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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy
Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Served By

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The Divine Liturgy intention is for the Parish Family.

*If you would like to schedule a Litrgy please talk to
Father Vasyl or use the sign up sheet in the vestibule.*

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and
Sanctury Lamp intentions in the vestibule
of the church.

**Old Slavonic Carols (Kolady) can be
found in the old pew books.**

St Basil was born in the reign of the Emperor
Constantine, in about 330. While still unbaptised,
he spent fifteen years in Athens studying
philosophy, rhetoric, astronomy and other
contemporary secular disciplines. Among his
fellow-students were Gregory the Theologian and
Julian, later the apostate emperor. When already
of mature years, he was in the Jordan together with
his former tutor Evulios. He was Bishop of
Caesarea in

A great champion of Orthodoxy, a great torch of
moral purity and zeal for the Faith, a great
theological mind, a great builder and pillar of the
Church of God, Basil fully deserved his title 'the
Great'. In the Office for his Feast, he is referred to
as a bee of the Church of Christ, bringing honey to
the faithful but stinging those in heresy. Many of
the writings of this Father of the Church have
survived - theological, apologetic, on asceticism
and on the Canons. There is also the Liturgy that
bears his name. This Liturgy is celebrated ten
times in the year: on January 1st, on the Eves of

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Christos Raždajetsja! Slavite Jeho!
Vesele Vianoce! Merry Christmas!

Twentyninth Sunday after Pentecost
The Sunday after the Nativity

Tone 6

Menologion

Venerable, Melany, a Roman Lady, who with her
husband sold their possessions, distributed the
proceeds to the poor and went into monasteries. She
died A.D. 439.

Propers

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Fasts & Feasts

JANUARY

- 1 Great feast The Circumcision Of Our
Lord, God And Savior Jesus Christ.
Our Holy Father Basil The Great,
Archbishop Of Caesarea In Cappadocia
(379). 9 am
- 6 The Theophany Of Our Lord, God And
Savior Jesus Christ.
- 30 The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil The
Great, Gregory The Theologian And
John Chrysostom.

FEBRUARY

- 2 Encounter of Our Lord, God, and
Savior, Jesus Christ with Simeon and Anna
(Presentation of Our Lord Into the Temple)

House Blessings will begin after Theophany
(January 6th) It's not too soon to start thinking
about what day would be best to invite
FatherVasyl for this annual blessing.

Christmas and the Theophany, on every Sunday in
the Great Fast with the exception of Palm Sunday,
and on the Thursday and Saturday in Great Week.

St Basil departed this life peacefully on January
1st, 379, and entered into the Kingdom of Christ.

*The Baptism of the New Covenant was
prefigured in the Circumcision of the old
Covenant. The Lord's Circumcision shows
that He took true human flesh upon Himself,
not its semblance as heretics later taught of
Him.*

Happy New Year

Keep Christmas joy alive in your home:

- a. **Keep** up the tree until the Feast of the Holy Encounter February 2nd if possible. For your family prayers, read part of the Christmas story from the Gospel from St. Matthew or St. Luke in front of your Christmas icon or Nativity set. Did you put up Christmas lights? Try to keep those up too.
- b. **Everybody** goes to see the infirm in nursing homes before Christmas, but after Christmas no one goes. Take children along – you'd be surprised what a difference it makes for the elderly infirm to have children around!
- c. **Make** phone calls or write notes to thank people who sent them presents for the holiday. Perhaps thank a special person in your life, just for being a gift of joy to them. Help them learn to appreciate others and what they do for them: teachers, neighbors, relatives, friends.
- d. **Let** us all make a point of thanking Jesus for coming into the world to save us from sin and death, and to open the gates of heaven to us once more.

Siroty, siroty tjazko bidujete,
Jak pride Novyj rik de sja podijete?
Chtora ma rodinu, ta pide dodomu,
A ja, nebozatko, nemam raz ku komu.

Oh, you orphans, you live in great misery,
And where are you to go when the New Year comes?
Those with relatives will go home,
But I, a poor orphan, have nowhere to go

At this time, we have a wonderful opportunity to do more good deeds for our neighbors, for people who now especially need our help. Last year our parish family and other caring people helped make Christmas joy for orphan children in Ukraine. The funds we collected were used to buy necessary things, such as clothes, shoes and food for the children who lost their parents due to the war. Thanks to our donations, we were able to make many orphans happy.

I am very grateful for your generosity. But, unfortunately, the war in Ukraine continues. Every day war takes hundreds of human lives. Many children lost their parents. For us Christians, there should be no other people's grief, other people's suffering, and other people's trouble. Therefore, this year we want to help people suffering from war, especially children.

Donations to this cause would be greatly appreciated. It can be in cash or check. Checks can be written out to St. Mary's and in the memo: Ukraine orphans.

We will send all collected funds to Ukraine for the needs of orphans. Our donation is not determined by the amount we donate, but by the desire of our heart.

May the joy of Christmas be felt by those who have lost their relatives and parents. God Bless you!

Fr. Vasyl

Father Vasyl would like to thank everyone for their generosity to the Parish with your Christmas offering Thank you for the support so many have given to all of our fund-raising efforts during the year of 2023,

Also, Fathar and I would like to thank all who remembered us during this Holy Season of Christ's birth with Christmas greetings and the generous gifts'

Your thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless us throughout the New Year as we journey together as a family of faith,