

## Pastoral Message from Fr. George for 2.9.24

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“A layman asked me:

– *Besides God and prayer,  
what is the most important  
word for our daily lives?*

I thought and answered  
him:

– Time. This is the most

important word. It is the opposite of the  
saddest and irreversible word – late.

If you have to forgive something – do it *today*  
and from the heart.

If you can show your love – do it *today*.

If you can say a kind word, offer help, support,  
comfort, encourage, care, feed – do it *today*.

Do it in time.” (Monk Seraphim Rose)

**JOIN US FOR OUR  
PARISH FAMILY GET-TOGETHER  
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AFTER CHURCH.  
MAKE AND SHARE YOUR FAVORITE  
FAMILY/ETHNIC RECIPE FOR OUR  
“SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH”, OR YOU  
CAN OFFER YOUR FAVORITE  
BEVERAGE OR DESSERT TO SHARE.  
THANKS TO PRESBYTERA  
MARINDA FOR CHAIRING.**



For our “Family Get-Together on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>”, we are off to a great start with those signing up to bring food in advance. Our suggestion was soup and sandwiches, however, many families are bringing more, so we thank them! Those signing up in advance report they are bringing a wide variety of foods to share with you:

*Beef & vegetable soup with cheese tortellini, Brunswick stew with corn muffins, ham and cheese sammies, lamb roast with orzo, enchiladas, tuna sandwiches, homemade bread, and*

*great desserts that include angel food cake with strawberries and cool whip, Texas sheet cake, brownies, and more.*

Again, make and bring your favorite family food – whether soup, sandwiches, your favorite meats, sides, salads, or beverages.

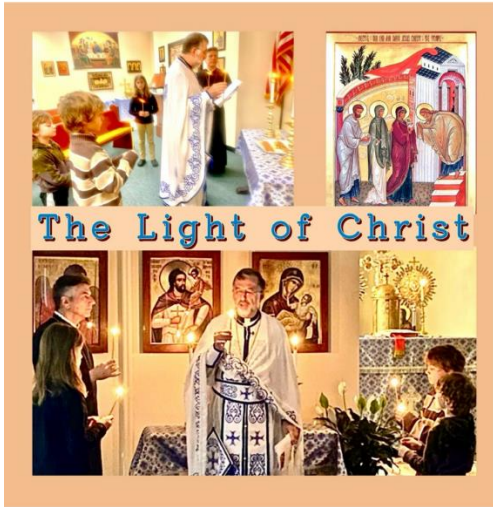


A family that **prays** stays together.  
**together.**

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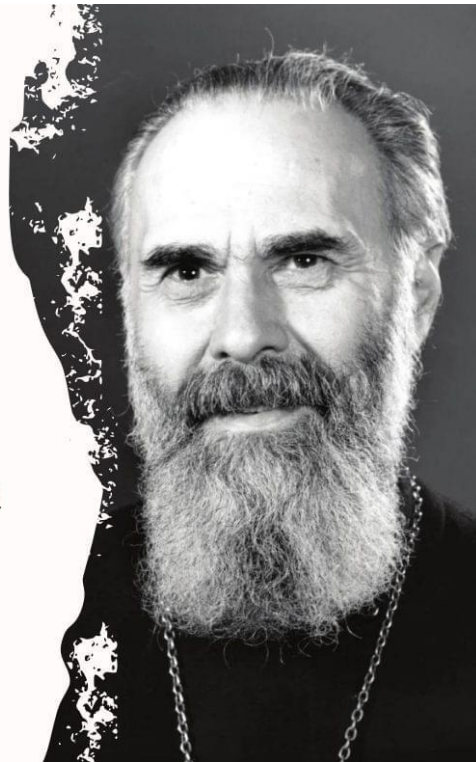


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We should try  
to live in such way  
that if the Gospels  
were lost, they  
could be re-written  
by looking at us.

