

Sister's Spin

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Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This is a very ancient feast, recalling Mary's purification after Jesus' birth, but more importantly, Jesus being recognized as the Messiah by Simeon. Most of today's Gospel focuses on Simeon, but there is one section about a widow, Anna. She is one of those persons in the Bible that are mentioned only once, and then never heard from again. Because Simeon is so prominent, one may overlook what Anna did, She gave thanks to God and then spoke about Jesus to others. That's all. She was, perhaps, the first to spread the Good News. She didn't make headlines, but simply did what we are all called to do - give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus and spread the Good News without seeking recognition or a pat on the back. Anna, help us to be people of light on this Candlemas Day, to spread the Good News and to be grateful for the wonderful Gift God has given us.

-Sister Marcianne

