

SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS
PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE



Icon of the Presentation of Our Lord -- February 2nd

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the one who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of His eternal light. Our candles also show how bright our souls should be when we go to meet Christ. The Mother of God, the most pure Virgin, carried the true light in her arms and brought Him to those who lay in darkness. We too should carry a light for all to see and reflect the radiance of the true light as we hasten to meet Him.

The true light has come, the light that enlightens everyone who is born into this world. Let all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal. Rejoicing with Simeon, let us sing a

hymn of thanksgiving to God, the Father of the light, who sent the true light to dispel the darkness and to give us all a share in His splendor.

Through Simeon's eyes we too have seen the salvation of God which He prepared for all the nations and revealed as the glory of the new Israel, which is ourselves. As Simeon was released from the bonds of this life when he had seen Christ, so we too were at once freed from our old state of sinfulness.

By faith we too embraced Christ, the salvation of God the Father, as He came to us from Bethlehem. Gentiles before, we have now become the people of God. Our eyes have seen God incarnate, and because we have seen Him present among us and have mentally received Him into our arms, we are called the new Israel. Never shall we forget this presence; every year we keep a feast in His honor.

St. Sophronius

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Sunday – February 2, 2025

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday February 1 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday February 2 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of Zacchaeus - Encounter of Jesus Christ in the Temple (Blessings for Ellen from Friends) (For the Parish)
Wednesday February 5 9:00 a.m.	(+Eva, +Mary, +Esther from Ruth)
Friday February 7 9:00 a.m.	(Living of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Saturday February 8 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday February 9 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (+Horace Hitchens from Family) (For the Parish)

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES - TODAY

We will soon start our preparation classes for children intending to make their First Confession in 2025. Classes will be held on Sundays between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM), beginning on January 26. First Confessions will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 12, 2025). No class will be held on February 16 (President's Day weekend). All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation for the sacrament. If you have children of First Confession age in your family (age 7+), please contact Olya Mulvey by email at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to register or learn more.

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5

Catechism classes will be held from 10:15-11:15 am on Sunday. Please mark these dates for the first semester: February 9, 23, March 9, 23, April 6, 27, May 4, 18

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE WITH PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV AS HE VISITS THE ARCHEPARCHY HOPE & PERSEVERANCE, PEACE & JUSTICE

February 16 at 11:00 AM – His Beatitude Sviatoslav will celebrate the Pontifical Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. After the Liturgy, His Beatitude will give his blessing to the faithful, followed by refreshments in the cathedral hall and a catechetical program for children, youth, and adults.

February 16 at 4:00 PM – Archbishop Nelson Pérez, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the U.S. will lead a prayer service for Hope & Perseverance, Peace & Justice in Ukraine at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. This service will commemorate the solemn third anniversary of the full-scale invasion.

February 18 at 5:00 PM – A special conference at the Catholic University of America hosted by the Bishop Losten Center of Ukrainian Church Studies. The meeting will be held in Hannan Hall Auditorium at the Catholic University of America, 620 Michigan Ave., N.E. Washington, DC 20064 at 5:00 p.m.

February 18 at 7:00 PM – His Beatitude Sviatoslav will lead a prayer service with our Bishops of the United States, for Hope & Perseverance, Peace & Justice in Ukraine. We will be commemorating the solemn third anniversary of the full-scale invasion in our Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. There will be refreshments after the service and an opportunity to greet him.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR SOROKOUSTY 2025 (LIST OF YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES)

In the Ukrainian Catholic Church, it is the custom to remember our beloved dead during the time of the Great Fast. The Great Fast begins on Monday March 3 in 2025. These commemorations occur on Saturdays because the Saviour of the world rested in the grave on Great and Holy Saturday, awaiting the Resurrection. Thus, Saturday became for Christians the day for commemorating the deceased, who await the resurrection on the last day. We will be starting our remembrances of the dead on Saturdays, beginning March 8 at 10:00 a.m. Please take the time to remember your deceased family members on the Saturdays of the Great Fast. They hope for our prayers; and in turn, they pray for us. Please submit an envelope with your list of names by email or US Mail. An offering is customarily made for the priests

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.