

Christmas 2022

“Behold, this Child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel.”

*“Ecce positus est hic in ruinam
et in resurrectionem multorum in Israel”*

(Luke 2:34)



Dear Friends of the Fraternity,

There are few characters in Scripture more delightful than the holy old man Simeon. We know from the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke that Simeon was “just and devout,” and that “the Holy Ghost was in him.” By the time Simeon first held Our Lord, he had spent many grace-filled years waiting for the Messiah, having been promised by the Holy Ghost that he would not die before seeing Him.

Simeon not only saw the Christ Child, but also received the grace to prophesy about Him: *“behold, this Child is set for the fall and resurrection of many in Israel”*. What Simeon said in this passage, Our Lord would later confirm: *“Do not think that I came to send peace upon earth: I came not to send peace, but the sword.”* (Mt 10:34)

Of course, Our Lord by these words does not wish for us to be active causes of division, but he knows that many would reject him because his life and teaching are absolutely contrary to the ways of this fallen world. Simeon knew that although some would accept Our Lord and achieve salvation, many others would reject Him and thereby cause their own fall, clinging to the goods of this world rather than the good of the salvation of His cross. Indeed, it can be discouraging to note how many people today live as if Jesus Christ were merely someone to think about briefly on December 25th—if at all.

Faith is a gift, and it is a gift to which you can contribute by participating in Our Christmas Novena of Masses. Rejoicing over the salvation that Our Lord brought us at His birth, our priests will celebrate a Novena of Masses from December 17 to 25. They will offer these nine Masses for benefactors like you, your family, and your friends. May our beautiful Christmas liturgies and fervent prayers cause many more souls to accept Our Lord this Christmas!

Please use the enclosed form to enroll your loved ones, or enroll online at fssp.com/christmas-card-novena. We've also enclosed beautiful Christmas cards you can send to let them know we'll be remembering them at Mass—and to invite them to share in the joy of their redemption. If you'd like more cards, please mail the enclosed reply form by November 26th or fill out the online form by December 1st. Supplies are limited and will be fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis. Remember that every gift helps us form more priests in the traditions of the Church.

Throughout our Christmas liturgies, FSSP priests and seminarians will be praying for you and your loved ones. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to form the holy priests who will spread the good news of Christ's Incarnation in 2023 and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Anthony Dorsa, FSSP

Director of Fundraising Operations

**Don't miss out on the graces of this novena.
Enroll yourself and your loved ones today!**

Please send us your intentions on the enclosed reply card
so that we can pray for them.



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