

# Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Jan. 27, 2019 9:00am 35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Translation of St. John Chrysostom's Relics, Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs of Russia

## **TODAY'S READINGS:**

Col. 3:12-16 Matt. 25:14-30

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR:**

Today: Thanksgiving Prayers • Coffee Hour • Welcome Brunch  
Mon. Jan. 28 5:30pm Daily Vespers  
Tue. Jan. 29 6:30pm Gt. Vespers, Feast of Three Hierarchs, in Ansonia  
Wed. Jan. 30 9:00am Divine Liturgy, Three Hierarch Feast, Ansonia  
5:30pm Daily Vespers  
Thu. Jan. 31 5:00pm OCF Daily Vespers, Yale, Lovett Room of Battell Chapel  
Fri. Feb. 1 6:00pm Vigil, Feast of the Meeting of the Lord into the Temple  
Sat. Feb. 2 9:00am Festal Divine Liturgy Heb. 7:7-17; Luke 2:22-40  
5:00pm Great Vespers, General Confession  
Sun. Feb. 3 9:00am 36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: Righteous God-bearer Simeon, and Anna the Prophetess  
I Tim. 1:15-17 Matt. 15:21-28  
Parish Annual Meeting

**Welcome** to all our visitors today!

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House Blessing This Year: The sign-up sheet for the blessing of homes is at the candle desk. Fr. Steven is continuing to bless homes and will follow-up with those requesting a blessing.

Please continue to pray for Archpriest Steven and Mat. Deborah Belonick, as Fr. Steven continues his treatment.

## **Feasts this Week:**

Feast of Three Hierarchs: All are invited to travel to Three Saints Church, in Ansonia, for their patronal feast, on Tuesday evening for Vespers at 6:30pm, and Liturgy Wednesday, at 9am.

Meeting of the Lord in the Temple: Vigil: Friday night at 6pm. Liturgy 9am on Saturday morning, right here at Holy Transfiguration Church!

**Annual Parish Meeting, Second Official Notice:** The 2019 annual parish meeting will be on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> following the Divine Liturgy and coffee hour. We will be receiving reports, approving a budget for the year, electing parish council officers and members, and discussing old and new business for the good of our parish. (There are no by-laws amendments to be considered.) As indicated in our parish by-laws, voting members of the parish are those who have participated in the holy sacraments of Confession and Communion in our parish at least once during 2018, and who have indicated as least a minimum of support for the parish by fulfilling the basic commitment for 2018. This second official notice is printed in today's bulletin, posted on our website and announced aloud in church. As required by our by-laws, it will be repeated a third time in the same places.

Reports for next week's meeting are available for you to pick up today. Please take time to read the reports during the week and prepare any questions you may have for when each report is referenced. **Please remember to bring them with you next Sunday**; we will not have additional copies available.

## **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple**

Leonid Ouspensky, an iconographer who wrote extensively on the holy icons, lived an incredible life that began before 1917 being an atheist who through icons out of homes he visited, and who also knew Monk Gregory Kroug, another well-known iconographer. An émigré in France, he and his monastic friend were part of the Brotherhood of St. Photius. He writes about this feast in *The Meaning of Icons*.

He writes of this feast as a literal meeting of the old and new covenants! Reflecting the liturgical texts he writes: "The liturgical texts exalt him as the greatest of the prophets: more than even Moses, Simeon deserves the title of 'He who has seen God' for to Moses God appeared enveloped in darkness, whilst Simeon carried in his arms the eternal incarnate Word. Also, 'He revealed to the nations the Light, the Cross, and the Resurrection (Litya verse)' (an allusion to the 'sword which will pierce the soul' of Mary in the same verse)." ... (pp. 168-169).

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Сегодня- Литургия- 35-я Неделя по Пятидесятница  
[Послание к Колоссянам 3:12-16 и от Матфея 25:14-30]  
Приветственный Завтрак  
Пятн. 6:00 чд Бдение Сретение Господне  
Субб. 9:00 чу Литургия Сретение Господне  
5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь  
Воск. 9:00чу Литургия- 36-я Неделя по Пятидесятница  
[Первое Послание к Тимофе 1:15-17 и от Матфея 15:21-28]  
Ежегодный Приходское Собрание