

February 2nd: The Presentation of the Lord

Gospel text (Lk 2,22-40): When the day came for the purification according to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought the baby up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, as it is written in the law of the Lord.



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Today we admire the generosity of St. Mary. She, with her Infant and St. Joseph, goes up to Jerusalem. Jesus is only 40 days old. The Virgin takes Him to the Temple to offer Him to God: the "Child-God" is offered to the "Father-God" for our salvation. Thus, through Mary, the Son is offered to the Father.

-Mary "separates" from her Son... Years later, at the foot of the Cross she will hear: «woman, here is your son (s) ». What an exchange!! She offers her Son and, in return, She receives us. Who gains more? All of us, for sure.