

## Week 3: The Septuagint and Symeon the God-Receiver

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### Opening Prayer: Hymns from the Divine Liturgy

- “By the Prayers of the Theotokos” (National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians Handout)

### Our Patron Saints - Bulletin Board

- Mary Anne: Theotokos and St. Anna
- Read to class: “The Story of Mary, the Mother of God” by Dorrie Papademetriou
- Write a summary on the white board: (One student will write the summary on an index card to place on our bulletin board.) Who are the parents of the Theotokos and the grandparents of Jesus? How long did Sts. Joachim and Anna have to wait for a child? How did they find out they were going to have a baby? Where did they live? (Country - to make the map on our bulletin board: Israel) Where did Sts. Joachim and Anna bring the Theotokos to live when she was 3 years old? Who is the Theotokos? What is another name for her?

### Introduction to the Old Testament

- There are two main sections of our Bible: The Old Testament and the New Testament. The Bible may also be referred to as Holy Scripture or the Old and New Covenant. Covenant in this context means an agreement or promise between God and man.
- The Old Testament is an announcement and preparation for the New Testament
- Pass out a Bible to each student:
  1. What are the books in the Old Testament? (Look in Bible)
  2. How do you use a Bible? (Handout: Copy page 5 from “A Lamp to My Feet: An Introduction to the Bible” Zine)

3. Let's practice! Directions: I will write down a spot in the Old Testament on the board. I want you to quietly find it on your own and then put your finger on the spot to let me know you found it. We will walk around to check to make sure everyone found the correct spot and to help anyone who needs it. (Find: Isaiah 7:14, Leviticus 12:8, Luke 2:25-32)

### The Septuagint

- The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and Aramaic.
- The first five books in the Old Testament are called "the Law". These books are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. They were translated from Hebrew to Greek.
- Story of Righteous Symeon the God-Receiver (Read Scroll Handout)
- Let's find Alexandria, Egypt on the map.