

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Circumcision

TONE 3

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised, thus, as He is good, 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.

Prokeimenon

TONE 6: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance!

Vs. To Thee, O Lord, will I call, O my God, be not silent to me!

Another (St. Basil) TONE 1: My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

The Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians 2:8 – 12

Epistle

Brethren: 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. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. 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, 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.

Alleluia

O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us.

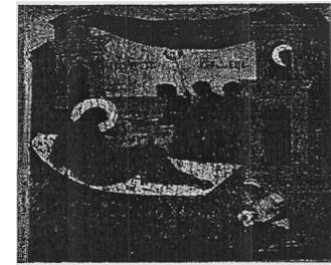
v: That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations.

v: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou Who leadest Joseph like a flock.

Luke 2:20 – 21, 40 - 52

Gospel

At that time the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. 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. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. 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; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. 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. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. 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." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 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. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



Schedule

Thursday, January 5, 2023

8:30 A.M. Royal Hours

1:00 P.M. Vespers
Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
followed by Great Blessing of
Waters

5:00 P.M. Vigil (Compline &
Matins)

Friday, January 6, 2023

Feast of Theophany

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

1:15 P.M. Blessing of Waters at
Wilmore Park, St. Louis, MO
(Lake #1)

Saturday, January 7, 2023

3:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 8, 2023

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 14, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday January 15, 2023,

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 21, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 22, 2023

9:30 A.M. 3rd & 6th Hours

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 28, 2023

5:00 P.M. Vespers

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Orthodox Church

416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060

Sunday, January 1, 2023

*29th Sundays After Pentecost; Sunday After the
Nativity; Sunday Before Theophany; Circumcision
of our Lord; St. Basil the Great Archbishop of
Caesarea in Cappadocia*

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"What hinders you from fulfilling Christ's commandments? The flesh and the world: that is, pleasant food and drink, which men like, in which they delight both in thought and in fact, which make the heart gross and hard - a partiality for elegant dress and adornment, or for distinctions and rewards; if the dress or adornments are made of very beautiful colored and delicate materials, then care and anxiety arise how to avoid staining or soiling them, or getting them dusty or wet, whilst care and anxiety how to please God in thought, word, and deed vanish and the heart lives for dress and adornment, and becomes entirely engrossed in these things, ceasing to care about God and being united to Him; if such is the case with a priest, then he neglects praying for his people, and becomes not soul-loving, but money-loving and ambitious, seeking not the men themselves, but that which appertains to them, that is, money, food, drink, their favor, their good opinion and good word, and flattering them. Therefore fight against every worldly enticement, against every material enticement that hinders you from fulfilling Christ's commandments, love God with all you heart, and care with all your strength for the salvation of your own soul, and the souls of others, be soul-loving. Remember, that the world, which rose from nothing, is indeed nothingness, and will return to nothing, for heaven and earth shall pass away, but the human soul, the breath of God, the image of the immortal King is itself immortal. Remember all this, and renounce attachments to all"

Prayer Requests

Those in this earthly life

Devon	Mary	Magdalene
Marissa	Earl	Victor
Nathan	Reader Steven	Wilma
George	Nancy	Michael
Kristine	Steven	April
Reader Michael	Michael	Joseph
Michelle	Candy	Michael
Mikaela	Priest Tiberiu	Barb
Zachary	Preoteassa Margarette	Barbara
Peter	Brigid	Mark
Rebecca	Bella	Angela
Subdeacon Paul	Keith	Elijah
Judith	Ron	Sophia
John	Beverly	Matushka Tanya
Kathy	Dymphna & CTBB	Mary
David	Justin	Archpriest Moses
Mary	Hope	Archpriest John
Ioan	Nicholas	Matushka Margaret
David	Theodora	Matthew
Adina	Prebytera Irené	Priest Joseph
Amy	John	Archpriest Michael
Eva	Cyndi	Matushka Virginia
Helen	Natalia	Paul
Diane	Peter (<i>Altan Wuliji</i>)	Mary
Anthony	Diana	Nicholas
Marissa	Amy	Andrew
James	Michael	Anthony
	Joseph	Christopher
	Andrew	Jackie

Those in the life to come

Christopher	Archbishop PAUL
Lilliana	Adelia
Vladimir	Michael
<u>Richard</u>	Galina
Archpriest Thomas	
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS	
Archpriest Vladimir	

"earthly things. Besides looking upon corruptible creatures and created things, turn your eyes constantly to the Creator, Who is in every creature, and Who constantly looks upon you, constantly proving your heart and your thoughts. Do not cling with your heart to anything, and do not make it the god of your heart; the sole God of our heart must be the Lord God, Who created it: for our heart is His breath. Do not cleave with your whole heart unto any person, that is to any flesh, for the sole God of our heart must be the Lord God, and to Him only must we cleave. For attachment to material things, or to flesh, is a lie, an enticement of Satan and the will of the Devil. Amen." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt

Troparia

Resurrection

TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: death is overthrown! Christ God is Risen, granting the world great mercy.

Circumcision

TONE 1

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, your 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 mankind.

St. Basil

TONE 8

Thy proclamation has gone out into all the earth which was divinely taught by hearing thy voice expounding the nature of creatures, ennobling the manners of men. O holy father of a royal priesthood, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Kontakia

Resurrection

TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has Risen on the third day!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

St. Basil

TONE 4

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 and heavenly Father Basil.