



Sunday, February 2nd, 2020 - Presentation of Our Lord

This Morning's Readings

St. Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews 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 for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel According to Luke 2:22-40

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem 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 turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, 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 let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people

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This Morning's Hymns

Hail to you who are full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from you has dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, Who enlightened those in darkness. And you, righteous elder, shall also rejoice, for in your arms, you receive Him Who is the Liberator of our souls, Who also grants us Resurrection.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb that we may be released from pains in this world. You Who are the resurrection and our life, glory to You, O Lord.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

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Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon 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 of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a 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 God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of 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, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Announcements

NARTHEX DUTY SCHEDULE - Group 3: Juli Pritsos, Coordinator

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE - Group 1 - St. Basil the Great

EPISTLE READER - Ryan Choukalas

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our annual offering envelopes have been delayed due to an equipment problem at the printer. As soon as we receive them they will be available for pickup outside the Cathedral or in the Narthex. In the meantime, there are blank envelopes in the Narthex available for your use.

CITY OF PHOENIX NEW PIPELINE PROJECT IN CATHEDRAL NEIGHBORHOOD

City of Phoenix is holding an Open House in our small community hall on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 9:00am to 11:00am and 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to speak one-on-one with the project team members about this upcoming 2020-2022 construction.

FAITH FULFILLMENT: THE LITURGY

Missed our first class last Monday? No worries, come anyway! Ever have questions about the Divine Liturgy? Come to our Faith Fulfillment class on the Divine Liturgy Monday nights at 7:00pm and find out! We'll take a 5-class journey into the meaning of what we do every Liturgy.

BYZANTINE CHANT CLASSES

The 2020 Byzantine Chant classes are held on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm. This is an intensive course in the system of our traditional church music, including the modal system, notation, history and performance as well as the structure of the services of the Church. The course is also a prerequisite to join our parish's Byzantine Choir. Anyone interested should contact Cantor George Duvall at george.d@cox.net or through the church office. Please help us expand our Byzantine Choir as you more deeply explore the sacred traditions of Orthodoxy.

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Stop by the table in the Community Center after church *any Sunday in February* to sign up for your time slot OR go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b6b9m4c6/> to sign up now. If you have any questions, please email Donna Manelis at donnamanelis@outlook.com or call 602-315-2408.

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX SUMMER CAMP

May 31-June 6 hosted at Whispering Pines Camp, Prescott. A summer camp experience where for one week, campers pray, eat, learn, create, compete, dance and sing all together as an Orthodox village. All set within the context of living an Orthodox Christian life, this camp ministry is led by a team of highly trained counseling staff, volunteers and clergy. Currently seeking camp counselors, please apply at info@AllSaintsCampArizona.org. Camper registration to open soon!

This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Today, Sunday 2/2 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD	8:00 am - Matins 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	11:45 am - Youth Choir rehearsal 12:30pm - Dance practice
Monday 2/3		7:00 pm - Faith Fulfillment class (Conf. Room) 8:00 pm - Pickup Basketball (HTC Basketball Court)
Wednesday 2/5		5:00 pm - Greek School 7:00 pm - Choir practice 7:00 pm - Dance practice
Thursday 2/6		6:00 pm - Byzantine Chant class 7:00 pm - Philoptochos meeting 7:00 pm - Young Adult meeting/ Paraklesis
Saturday 2/8		6:00 pm - Dance Workshop
Sunday 2/9 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE TRIODION BEGINS	8:00 am - Matins 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	11:45 am - Youth Choir rehearsal 12:30pm - Dance practice

Welcome to Rev. Fr. Aaron Gilbert who is visiting from Holy Trinity Cathedral in Camp Hill, PA. Fr. Aaron is the son of Presvytera Denise Gilbert, and the grandson of Chris and Rita Bruskas.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting Holy Trinity Cathedral this morning we welcome you in the Name of the Lord! Orthodox Christian worship may be unlike other forms of worship you have encountered but you can follow along in the service book in the pews. (If you need assistance, simply ask the nearest parishioner.) And though Holy Communion is offered only to the Orthodox faithful who are prepared to receive the Holy Gifts, the blessed bread is offered to everyone after the service. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex and join us for coffee and refreshments in the community center so we can get to know you. May your time with us be blessed!

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An appetizer before the main course

HOW WE LEARN

February 2nd, 2020

When our children embark upon their academic pursuits, a certain set of expectations and support resources go with them. Parents take these endeavors seriously and remain actively engaged in their child's progress; not only delivering their young to the school building on time, but ensuring that the student arrives well-rested, well-fed, alert, and prepared to engage the coursework. Parent-Teacher conferences are attended and remedial activities are embraced when required.

All of these components are necessary to deliver academic success; the educational team consisting of the student, parents, teachers, and - to an extent - fellow classmates and study partners. It is never sufficient for a student to merely attend the classroom, even with perfect attendance, if these other aspects of the learning environment are missing. And this model of success holds true for aspiring young artists or athletes. Whether in the classroom, dance studio, performance hall, field, pitch, ice rink, or the ball diamond; a coherent strategy of engagement is required.

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Christ Child into the Holy Temple, we find another arena in which this model of success must be present if our own children are to succeed in their spiritual growth and development. According to the custom of the Hebraic Law, Jesus was brought into the Temple with the appropriate offerings after 40 days, a custom we still follow in our Orthodox 40-Day "Churchings" of infants. This small rite is easily one of my favorite priestly duties as I carry each precious soul into the Church for the first time.

This event finds its place in the continuum of prayer that attends each new soul from conception, birth, naming on the 8th day, (an older custom rarely followed nowadays) 40-day Churching, baptism, etc. Taken together, these milestones establish a trajectory of life for the child in the Orthodox Christian family. Far more than mere "blessings," these milestones give the family a true course heading through life into the Heavenly Kingdom, providing the content and the context of life against which all other values, goals, and decisions are weighed and made.

As concerns the spiritual development of our children and the all-important deposit of the Faith in Jesus Christ which alone provides salvation, the self-same model of successful engagement must be present and active. In the same way that parents partner with their children in the successful completion of their school work and other personal goals, parents must partner with their children in the acquisition and personal application of the Orthodox Christian faith in their young lives.

In exactly the same way that frequent classroom absences and a neglect of the coursework results in "poor marks" and academic failure, frequent worship absences and a neglect of personal and family prayer in the home will result in "poor faith" and spiritual failure. Our temptation is to assign an osmotic capacity to simply "being in Church" that doesn't actually exist. The message of the Feast of the Presentation we celebrate today is meant for parents who wish for their children success in the Spiritual Life. May we be inspired by the example of godliness provided us by the Virgin Mary and the elder Joseph to energetically assist our young ones in their growth in Christ.

In Christ,

Fr. Apostolos

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