

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Jan 1)

On the eighth day after His Nativity, our Lord Jesus Christ was circumcised in accordance with the Old Testament Law. All male infants underwent circumcision as a sign of God's Covenant with the holy Forefather Abraham and his descendants [Genesis 17:10-14, Leviticus 12:3].

After this ritual, the Divine Infant was given the name Jesus, as the Archangel Gabriel declared on the day of the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos [Luke 1:31-33, 2:21]. The Fathers of the Church explain that the Lord, the Creator of the Law, underwent circumcision in order to give people an example of how faithfully the divine ordinances ought to be fulfilled. The Lord was circumcised so that later no one would doubt that He had truly assumed human flesh, and that His Incarnation was not merely an illusion, as certain heretics had taught.

In the New Testament, the ritual of circumcision gave way to the Mystery of Baptism, which it prefigured [Colossians 2:11-12]. Accounts of the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord continue in the Eastern Church right up through the fourth century. The Canon of the Feast was written by Saint Stephen of the Saint Savva Monastery.

In addition to circumcision, which the Lord accepted as a sign of God's Covenant with mankind, He also received the Name Jesus [Savior] on the eighth day after His Nativity as an indication of His service, the work of the salvation of the world [Matthew 1:21; Mark 9:38-39, 16:17; Luke 10:17; Acts 3:6, 16; Philippians 2:9-10]. These two events -- the Lord's Circumcision and Naming -- remind Christians that they have entered into a New Covenant with God and "are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" [Colossians 2:11]. The very name "Christian" is a sign of mankind's entrance into a New Covenant with God.

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January 1, 2023

FEASTS OF CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST & BASIL THE GREAT

COMMEMORATIONS:

ST. EMELIA, MOTHER OF STS. MACRINA, BASIL THE GREAT
AND GREGORY OF NYSSA (375)

ST. EUGENDUS, ABBOT OF CONDATIN THE JURA MOUNTAINS
(510)

ST FANCHEA OF KILLEANY (BRITAIN, CA. 520)

ST. FULGENTIUS, BISHOP OF RUSPE IN NORTH AFRICA (533)

ST. CLARUS OF VIENNE (GAUL, CA. 660)

NEW-MARTYR PETER OF THE PELOPONNESOS (1776)

NEW HIEROMARTYRS PLATON, BISHOP OF REVEL, ESTONIA,
AND PRIESTS MICHAEL & NICHOLAS (1919)

Tone 4 - Eothinon 7

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:1-20

Epistle: Colossians 2:8-12

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 2:1-12

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF THE CIRCUMCISION - Tone 1 - Our human form hast Thou taken on Thyself without change, * O greatly-compassionate Master, though being God by nature; * fulfilling the Law, Thou willingly * receivest circumcision in the flesh, * that Thou mightest end the shadow and roll away * the veil of our sinful passions. * Glory be to Thy goodness unto us. * Glory be to Thy compassion. * Glory, O Word, to Thine inexpressible condescension.

TODAY: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
1-Year Memorial for Fred Andrew Kompass
New Year's Prayers
Coffee Hour

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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

This Week:		Next Week (Jan 8):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Gabi & Catalin; Rachel C.
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gohls — Evan's B-day	----
USHERS:	Todd M. & Rdr. Nick	Sdn. John & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	"Archangel Gabriel"	"Archangel Michael"
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kristi M.; Kim B.	The Gohls & Olena M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Gabe	Myriam; Conor; The Jekels & Teens

Mark Your Calendar:

Meeting of the Lord

Wednesday, Feb 1
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb 2
Orthros 9 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

HOME BLESSINGS:

Reach out to Fr. Noah or Fr. James directly to schedule.

Publican & Pharisee - *February 5*
Prodigal Son - *February 12*
Sunday of Judgment (Meatfare) -
February 19

Soul Saturday, February 18 - Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Forgiveness Sunday, February 26 - Forgiveness Vespers 1 p.m.

Pascha 2023

April 16
We live from Pascha to Pascha!

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Christos
Kh. Joyce	(January Parish
Linda	Diptychs)
Tadessa	+George
Nicole	+Pedrag
Raymond	+Mimi
Patrick	+Helen
Doris	+Christopher
John	+Nagib
John	+Julia
James	
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
Priest Thomas, Bill,	Christian
Jesse, Nathan,	Christina
Hannah, Elizabeth, &	Peter, Sarah, Alina,
all Missionaries	William, & Elsa
New & Expectant	Kate
Mothers & their	Joseph & Alana
children	Ryan
For the people of our	Zachary, Brandy,
land, and their	Nora, Gavinn, Lorelei,
repentance,	& Otto
healing & unity	Taylor & Bethany
The 12 Baskets Full	Joanne
team asks for prayers	Denis
for our homeless	Nicholas, Rachel,
Philly friends —	Luka, Leo
George, Bill, Jim,	David, Helen, Elianna
Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric	Michael
	Evan
	Lucretia

JANUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION:

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CHALLENGE FOR 2023:

"You are the Salt of the Earth"

This Week:

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

(**There is no Wednesday/Friday fast between Nativity and the Theophany fast [Jan 5].)

- Mon, Jan 2:** Office Closed
- Tues, Jan 3:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Jan 4:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Jan 5:** THEOPHANY FAST
Royal Hours 10 a.m.
Vespers Liturgy 6 p.m.
Great Blessing of Water
- Friday, Jan 6:** FEAST OF THEOPHANY
Orthros 9 a.m.
Baptismal Liturgy (Borden & Fox) 10 a.m.
Great Blessing of Water
Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Jan 7:** Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan 8:** *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9am*
ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Sunday School
Women of St. Mariamne
Outdoor Water Blessing (Lenape Park) 1 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Liturgy Dec 24: 77 Midnight Liturgy Dec 25: 158
OFFERINGS 12/18: Candles, \$214. Collections, \$1,593.73. Youth, \$1.
Flowers, \$65. Book Shelf Ministry, \$18. Building Fund, \$1,500. Christmas
Card Fund, \$145. Classical School Fund, \$2,411. Crafty Kids Fund, \$40.31.
Mortgage Reduction, \$125. Needy Fund, \$600. Pastoral Discretion, \$250.
Ukraine Orphanage, \$100. Stewardship, \$12,233. Total received:
\$19,296.04.

OFFERINGS 12/25: Candles, \$268. Collections, \$2,416.24. Youth, \$1.
Christmas Card Fund, \$110. Classical School Fund, \$75. Crafty Kids Fund,
\$110. Honorarium Fund, \$3,500. Mission Chapel, \$100. Pastoral
Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship, \$6,960. Total received: \$13,637.76.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!