

# SAINT MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

January 1, 2023

*Circumcision of Christ; Saint Basil*

---

## The Divine Liturgy

**Commemoration:** 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; Peter the New Martyr of the Peloponnesos; Theodotos the Martyr; Righteous Theodosios of Triglia; Telemachos the Martyr; Fulgentius, Bishop of Ruspe.

*Morning Gospel: Seventh*

*Tone: Fourth*

### Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy

#### *At the Second Antiphon*

Save us, O Son of God, who was circumcised in the flesh, to you we sing, Alleluia!

#### *At the Third Antiphon*

#### **Hymn of the Circumcision of Christ, First Tone**

O most compassionate Lord, although you were God by essence, you have assumed human nature without change. And in fulfilling the Law, you wished to receive circumcision in the flesh, so that you might stop the darkness of sin, and remove the veil of our passions. Glory to your goodness; glory to your compassion; glory to your unspeakable condescension, O Word!

#### *At the Small Entrance*

#### **Resurrection Hymn, Fourth Tone**

The joyful news of your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam, they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: Death has been vanquished; Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing all the world with his great mercy.

### ***Hymn of Entrance***

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

*Repeat the Hymn of the Circumcision of Christ, above*

### ***Hymn of St. Basil the Great, First Tone***

Your report has gone out to the whole world, as it has received your word. Through it you taught in a divinely fitting way, have made clear the nature of what exists, and have adorned the manners of the human race. O venerable Father, royal priesthood, intercede with Christ our God, that we may be granted great mercy!

### ***Hymn of the Dormition of the Theotokos, First Tone***

In giving birth, you preserved your virginity, O Theotokos; in falling asleep you did not forsake the world. You passed over into life, O Mother of Life; and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

Ἐν τῇ γενήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον  
En ti gennisi tin parthenian efilaxas en ti kimisi ton kosmon  
οὐ κατέλιπες, Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς  
u katelipes, Theotoke. Metestis pros tin zoin, mitir iparhusa tis  
ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.  
zois, ke tes presvies tes ses litrumeni ek thanatu tas psichas imon.

### ***Kontakion of the Circumcision of Christ, Third Tone***

The Lord of all undergoes Circumcision, and as One who is good, he circumcises the sins of all flesh. Today he grants salvation to the world. And Basil the divine mystic of Christ, Hierarch and light-bearer, rejoices in the highest!

### ***Epistle..... 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 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.

**Gospel**..... *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.

**Megalynarion** (*instead of "It is truly meet and right"*)

In you, who are full of grace, all of creation, the assembly of angels, and the human race rejoice. You are a sanctified temple and a spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins. You are the one from whom God was incarnate and became a child--our God before all ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. In you, who are full of grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

**Megalynarion** (*sung after "And all your people"*)

Let us all honor you, O Basil the great, from Caesarea, and the land of Cappadocia, the heavenly-revealer of Christ, mystic of the Master, and brightly shining star!

**The Communion Prayers are found on page 40 of the hymnal.**

***Instead of “We have seen the light...,”***

O most compassionate Lord, although you were God by essence, you have assumed human nature without change. And in fulfilling the Law, you wished to receive circumcision in the flesh, so that you might stop the darkness of sin, and remove the veil of our passions. Glory to your goodness; glory to your compassion; glory to your unspeakable condescension, O Word!

---

## Today

The coffee hour today is hosted by George & Samantha Asselanis.

---

### Prayer Ministry

***Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:*** Those suffering from COVID-19 and those who care for them; for the people of Ukraine; our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; for the victims of violence; Metro Hope Ministries; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry; Families Moving Forward; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially John Ellis; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Elpis Fotini, Byrdie, Jennifer, John S., Becky, Kristina, Noel, Stephen, John K., Alexey, Alexandra, Ray, Christina, Joanne, Athena, the Muñoz family, Charlie, Nuala, Pamela, Avgi, Elena, Speranta, Maria, Dave Ruesink, Liz, Efstratia, Jordan, David, Nino, Joe, Tom, Gigi, Zossima, Donnarae, Samira, Mary K., Monte, Bethany, Mark, Owen, Chrysanthy, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Dallas, Lenzie, Lisa, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Mary, Irene Maria, Marion, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Carole, Patty, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, George R., Ken, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Cora and family, Bo, Tom, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Annie, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Rifka, Pat, Nancy, Dave, Pam, Gilbert, George P., Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Sophia, Rick, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Phil, Karen, Dorla, Linda, Fr. Elias, Vicki, Bill, Diana, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Amy, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Christopher, Elizabeth, Jaxon, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.

---

#### ***Text to Give***

Text **smgoc** to **73256**

*This number will never send unsolicited texts.*

***Scan the QR code to give through Venmo.***



*When giving through Venmo, please provide both your first AND last name in order to receive proper credit for your contribution.*

# Calendar of the Week

## **Sunday, January 1: Circumcision of Christ; Saint Basil**

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

*No Church School*

## **Monday, January 2**

*Church and Office Closed*

## **Tuesday, January 3**

6:00 p.m. – Adult Open Gym, Great Hall

## **Wednesday, January 4**

11:00 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer, Nave

11:30 a.m. – Women’s Bible Study, Fireside Room

## **Thursday, January 5: Eve of Theophany**

9:00 a.m. – Royal Hours

6:00 p.m. – Vespers and Divine Liturgy with Great Blessing of Waters

## **Friday, January 6: Holy Theophany**

8:30 a.m. – Orthros; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy with Great Blessing  
of Waters

## **Saturday, January 7: Saint John the Baptist**

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study, Fireside Room

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

12:00 p.m. – Girls’ GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

2:00 p.m. – Boys’ GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

5:00 p.m. – Great Vespers

## **Sunday, January 8: Sunday after Theophany; Vasilopita Sunday**

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

12:45 p.m. – JOY Basketball Practice, Great Hall

2:00 p.m. – Girls’ GOYA Basketball Practice, Great Hall

# Announcements

## Food Shelf Needs

Immediate needs for January are diapers and wipes; toothbrushes and toothpaste; Ramen noodles.

