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JANUARY 14, 2024
CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD
ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Epistle Readings

2 Timothy 4:5-8
Colossians 2:8-12

Gospel Readings

Mark 1:1-8
Luke 2:20-21; 40-52

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!
HRISTOS SE RODI! VOISTINU SE RODI!

Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open paradise! For the myrrh bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (Circumcision)

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Thy divine Spirit, O Jesus, Thou didst will to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, Thy Mother. Therefore Thou wast circumcised as an eight-day-old Child. Glory to Thy most gracious counsel; glory to Thy dispensation; glory to Thy condescension, O only Lover of man!

Troparion (St. Basil)

Thy proclamation has gone out into all the earth, which was divinely taught by hearing thy voice. Thou didst expound the nature of creatures and didst ennoble the manners of men. O venerable Father of royal priesthood, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Kontakion (St. Basil)

Thou wast revealed as the sure foundation of the Church, granting all mankind a lordship which cannot be taken away, sealing it with thy precepts, O venerable Basil, revealer of heaven.

Kontakion (Feastday)

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised, thus, as He is good, He excises the sins of mortal men. Today He grants the world salvation, while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator, rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person today. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

Memory Eternal + Večnaja Pamjat +

We pray for Ludmila Trbovich and Javorka Jovanic (Tatjana's mother) on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants.

Joyous Nativity Feastday

Many thanks to our clergy, altar servers, choir and everyone who helped with last weekend's Vigil and Liturgy, the Badnjak (Yule Log), the Christmas Eve refreshments, the Christmas Day Feast and the delightful Children's Program. It was indeed a joyous feastday. We continue celebrate with fast-free days through Wednesday, January 17.

Sisterhood Meeting – Today

All women are invited to join the Sisters' meeting today during Coffee Hour.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 17 at 7PM on Zoom

All are welcome to attend this week's online discussion of the Gospel of John chapter 17. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and his notes.

Holy Days of the Feast Theophany

Thursday, January 18 7PM Vigil for Eve of Theophany (Strict Fast day)
Friday, January 19 10:30AM Festal Divine Liturgy, Great Blessing of Water

Annual March for Life, Washington DC – Friday, January 19

Join Metropolitan Tikhon, bishops, clergy and Orthodox Christians for Life from across the US for the March and for prayers on the sanctity of human life. <https://oclife.org/march>
Meet at Madison Dr. & 7th-9th St. NW at 11:30AM, Rally at noon, March from 1-4PM.

Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 21 – Please donate diapers and infant supplies.

“Behold How Good - A Concert of Psalmody” - Friday, January 19 at 7:30PM

Join the Archdiocesan Choir of Washington for a concert of Psalms at SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road in Potomac, MD. It will also be livestreamed. Go to <https://www.archdiocesanchoir.org/psalmody-concert> for tickets and more information.

Annual St. Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 28

Our St. Sava Slava is coming in two weeks. Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava prayers with Kelly Pavela as the Slava Kuma. A feastday luncheon will be served.

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Annika Bidy, Kitty Bhattacharya and Elizabeth Minahan on their birthdays. God bless Cindy Volosin on the 5th anniversary of her Chrismation. Mnogaja ljeta!