

# *A Holy Festival of Light*

## ***To Remember***

February 2<sup>nd</sup> was a very, very important religious holiday in Early Christianity. The Christian world celebrated the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 40 days after his birth. At that time, Jesus was called the “Light of the World” by the prophet Simeon. The “Light” was publicly shown to the world on that day for the very first time!

That celebration was later called *CANDLEMASS*, the festival of light. On that day churches blessed all the candles they would use for the rest of the year. People would also bring their own to be blessed. It was a happy joyous celebration for the long, dark, winter was about to end.

Today everybody knows about Groundhog Day but not about its religious significance. This is but another example of what has happened with our religious holidays: the “holy” has been taken out of them!

As with Jesus, *our Light* has to be presented to the World. We do it when we live our life in a loving and contented way, centered in Spirit and not in the material world.

UNITY's fifth principle teaches us that we must not only know about spiritual principles, but we must live them.

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!**

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