



SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

*Sunday, January 1, 28th Sunday after Pentecost
The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia*



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 3 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm./ He has trampled down death by death. / He has become the first born of the dead./ He has delivered us from the depths of hell,/ and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion *(of the Feast)*

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!

Tone 1 Troparion *(to 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!

Tone 4 Kontakion *(to 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.

Tone 3 Kontakion *(of the Feast)*

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.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (Sunday before the Theophany)

⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept

the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Colossians 2:8-12 (Circumcision)

⁸ Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; ¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. ¹¹ In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday before the Theophany)

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You."³ "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'" ⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ⁵ Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 (Circumcision)

²⁰ Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. ¹ And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. ⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. ⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and

asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. ⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Many Years!

Birthdays 1--George Moore
 6--Jerome Alexander
 6--Olga Uchakin

Anniversaries

1--Colin and Molly Croft

Announcements for Sunday, January 1, 2017

- 2017 Calendars are in. Please take one, the suggested donation is \$5. Please do not take more than one per family.
- On Thursday, January 5th at 6pm we will have Great Vespers followed by the blessing of the waters for Theophany.
- On Friday, January 6th at 9am we will have the Festal Divine Liturgy for Theophany.
- On Sunday, January 8th, after the Divine Liturgy, the plan is to process to Amerson River Park for the Blessing of the Waters service there followed by food and fellowship.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall