

Christ the Savior

WEEKLY CHURCH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Last Week We Learned

9/27/2021

This year in church school our theme is “The Life of Christ.” This past week students studied the Nativity of the Theotokos and the Presentation of the Theotokos.

In these teachings students learned about Joachim and Anna, Mary’s parents, and how they were childless for most of their adult lives. They prayed

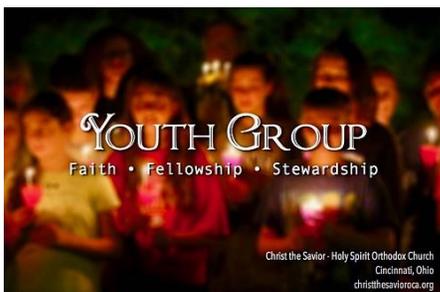
for many years and never lost faith until one day an angel appeared to them and announced that Anna would have a child. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the lord.

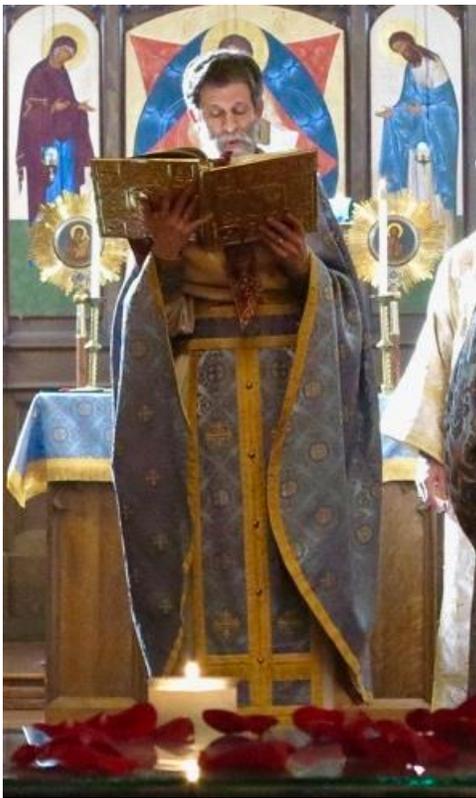
Three years after Mary’s birth, her parents kept true to their promise and took her to the temple where she lived, prayed, and served the lord.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- October 17th Youth Group.....Mentor: Jennifer Haynes
- Book Club.....Mentor: Melissa Payne
- Teen Support Group.....Mentor: Mike Sauer
- Acolyte Ministry.....Mentor: Fr. Steven
- Artist Outreach Group.....Student Leader: Fausta Fenner
- Orthodoxy in Today’s Economic and Ecological Crisis.....Student Leader: Umbrielle Crawford





A Word From Father Steven

As the Church School curriculum reveals, when we speak about the "Life of Christ," we must also speak about the Virgin Mary and Theotokos. So we first teach about her Nativity and Presentation in the Temple. The lives of Mother and Son are deeply united. For God chose this young woman from all eternity to be the Mother of the Son of God in the flesh! We call this a marvelous wonder and great mystery. Christ is the Bridge who reunites God and humanity; but His Mother's role in this mystery is to offer Her Son the human nature/flesh that makes it possible for Him to bridge the divide that had been caused by human sin. This is why, following the Archangel Gabriel, we cry out to her repeatedly in hymns dedicated to Her: "Rejoice!"

MEET THE TEACHER Andrew Hill



Andrew teaches the High School class alongside Steve Mayhugh and Braden Sauer. Andrew converted to Orthodoxy in 1998 from the United Methodist Church where his father was a pastor. He has been teaching different forms of church schools, bible studies and church camps since he was 16 years old. Andrew is married to his wife Elva and has three kids: Serafina, Ambrose, and Aslan. Andrew has been teaching the high school class for 9 years and his favorite part of church school is preparing high schoolers to take adult responsibility for their spiritual lives.

Next Week in Church School



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Annunciation & Birth of St. John The Baptist