

**February 2**

**The Encounter of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ**

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**DIVINE LITURGY**

***Entrance***

The Lord has made known His salvation;\* He has revealed His truth before the nations.

***Troparion and Kontakion***

*Troparion, Tone 1* Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God!\* From you there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,\* who enlightens those who dwell in darkness.\* And you, O righteous Elder, be glad!\* You received in your embrace\* the Liberator of our souls,\* who grants us resurrection.

*Glory... Now...*

*Kontakion, Tone 1* By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb\* and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon.\* You have come also now and saved us, O Christ our God;\* give peace to Your community in time of war,\* and strengthen its rulers, whom You love,\* for You alone,\* are the Lover of mankind.

***Prokeimenon, Tone 3***

My soul magnifies the Lord,\* and my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Saviour.

*verse:* Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

***Epistle***

*Hebrews 7:7-17*

***Alleluia, Tone 8***

*verse:* Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word.

*verse:* For my eyes have seen Your salvation, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people, Israel.

***Gospel***

*Luke 2:22-40*

***Instead of Truly Fitting we sing:***

O God-bearing Virgin, hope of Christians, protect and guard and save all those who put their trust in you.

*And the Irmos, Tone 3*

In the law, the shadow, and the scriptures, we the faithful see a figure: every male child that opens the womb shall be sanctified to God. Therefore do we magnify the first-born Word and Son of the Father who is without beginning, the first-born Child of a Mother who had not known man.

***Communion Verse***

I will take the chalice of salvation, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia (3).