



February 2020

Dear Parishioners,

We are entering into the month of February, where we are seeing our Lord go into the temple for his 40 day blessing on February 2nd. This tradition has been given to our mothers, to come to church forty days after a birth to be blessed with the newborn child.

On February 9th we enter into "Pre-Lent" where we prepare ourselves for Great Lent. We will fast, pray, prepare ourselves for judgment and ask for forgiveness. There will be almsgiving for those in need, and we'll remember our departed loved ones on the Saturdays of the Souls.

This Pre-Lent period is the time for us to be reminded to love one another and to prepare ourselves by praying for each other, and not holding on to anger or frustration. We are all human, so we all make mistakes against God, ourselves, and our neighbors. February 23rd is Judgment Sunday, where we should judge ourselves, not our friends, families or neighbors. The more we are able to see that each of us individually are sinners, the more ready we will be to forgive the sins of others against us. We then have our humility and our humanity, which make us children of God, willing to go out and help those in need.

This February let us go out and humble ourselves to be good to - and for - each other.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Constantine