are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Our Annual Pledge Drive is currently underway for the calendar year 2014. All adult members of the parish are encouraged to complete and return a pledge form to the church office. Pledge forms may be found in the narthex of the church building. All pledges are held in strict confidence. Only the total number of pledges and the total pledge amount is made available to the public. Your financial support of our church community is your support of yourself and your contribution to help insure you and your family has a place to worship. Thank you and God bless you.

Registration for **Camp St. Thekla** is currently underway. Registration forms may be downloaded at www.campstthekla.org. Campers are accepted on a first come, first serve basis; therefore, registration should occur as quickly as possible. Please see Fr. Peter for camper scholarship information. For more details, please contact Fr. Philip Rogers, Camp Director, PO Box 52482 Lafayette, LA 70505, Phone: 337-232-9808, Email: CampStThekla@gmail.com

On Saturday, Feb. 8, **Mr. Kenny Kidd**, from **Orthodox Christian Mission Center**, will visit our parish during Great Vespers. He will update us on the work of the Mission Center and how we can be involved. Please join us for an informative presentation and discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

There is no fasting from Saturday, Feb. 8, until Tuesday, Feb. 18, inclusive. The meat fast begins Monday, Feb. 24. Great Lent begins Monday, March 3.

Our annual **Wine** and **Cheese Social** shall be held on Cheesefare Sunday, March 2nd, in the Church Hall after Divine Liturgy. Please bring enough wine, cheese and crackers for yourself and friends.

The **Ladies Guild** is continuing the sale of frozen, ready-to-cook packages of Lebanese recipes - namely beef shawarma (\$12 a package) and chicken shish ta'ouk (\$10 a package). The sale will continue through Meatfare Sunday, Feb. 23. Simple cooking instructions are available in the parish hall.

As of January 26, 2014, 30 pledges were received totaling \$63,555.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for January 26, 2014, totaled \$1,974 for a year-to-date total of \$7,804 (~\$1,951/week). We are approximately \$2,696 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”
Proverbs 29:2

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After Epiphany (Jan. 6) (Circle one)		After Pascha (April 20)	

