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PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

February 2 is the feast day for the presentation of the Lord at the temple. In the Joyful mystery of the Rosary this was the fourth mystery, wherein Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus, forty days after his birth, to the Temple of Jerusalem to present him to the heavenly Father. Mary and Joseph knew that Jesus was indeed the son of God, but they present Jesus at the temple because that was a Jewish law. In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father Joseph. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and

words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess.

A holy old priest of the Temple named Simeon learned from God that the Infant Jesus was truly the Savior. With what joy he held Mary's Son in his arms. "My own eyes are looking at my salvation," he exclaimed. God let him recognize Jesus as the Savior and Simeon put his trust in the little Child.

Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. This day is also called as Candlemas day.

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