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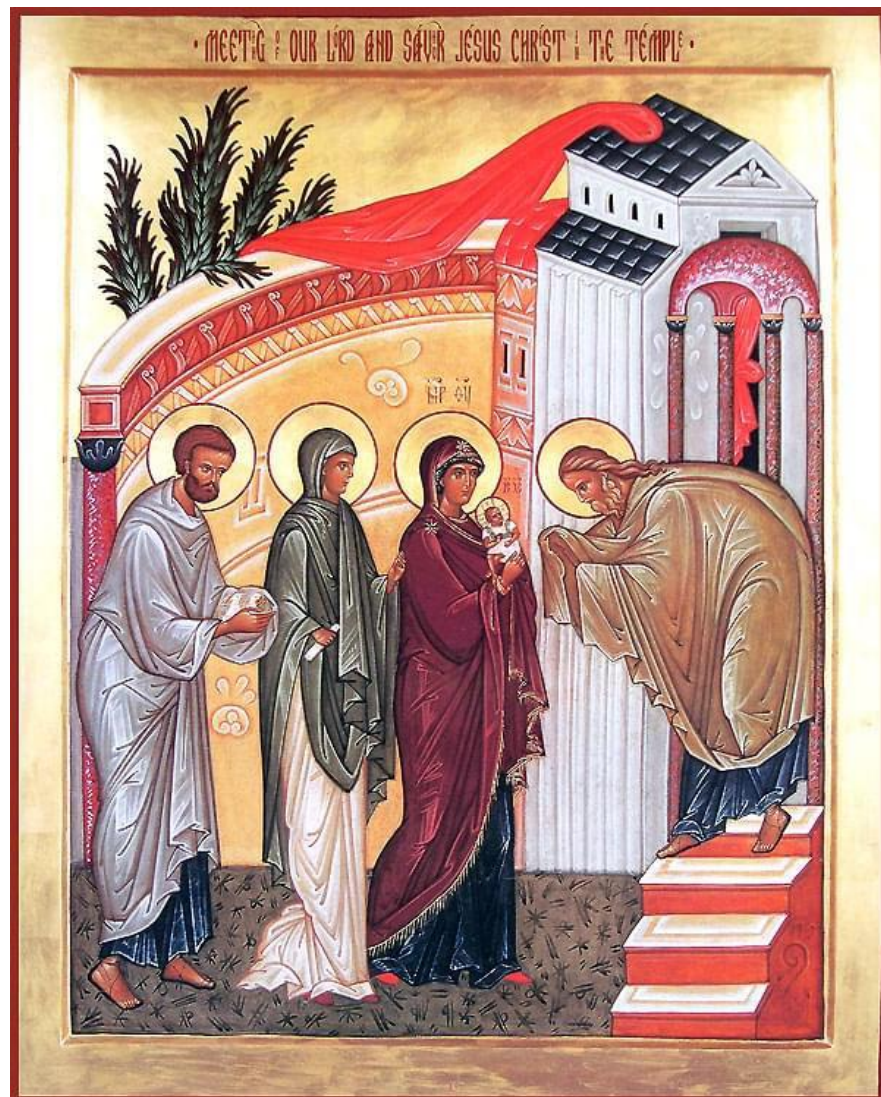
Always do right. This will  
gratify some people and  
astonish the rest.

Mark Twain



## The Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple

Throughout the Nativity cycle, we have celebrated the appearing of the Lord in the flesh—in Bethlehem as an infant, in the Jordan as a full-grown man, and now in the temple as a sacrifice. This was the pattern of the Lord's life: He came as a child, actively ministered for three years after his baptism, and then was offered up to death on the Cross. This should also be the trajectory of our life: we are born in Christ through water and the Spirit, we reach some level of spiritual maturity, and then we are ready to live sacrificially for the Lord and for others. What shall we offer to the Lord in place of two turtledoves—time, talents, treasure? What shall we render to the Lord for all He has given unto us sinners?





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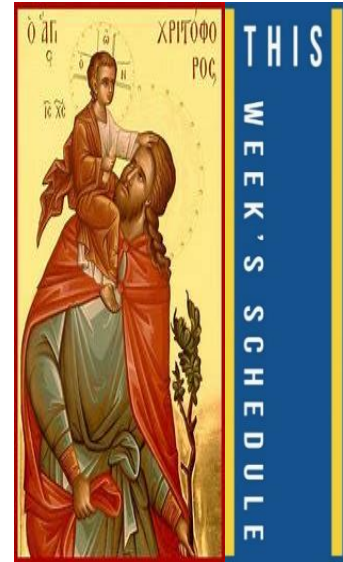
## **February 11, 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Matthew**

**7:45 Orthros**

**9:00 Divine Liturgy & Churching of  
Mother & Child**

**10:45 Religious Education Classes**

**11:45 Parish Council Meeting**



## **February 14, (Archangel Michael Chapel, Atlanta)**

**8:00 Orthros**

**9:00 Divine Liturgy**

\*On Valentine's Day, Fr. George will offer church services in the Metropolis Chapel. His Eminence invites all the faithful from throughout the Atlanta metro area to join us if their schedules permit.

## **February 18, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Canaanite**

**7:45 Orthros**

**9:00 Divine Liturgy**

**10:45 Religious Education Classes**

**11:45 Philoptochos Board Meeting**



