

The Olive Shoots
St. Symeon Orthodox Church
January 27, 2013

+The Meeting of our Lord into the Temple+
(Feast Day on February 2, 2013)



“and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord,
“a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” – Luke 2: 22-40

Upcoming Events

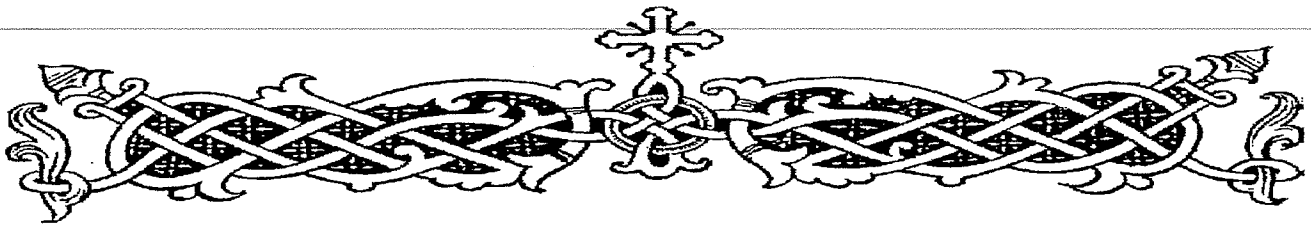
Friday, February 1, 2013: Great Vespers with Lytia for the feast at 6:30

Saturday, February 2, 2013: Liturgy for the feast at 10:00

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We have a new website-theoliveshoots.webstarts.com!





Troparion - Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace!
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God.
Enlightening those who sat in darkness!
Rejoice, and be glad, O righteous elder;
You accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls,
Who grants us the Resurrection.

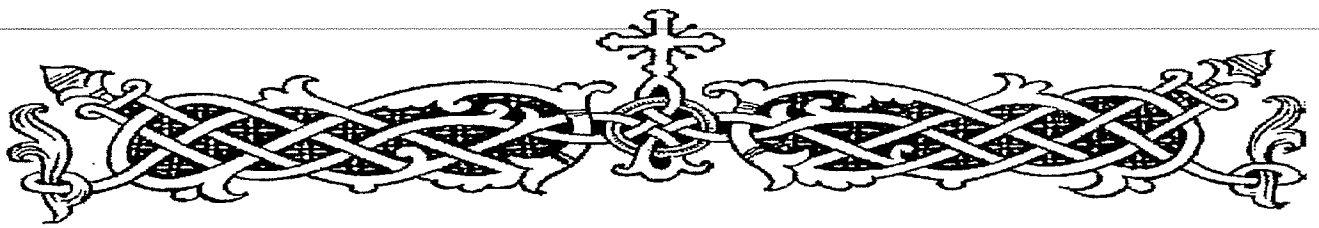
Kontakion - Tone 1

By Your nativity, You did sanctify the Virgin's womb,
And did bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God.
Now You have come and saved us through love.
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

This Week's Bible Verse

"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 to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." ~Luke 2: 29-32



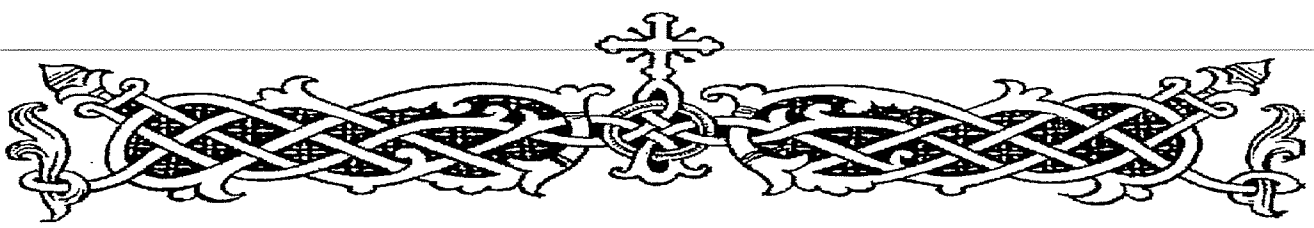


The Meeting of our Lord

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him 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 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 to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." And his father 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 Phan'u-el, 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.

Luke 2:22-40





Question and Answer game

Use the facts that you get from reading the bulletin to answer the questions below!

1. How old was Jesus when he was presented into the temple?

2. Who took Jesus into the temple and said “Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace”?

3. What was the name of the Prophetess

4. Finish the sentence.- From you shone the Sun of _____ Christ our God.

5. Finish the sentence.- a pair of _____, or two young pigeons.

6. When is the feast of the Meeting of our lord?

7. Who is Phan´u-el?

8. Is the prophetess young or old?

