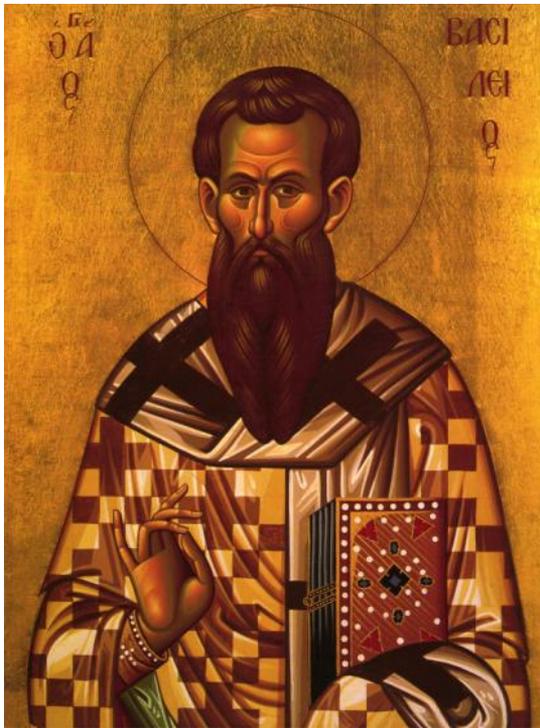


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Norfolk, VA**

**Rev. Presbyter George Bessinas, Proistamenos
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**SUNDAY BULLETIN
AND WEEKLY NEWS**



**The Circumcision of Christ
and The Feast of St. Basil the Great**

Sunday, January 1, 2017

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Orthros (Matins)

8:45 AM

Divine Liturgy (of St. Basil)

10:00 AM

On January 1, we celebrate the circumcision in the flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, our father among the saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, holy Martyr Theodotos and Saint Gregory, the father of Saint Gregory the Theologian.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Apolytikion for the Circumcision of Christ. Mode 1.

The stone had been secured. 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.

Apolytikion For the Feast of St. Basil. Mode 1.

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. Theodore the Commander. 2nd Tone.

When in God's army you had truly enlisted, O holy Theodore, the bearer of trophies, you were made a splendid general of the heavenly King; using as a weapon faith, you were ready for battle and utterly destroyed the ranks that were amassed by the demons, and as a victorious athlete you were seen, wherefore in True faith, we bless you and honor you.

Apolytikion of the Annunciation. 4th Tone.

Today is the beginning of our salvation, The revelation of the eternal mystery! The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin. As Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, The Lord is with You!

Kontakion of the Circumcision of Christ. Mode 3.

On this day. 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.

St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:8-12

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 48.3,1

My mouth shall wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall bring forth understanding.

Verse: Hear this all you nations.

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 fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness 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.

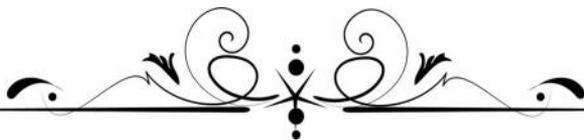
Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς 2:8-12

Προκείμενον. ᾠχος πλ α΄. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 48.3,1

Τὸ στόμα μου λαλήσει σοφίαν καὶ ἡ μελέτη τῆς καρδίας μου σύνεσιν.

Στίχ. Ἀκούσατε ταῦτα, πάντα τὰ ἔθνη.

Ἀδελφοί, βλέπετε μή τις ὑμᾶς ἔσται ὁ συλαγωγῶν διὰ τῆς φιλοσοφίας καὶ κενῆς ἀπάτης, κατὰ τὴν παράδοσιν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ οὐ κατὰ Χριστόν· ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ κατοικεῖ πᾶν τὸ πλήρωμα τῆς θεότητος σωματικῶς, καὶ ἐστε ἐν αὐτῷ πεπληρωμένοι, ὅς ἐστιν ἡ κεφαλὴ πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας· ἐν ᾧ καὶ περιετμήθητε περιτομῇ ἀχειροποιήτῳ, ἐν τῇ ἀπεκδύσει τοῦ σώματος τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν τῆς σαρκός, ἐν τῇ περιτομῇ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, συνταφέντες αὐτῷ ἐν τῷ βαπτίσματι, ἐν ᾧ καὶ συνηγέρθητε διὰ τῆς πίστεως τῆς ἐνεργείας τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἐγείραντος αὐτὸν ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν.



The Gospel according to 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.

