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JANUARY 1, 2023 / 29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 4)
*** DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL ***

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE FOUR

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!”

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

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!

TROPARION OF ST. BASIL IN TONE ONE

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!

- *Sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

My Savior and Redeemer / as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE THREE

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.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SIX

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!
v. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Prokeimenon in Tone One: My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (4:5-8)

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

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (4:5-8)

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 IN TONE TWO

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. 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 the nations.

v. Give ear, O shepherd of Israel, Thou Who leadest Joseph like a flock!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (1:1-8)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:20-21, 40-52)

Then 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 the 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.

- *Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:*

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace: / the assembly of Angels and the race of men. / O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, / the glory of virgins, / from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: / our God before the ages. / He made thy body into a throne, / and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. / All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace. // Glory to thee!

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY’S SAINTS

Saints commemorated on January 1st: ***Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ***. St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea-in-Cappadocia; St. Basil of Ancyra; St. Gregory the Elder, Bishop of Nazianzus; St. Emilia (mother of St. Basil the Great); Hieromartyr Concordius of Spoleto; Martyr Telemachus of Rome; St. Eugendus, Abbot of Condat Abbey; St. Fulgentius, Bishop of Ruspe; St. Justin, Bishop of Chieti; St. Felix, Bishop of Bourges; St. Peter, Wonderworker of Atroa; St. William of Volpiano, Abbot of St. Benignus Abbey in Dijon.

TODAY’S PARASTAS

Parastas in memory of V. Rev. Archpriest Nicholas Fedetz, offered by Tais Fedetz.

TODAY’S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by Denise Bobko in memory of Arlene Zakrzewski. **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. W. Sophrony Royer in memory of Angelo Cusano, Jr. **St. Nicholas’ Cross** offered by Tais Fedetz in memory of Very Rev. Nicholas Fedetz (18th anniversary of repose). **Triple Candelabra** offered by Suchowacki Family in memory of Pelagia Szewczyk.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6:00 PM (Thursday) – Vigil w. Lity [*Holy Theophany*]
9:30AM (Friday) – Divine Liturgy w. Great Blessing of Water [*Holy Theophany*]
5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers
9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour & Divine Liturgy

PARISH EVENTS

(1) Our parish is collecting cans of soup and other non-perishable foods for donation to a local food pantry. A bin for placing the donated food items will remain in the church until February 12, 2023. Please make sure that items donated are not past the expiration date, and thank you for co-operating in this project!

(2) Fr. Sophrony will bless homes on January 6-7, 2023. A sign-up sheet for house blessings is in the church vestibule – please sign up, or call the Rectory at 201-436-3233, by January 5, 2022. If you require a change in schedule, or cancellation, after you’ve signed up, please call the Rectory.

(3) Fr. Sophrony will be away January 9-17, 2023. A substitute priest shall say Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 15, 2023. In the event of an emergency while Fr. Sophrony is away, please call Fr. John Fencik at 201-436-6604 or the nearest Orthodox priest.

(4) Archbishop Michael is celebrating his 50th anniversary of priesthood on Saturday, February 4, 2023. A luncheon at the Brownstone in Paterson, NJ is being held in his honor. Reservations are \$50 per person; please see Reader Stephen Wasilewski if interested in making a reservation for this event.

"Never lose an opportunity of urging a practical beginning, however small, for it is wonderful how often in such matters the mustard-seed germinates and roots itself."
~ *Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)*