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## *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to God for All Things!*

<b>February 2, 2014</b>	<b>The Meeting of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
February 8	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
February 9	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

**Saints of the Day.** New Hieromartyr Priest Basil Martyr Michael (1938). Saint Anthimus of Chios (1960). New Martyr Jordan of Trebizond (1650). New Martyr Gabriel at Constantinople (1676). Martyr Agathodorus of Cappadocia. Saint Oncho of Clonmore, the Poet (c,600). Saint Elfleda of Whitby, Abbess, Virgin (714). Saint Kigwe the Virgin of Monmouthshire (5<sup>th</sup> c.). Saint Cuthman of Steyning, Hermit (9th c).

**Please remember in your prayers:** Abducted nuns and orphans of Saint Tekla Monastery in Syria, Suffering Christians of Egypt, Syria and the Middle East. Bishop BOULOS Yazigi, Bishop YOHANNA Ibrahim, of Aleppo. Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Bohdan, Sergius, Jacobus, Andrij, Vasil, Vasil. Deacons Mark, Demetrios, Philip. Mother Raphaela, Dimitri, Nina, Daniel, Catherine, Helen, Anna, Peter, Helen, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Nettie, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren, Vincent, Archpriest Leonid, Diane, Abigail.

**God Grant Many Years!** Prayers for the health of Archpriest Jason Kappanadze, Archimandrite Athanasy (Mastalsky), Rick LeRoy, Archpriest Ed Pehanich, and Cathy Udics Baran were offered today at Liturgy and Litiya at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Paul Shust (+February 4, 2008) were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Martha Shust.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of Priest Charles Salkeld were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

**Memory Eternal.** Prayers for the repose of were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

On the **Feast of the Meeting of the Lord**, the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Lk 2: 22-40). On the 40th day after birth, the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple – the centre of religious life of the God-chosen nation. By the Law of Moses (Lev 12) a woman, having given birth to a child of the male gender, was forbidden for 40 days to enter into the Temple of God. After this interval the mother came to the Temple with the child, so as to offer to the Lord thanksgiving and a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, did not have need for purification, since without defilement she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity, but in profound humility she submitted to the precepts of the Law.

At this time there lived at Jerusalem the righteous elder Simeon (the account about him is located under the day of his commemoration, 3 February). It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold Christ the Saviour. By inspiration from above, the pious elder went to the Temple at that very moment when the Most Holy Mother of God and Righteous Joseph had brought there the Infant Jesus, so as to fulfill the ritual ceremony of the Law.

The God-Bearer Simeon took the God-Infant in his arms, and having given thanks to God, he uttered a prophecy about the Saviour of the world: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart, in peace, according to Thy word, For mine eyes have Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to enlighten the gentiles and to be the glory of Thy people Israel" (Lk 2: 29-32). Righteous Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, This One is set for the fall and rising up of many in Israel and for the sign spoken against, and for Thee Thyself a sword shalt pierce the soul, so that the thoughts of many hearts might be revealed" (Lk 2: 35).

At the Temple also the 84 year old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (commemorated 3 February), "who did not leave the temple, serving God both day and night in fasting and prayer. And she also at that time, having drawn near, glorified the Lord and spoke about Him (the God-Infant) to all awaiting deliverance at Jerusalem" (Lk 2: 37-38).

Before the Birth of Christ, all righteous men and women lived by faith in the Future Messiah the Saviour of the world, and they awaited His coming. The final righteous ones of the closing Old Testament – Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna – were deemed worthy to meet at the Temple the Bearer of the New Testament, in the Person of Whom both Divinity and humanity do meet.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. It is known, that on the day of this solemnity were proclaimed sermons by Sainted Bishops Methodios of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphylokios of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). But in spite of its early origin, this feast was not so solemnly celebrated until the VI Century. During the reign of Justinian in the year 528, a catastrophe befell Antioch – an earthquake, in which many people perished. And upon this misfortune there followed others. In the year 544 there appeared a pestilential plague, daily carrying off several thousand people. During these days of widespread travail, it was revealed to a certain pious Christian that the celebration of the Meeting of the Lord should be done more solemnly. When at the day of the Meeting of the Lord the all-night vigil was finally made with church procession, the disasters at Byzantium ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established in 544 that the Meeting of the Lord should be done more solemnly.

Church melodists adorned this feast with many a church work of song: in the VII Century – Saint Andrew Archbishop of Crete; in the VIII Century – Saint Cosma Bishop of Maium, Monk John Damascene, Saint Germanos Patriarch of Constantinople; and in the IX Century – Saint Joseph the Studite, Archbishop of Thessalonika.

#### SCHEDULE OF LENTEN AND PASCHAL SERVICES, 2014 (subject to change)

<b>February 2</b>	<b>Sunday of Zacchæus</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
<b>February 9</b>	<b>Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
<b>February 16</b>	<b>Sunday of the Prodigal Son</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
<b>February 23</b>	<b>Sunday of the Last Judgment/Meatfare</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
<b>March 2</b>	<b>Sunday of Cheese fare</b>	Divine Liturgy, Forgiveness Vespers	9:30 am
March 3	Monday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
March 4	Tuesday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
March 5	Wednesday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
March 6	Thursday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
March 7	Friday	Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	6:00 pm
March 8	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Sunday of the Triumph of Orthodoxy</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
March 12	Wednesday	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	6:00 pm
March 14	Friday	Akathist to the Mother of God	6:00 pm
March 15	Saturday	Soul Saturday	Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
March 19	Wednesday	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	6:00 pm
March 21	Friday	Akathistos Hymn for the Departed	6:00 pm
March 22	Saturday	Soul Saturday	Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
<b>March 23</b>	<b>Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
March 25	Monday	<b>Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady</b>	Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
March 26	Wednesday	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	6:00 pm
March 28	Friday	Akathistos Hymn to the Holy Cross	6:00 pm
March 29	Saturday	Soul Saturday	Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Sunday of Saint John of ‘the Ladder’</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
April 2	Wednesday	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	6:00 pm
April 3	Thursday	Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	6:00 pm
April 4	Friday	Akathistos Hymn to the Mother of God	6:00 pm
April 5	Saturday	Praises of the Mother of God	Divine Liturgy <b>9:00 am</b>
	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
April 9	Wednesday	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	6:00 pm
April 11	Friday	Akathistos Hymn to the Passion of Christ	6:00 pm
April 12	Saturday	<b>Resurrection of Lazarus</b>	Divine Liturgy 9:30 am
	Saturday	Great Vespers, Blessing of Palms	4:00 pm
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Entrance of Our Lord Into Jerusalem</b>	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
April 16	HOLY WEDNESDAY	Holy Unction	6:00 pm
April 17	HOLY THURSDAY	Vespers and Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
	HOLY THURSDAY	Matins of the Twelve Gospels	6:00 pm
April 18	HOLY FRIDAY	Vespers - Burial Service, Procession	6:00 pm
April 19	HOLY SATURDAY	Vespers and Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	Blessing Baskets 4:00 pm
<b>April 20</b>	<b>HOLY PASCHA</b>	<b>Midnight Service</b>	<b>11:30 pm</b>
	<b>HOLY PASCHA</b>	<b>Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing Baskets</b>	<b>midnight</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>HOLY PASCHA</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>BRIGHT MONDAY</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy [Procession]</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
OTHER DATES:	April 5	Church Cleaning	10:30 am (after Liturgy)