Ευαγγελικόν Ανάγνωσμα Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 2:20-21, 40-52

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ὑπέστρεψαν οἱ ποιμένες δοξάζοντες καὶ αἰνοῦντες τὸν Θεὸν ἐπὶ πᾶσιν οἷς ἤκουσαν καὶ εἶδον καθὼς ἐλαλήθη πρὸς αὐτούς. Καὶ ὅτε ἐπλήσθησαν αἱ ἡμέραι ὀκτῶ τοῦ περιτεμεῖν τὸ παιδίον, καὶ ἐκλήθη τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦς, τὸ κληθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀγγέλου πρὸ τοῦ συλληφθῆναι αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ. Τὸ δὲ παιδίον ἠῤῥξανε καὶ ἐκραταιοῦτο πνεύματι πληρούμενον σοφίας, καὶ χάρις Θεοῦ ἦν ἐπ' αὐτό. Καὶ ἐπορεύοντο οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ κατ' ἔτος εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ τῇ ἑορτῇ τοῦ πάσχα. καὶ ὅτε ἐγένετο ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα κατὰ τὸ ἔθος τῆς ἑορτῆς καὶ τελειωσάντων τὰς ἡμέρας, ἐν τῷ ὑποστρέφειν αὐτοὺς ὑπέμεινεν Ἰησοῦς ὁ παῖς ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ, καὶ οὐκ ἔγνω Ἰωσήφ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ. νομίσαντες δὲ αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ συνοδίᾳ εἶναι ἦλθον ἡμέρας ὀδὸν καὶ ἀνεζήτουν αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς συγγενέσι καὶ ἐν τοῖς γνωστοῖς· καὶ μὴ εὐρόντες αὐτὸν ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ ζητοῦντες αὐτόν. καὶ ἐγένετο μεθ' ἡμέρας τρεῖς εὔρον αὐτὸν ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καθεζόμενον ἐν μέσῳ τῶν διδασκάλων καὶ ἀκούοντα αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπερωτῶντα αὐτούς· ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες οἱ ἀκούοντες αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῇ συνέσει καὶ ταῖς ἀποκρίσεσιν αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐξεπλάγησαν, καὶ πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ εἶπε· τέκνον, τί ἐποίησας ἡμῖν οὕτως; ἰδοὺ ὁ πατήρ σου κάγῳ ὀδυνώμενοι ἐζητοῦμέν σε. καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτούς· τί ὅτι ἐζητεῖτέ με; οὐκ ἤδειτε ὅτι ἐν τοῖς τοῦ πατρός μου δεῖ εἶναί με; καὶ αὐτοὶ οὐ συνῆκαν τὸ ῥῆμα ὃ ἐλάλησεν αὐτοῖς. καὶ κατέβη μετ' αὐτῶν καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς Ναζαρέτ, καὶ ἦν ὑποτασσόμενος αὐτοῖς. καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ διετήρει πάντα τὰ ῥήματα ταῦτα ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτῆς. Καὶ Ἰησοῦς προέκοπτε σοφία καὶ ἡλικία καὶ χάριτι παρά Θεῶ καὶ ἀνθρώποις.

Happy New Year

Altar Boys

Matthew Clare, Landon Clay, Demetri Cain, Christopher Sarris, Eleftherios Mendrinos, Alex Mendrinos, A.J. Galiotos, Logan Galiotos, Leonides Delyannis, Konstantinos Ousaklidis

Epistle Reader: Johnny Mangus

Worship Services for this Week

See enclosed Liturgical Schedule

Today

Coffee Fellowship in the Social Hall

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that our Cathedral office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017.

2017 Stewardship envelopes may be picked up in the Pantocrator room.

GOYA basketball practice will resume Monday, January 9th.

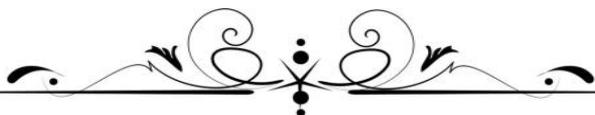
Golden Years will resume Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Women's Study Group will resume Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Bible Study Fellowship will resume Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

St. Maria of Paris Outreach Ministry Committee Thank you to all volunteers and donors who have graciously supported this ministry during 2016. May God Bless Your New Year!!

Philoptochos Happy New Year to all of our Annunciation Parishioners. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Vasilopeta Luncheon next Sunday, January 8th after Divine Liturgy. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Proceeds benefit St. Basils Academy in New York.



House Blessings If you would like to have your home blessed in the days and weeks following the feast of Holy Theophany, please call the Cathedral office to schedule an appointment.

Dance Ministry registration is on going until January 8, 2017. Anyone not registered by January 8, 2017 may come and participate in dance but may not participate in the festival in May of 2017. Do not delay and register soon. There is a \$10 participation fee per dancer.

The Cathedral Library will be closed from December 15 to January 15. The library staff wishes everyone in the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Small Hall Kitchen Renovation

Renovations and updating the small hall's kitchen is underway for greater usage by our community. This project will be funded entirely through donations.



If you are interested in helping us reach our goal please contact the Cathedral Office.