*January's recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.*

Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.

## Celebrate the New Year with Twin Cities YAL

Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited to a semi-formal evening of celebration as we kick off the 2023 new year! The event is Saturday, January 14, 7:00 p.m., in the Terrace Room. Tickets cost \$10 which include appetizers, desserts, drinks and entry to win a raffle basket! Venmo (@SiaTortorelis) or cash at the door are accepted.

Catering is provided by Boshra's Kitchen! To RSVP scan the QR code or go to [tinyurl.com/TCYALNewYear23](https://tinyurl.com/TCYALNewYear23). We hope to see YAL there!



## Saint Mary's at the Timberwolves Game

Join us when the Minnesota Timberwolves take on the Toronto Raptors on Thursday, January 19. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m.. ALL are welcome to join! Visit the link below and enter the promo code **22StMarys23** to purchase your tickets! Tickets are \$20.00 per person. After the game, we will go down to the court and shoot a free-throw! Make sure you select the **Post-Game Free Throw** when checking out!

Link for the tickets: [www.timberwolves.com/groupoffers](https://www.timberwolves.com/groupoffers)

## 2023 Basketball Tournament

Saint Mary's is hosting the 2023 Western Region Family Basketball Tournament this February 3-5 and we are looking for athletes, both young and old! If you or your child are interested in playing, please complete the designated interest form.

Adult Interest Form: <https://tinyurl.com/BballAdult>

Youth Interest Form (ages 7-18 in high school):

<https://tinyurl.com/BballYouth>

If you have any questions, please contact either Jon Klein ([jon@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:jon@stmarysgoc.org)) or Theo Boosalis ([theo@boosalis.net](mailto:theo@boosalis.net)).

All the links above can be found in the Weekly Update e-mail.

## Online Giving for 2023

As of today, we fully implemented our new online giving platform. Parishioners who set up an online giving subscription prior to October 1, 2022, need to go to our website's giving page and set up a new account and giving subscription for 2023. We hope everyone will find the new site easy to navigate and use.

## Stewardship 2023

Our 2023 Stewardship Drive is underway. Please take a few minutes to fill out the 2023 time, talent, and treasure form and return it to the church as soon as possible. We hope to hear from *everyone!*  
Thank you for your support of St. Mary's!

## Orthodox Game League

The first Game League night for 2023 will take place on Saturday, January 14, 7:00 p.m., at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 956 Forest Street North, St. Paul. We will meet in Archangel Michael Hall across from the street from the church. Please bring a munchie or dessert to share! Any questions, please contact *Nikki Beauchamp*, 612.910.2943.

# Philoptochos News

## Support St. Basil Academy with Our Vasilopita Sales

- **Buy a Loaf (or Two!)** – Our annual fundraiser continues with sales of the delicious sweet bread made by our sacred baking team. Loaves are \$15.00 each. All proceeds go toward St. Basil Academy. Purchase on Sundays after Liturgy.
- **Cut Vasilopita on January 7** – In preparation for Vasilopita Sunday, we're cutting dozens of loaves of St. Basil bread. Please join us in the kitchen on Saturday, January 7, from 11:00 a.m. (after Liturgy)-1:00 p.m.

## Save the Date

Our first Philoptochos meeting of the new year is after Sunday liturgy on January 22, 11:30 a.m. We will have a speaker from Bancroft Elementary School, one of the recipients of our Operation Classroom winter clothing drive. We will also approve the 2023 Philoptochos budget. *Please plan to join us.*

## **From the Fathers...on Jesus Christ**

His compassion for us compelled Him — Who cannot be compelled —  
to be born in a human body at Bethlehem.

*—Saint Methodius of Olympia*

### **Daily Bible Readings**

#### ***Monday, January 2***

Hebrews 5:4-10 • John 3:1-15

#### ***Tuesday, January 3***

II Timothy 4:5-8 • Mark 1:1-8

#### ***Wednesday, January 4***

I Corinthians 4:9-16 • John 1:18-28

#### ***Thursday, January 5***

##### ***Eve of Theophany***

I Corinthians 9:19-27 • Luke 3:1-18

#### ***Friday, January 6***

##### ***Holy Theophany***

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 • Matthew 3:13-17

#### ***Saturday, January 7***

##### ***Synaxis of John the Baptist***

Acts 19:1-8 • John 1:29-34

#### ***Sunday, January 8***

##### ***Sunday after Theophany***

Ephesians 4:7-13 • Matthew 4:12-17

#### ***Saint Mary's Greek Orthodox Church***

3450 Irving Avenue South

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408-3399

Telephone: 612.825.9595 • Facsimile: 612.825.9283



@stmarysgoc

*Fr. Timothy Sas, Fr. Jason Houck, Fr. John Kostas*

*Fr. Paul Kalina, Deacon; Fr. Luke Twito, Deacon*