

With certitude,
Simeon opened
ancient arms
to infant light.
Decades
before the cross, the tomb
and the new life,
he knew
new life.
What depth
of faith he drew on,
turning illumined
towards deep night.
- Denise Levertov



Guided by the Holy Spirit Simeon came into the temple, Luke 2

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Rev. Wielki will be out of the country from January 22-February 9. In case of an emergency the best way to reach her during her absence is by way of email.
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Consultation Hours

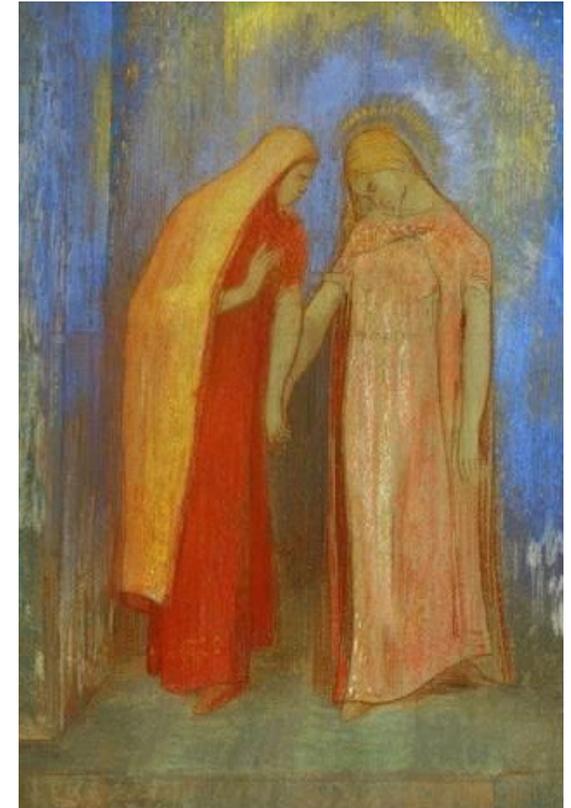
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Art: Odilon Redon
Visitation, Mary and Elisabeth
Winged old man in the temple

"One should, however, pay heed to what has remained of a childlike nature within the human being, in that in a roundabout way it is through this legacy of childlike qualities that the Christ forces will again bring warmth to our other capacities. We must make our childlike nature bright so that a certain brightness may be imparted to our other capacities. There lives a childlike nature in every human being, and if it is activated it will be responsive to a union with the Christ..."
Rudolf Steiner, GA 114, Sept. 26, 1909

 **THE CHRISTIAN
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ADVENT – CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY
2018 - 2019

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SERVICES

The Act of Consecration of Man
Sundays at 11:00 AM

The Sunday Service for Children
Sundays at 10:30 AM
Please call for dates 212 877-0208

ADVENT SEASON

December 8-9
70-Year Anniversary

**The Founding of the Christian Community
In North America
In New York City**

Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:00PM
Sunday from 11:00 AM to 5:00PM
Details in earlier mailed program

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24
10:45 PM Christmas tree lighting and singing

**The Threefold Celebration of the Act of
Consecration of Man**

It is but one long breath bestowed upon us from the Trinity,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Midnight Dec. 24-25 12:00 AM

Christmas Morning Dec. 25 8:00 AM

Christmas Day Dec. 25 11:00 AM

Rev. Bastiaan Baan, Spring Valley, will join us

Christmas Service for Children 10:30 AM

This special service is celebrated only once a year.
Parents, please confirm if your child will attend

**Weekday Services during the 12 days of
Christmas**

11:00 AM

Wednesday, December 26

Saturday, December 29

Tuesday, January 1

10:00 AM

Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28

Sunday, December 30

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration

12 Noon light lunch

12:45 PM

Historic Birth – Cosmic Birth

Monday, December 31

7:00 – 8:30 PM

Closing the year around the Christmas tree

Saturday, Jan. 5

10:00 AM Last Service of the Christmas Season

Followed by preparing the chapel for Epiphany

EPIPHANY SEASON

Sunday, January 6

Three Kings Day

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration

Sunday, January 20

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration

12 Noon light lunch

12:45 PM

**The Working of the Angels in
Human Destiny**

Sunday, January 27

Sunday February 3

Rev. Wielki will be out of town

Visiting priests will cover during her absence

Sunday, March 10

11:00 AM The Act of Consecration of Man

12 Noon Light lunch

12:45 PM

**The Working of the Angles in
Humanity's Destiny**

Dear Congregation, our Twelfth Fundraising event for the priests' retirement fund was a great success and lots of fun. Our special thanks goes to Robb Creese who imaginatively and brilliantly took us into the world of colors. No doubt he is already thinking about next year. And if you missed this one be sure to come then.

There will be signs in sun, moon and stars... and the dynamic powers of the Heavens will be shaken. Luke 21

Some comfort can be drawn from this. The drama we are pulled into is of celestial, cosmic dimension. That is, those not incarnated in flesh and blood, spiritual beings, have a part in what is coming towards us. The comfort is that not all catastrophes will be man made. Not all of what will have to be endured will have been caused by us. But some of it is caused by battles raging in the spiritual world between opposing forces. The most significant outcome of these battles will be that we come to see! It is the future, our own future embodied in the Son of Man.

It requires that we learn to stand, stand on the water, in a body of uncertainty, in an ever-changing world, with nothing to grab hold of but our own wakefulness.

Sunday, December 2

Our intern Kate Kennedy is offering a short contemplation following the service with the theme:

The Strength to Stand