Sunday, January 1, 2017

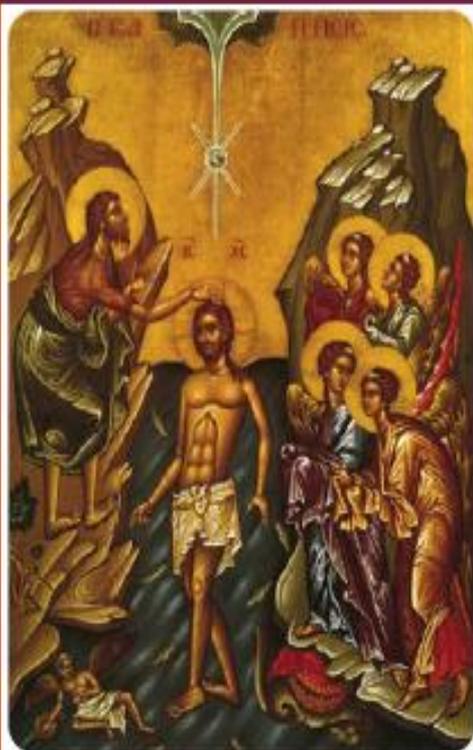
The Circumcision of the Lord
According to the Flesh
and the Feast of St. Basil the Great
Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy
of St. Basil 10:00 am, Cathedral

Sunday, January 8, 2017



**Parish-Wide Philoptochos
Vasilopita Celebration**

Following Church Services
in the Hellenic Center
Proceeds Benefit St. Basil Academy



**SERVICES
FOR HOLY THEOPHANY**

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Holy Theophany Eve (morning)
Orthros, the Great Hours of Holy
Theophany, Divine Liturgy and the Great
Blessing of the Waters (Agiasmos)
8:30am-11:30am, Cathedral

Friday, January 6, 2017

Holy Theophany
Orthros, Divine Liturgy, and the Great
Blessing of the Waters (Agiasmos)
8:30am-11:00am, Cathedral

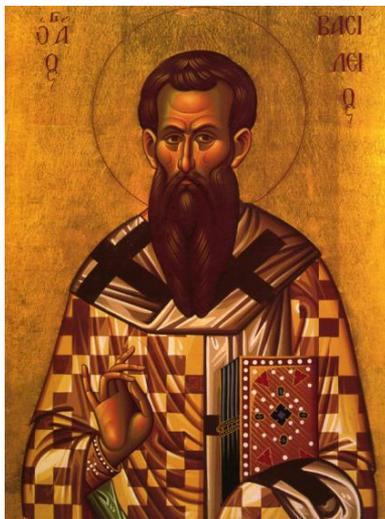
Saturday, January 7, 2017

St. John the Baptist
Orthros 8:30am, Div. Liturgy 9:30am
Cathedral

HOPE & JOY VASILOPITA WORKSHOP

January 7th, 2017

Following the Divine Liturgy
of St. John the Baptist



*Camp Good Shepherd
Virginia*

Save the Date: July 2-8 2017

@ Camp Piankatank 1586
Stampers Bay Road
Hartfield, Virginia 23071

Questions?
cgsvirginia@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

GLENDI

Sunday, January 29, 2017
5:30-9:00 PM

Dinner and all you can Dance

Tickets:

\$20 for adults

\$10 for students

Cash Bar—Music Provided by DJ



**All Proceeds
& Donations
will benefit the
Annunciation
Dance Ministry**

**Tickets sold on Sundays
or by contacting Bessie Piperidis
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Project Mexico

& St. Innocent Orphanage



Building Hope for Boys Without Families and Families Without Homes

Home Building at Project Mexico

Hampton Roads Young Adult Service Trip

July 21-July 27, 2017

Who?

- Hampton Roads Young Adults 18+
- Sam Williams will lead the trip with 14 other participants.

When?

- Friday July 21—Thursday July 27, 2017

Where?

- San Diego, California & Tijuana, Mexico

Details?

- \$100 due January 31, 2017
- Balance of \$440 due April 30, 2017
- Price does not include our flight to San Diego. (Plane tickets will be purchased together at a later date.)
- Group will fundraise for the estimated total cost of \$1200 per person.



Interested?

please contact Sam Williams at
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www.projectmexico.org

Losing Ourselves in Christ's Mission

Spring Regional Retreat 2017

Featuring Fr. John Chakos
Long term OCMC Missionary to Guatemala



WHEN :
February 3-4
(overnight in hotel)



WHO:
College Students
Young Adults

WHERE:
The College of
William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Registration Link:
[https://docs.google.com/forms/
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COST: ONLY \$10



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WELCOME



Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral Chapel of St. Theodore the Commander



We extend to you a warm and heartfelt Orthodox Christian welcome. Our Cathedral is dedicated to imitating the love and faithfulness of Jesus Christ by sharing the Gospel with our words and living it with our lives. It exists to lead the faithful to the worship of the Holy Trinity according to the Faith and Tradition of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We live and witness our faith by the grace of God through our participation in the sacramental life of the Church, Her holy tradition and stewardship, fellowship, service and Christian education.



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