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### Steatite Icon of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

St. Simeon, with the long hair of a Nazarene, receives the Infant from His Mother, to his right, behind her being St. Joseph. Behind Simeon to his left is St. Anne the daughter of Phanuel. Behind these figures is a canopied altar in which hangs what appears to be a lamp. A further structure is seen in the far left background. On the left side of the altar (from the viewer's perspective) are the letters *MP* and on the right side *ΘΥ*.

The steatite is a light greyish brown in color; there is a chip in the lower right corner. The back of the icon is rough, as if detached from a wall.

3" x 4 1/4"

Perh. Ca. 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Cent.

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