



SUNDAY BULLETIN

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Sunday of the Circumcision of Christ

January 1, 2023

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of the Circumcision and Saint Basil the Great — January 1st

Today we celebrate the Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, Emmelia, Mother of Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Makrina, and Peter of Sebaste, Gregory, Bishop of Nanzianzos, Father of Gregory the Theologian celebrate



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Hymns of the Day

Απολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Απολυτίκιον

Μορφὴν ἀναλλοιώτως ἀνθρωπίνην προσέλαβες, Θεὸς ὢν κατ' οὐσίαν, πολυεύσπλαγχνε Κύριε· καὶ Νόμον ἐκπληρῶν, περιτομὴν, θελήσει καταδέχη σαρκικὴν, ὅπως παύσης τὰ σκιῶδη, καὶ περιέλῃς τὸ κάλυμμα τῶν παθῶν ἡμῶν. Δόξα τῇ ἀγαθότητι τῇ σῆ, δόξα τῇ εὐσπλαγχνίᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ ἀνεκφράστῳ Λόγῃ συγκαταβάσει σου.

Τοῦ Ἁγίου

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion of St. George

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ελευθερωτῆς, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν υπερασπιστῆς, ἀσθενούντων ἱατρὸς, βασιλέων υπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ θῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον

Ὁ τῶν ὅλων Κύριος, περιτομὴν ὑπομένει, καὶ βρωτῶν τὰ πταίσματα, ὡς ἀγαθὸς περιτέμνει δίδωσι τὴν σωτηρίαν σήμερον κόσμῳ χαίρει δὲ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις καὶ ὁ του Κτίστου, Ἱεράρχης καὶ φωσφόρος, ὁ θεῖος μύστης Χριστοῦ Βασίλειος.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion

In essence being God, most-compassionate Master, * You assumed human nature without transmutation. * Fulfilling the Law, of Your own will * You accepted circumcision in the flesh, * to bring an end to the shadow, and to remove the passions that cover us. * Glory to Your benevolence, O Lord; * glory to Your compassion; * glory to Your inexpressible condescension, O Word.

For the Saint

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Apolytikion of St. George

Liberator of captives, defender of the Poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Kontakion

As the Master over all * has undergone circumcision, * so He cuts away the sins * of humankind in His goodness. * On this day, upon the world He bestows salvation. * And on high * does the Creator's hierarch Basil * now rejoice, for he is known as * a most divine and light-bearing mystic of Christ



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Epistle Reading Colossians 2:8-12

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Gospel Readings Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

At that time, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

St. George Book Club/ Bible Study 2022

Join us next week, Monday January 9, 2023 at 6:30pm in our church. We will be reading our new book "Guide to the Divine Liturgy" written by Robert Krantz. We will still be discussing Gospel and Epistle readings, icons, the Saints, Hymns of the church, and many beautiful parts of our rich faith. We also have a call in and a Zoom option available for those far away or at home. Please email Father Neofitos to join our Book Club. rneofitos@saintgeorgeoc.com

Today in Church

Church Usher Assignment

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Lucy Brady, Gan Gallas

Sunday, January 8, 2023

Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen

2022 PARISH COUNCIL: Brian Goodale, President; Maria Dostis, Vice President; Alexandra Casey, Treasurer; Balwant Kingra, Secretary; Roubina Morgan, Lucy Brady, Arji Cakouros, Dimitri Koutsopoulos



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Upcoming Calendar

Sunday, January 1, 2023	8:30 am Orthros – Circumcision of Christ 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Special Tray collectio for St. basil’s Academy Vasilopita cutting following Divine Liturgy Parish office closed
Monday, January 2, 2023	5:30 pm Youth Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, January 3, 2023	5:30 pm Philoptochos Post Holiday Dinner – Bellevue Cafe
Wednesday, January 4, 2023	5:00 pm Adult Greek School via Zoom
Thursday, January 5, 2023	7:30 am Royal Hours of the Epihany and Vesperal Liturgy 5:30 pm Greek School
Friday, January 6, 2023	8:30 am Orthros – Holy Theophany 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
Saturday, January 7, 2023	8:30 am Divine Liturgy – Feast of St. John the Baptist

Philoptochos Post Holiday Dinner At Bellevue Café - 2630 Broadway, Schenectady

Everyone invited

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

5:30 PM

Greek Roast Chicken

Haddock

Sirloin of Beef

\$29 per person - tip to be left personally

Checks made out to Bellevue Café

Give to Jan Gallas by December 30, 2022