

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

January 2, 2022



Icon of Theophany -- January 6th

The Christ

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of "Christification", Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation

as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the "Christification" of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. "And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men" (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

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To give thanks to God continually, as Byzantine Catholics, through our spirituality, our service, and preaching the Risen Christ through our everyday life.

LITURGY SCHEDULE ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, COLUMBUS

Confession/Spiritual Counseling is offered one hour before any Liturgy

Liturgy Date & Time	Music in Green Book
Sunday, January 2 Sunday before Theophany 10:00am Divine Liturgy For the Faithful	Tone 7, pg 156 pg. 309
Wednesday, January 5 Vigil of Theophany 9:00am Royal Hours 7:00pm Vigil of Theophany; Blessing of water	
Thursday, January 6 Theophany 9:00am Divine Liturgy For the Faithful	Pg. 312
Friday, January 7 Synaxis of John the Baptist 7:00pm Divine Liturgy +Daniel Colonel by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff McCallister	
Sunday, January 9 Sunday after Theophany 10:00am Divine Liturgy For the Faithful	Tone 8, pg 161

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Wednesday, January 12 9:00am Divine Liturgy +Colin Jirles by Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jirles	
Thursday, January 13 7:00pm Divine Liturgy +Colin Jirles by Mr. & Mrs. James Pitt	
Friday, January 14 7:00pm Divine Liturgy	
Sunday, January 16 34 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Divine Liturgy	Tone 1, pg 125

ST. BARBARA, DAYTON LITURGY SCHEDULE

Celebrating at: St. John Bosco Chapel
Wright State University
3650 Colonel Glenn Highway Fairborn, Ohio 45324



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Friday, December 31
6:00pm Vigil of the Circumcision

Thursday, January 6, 2022
6:00pm Liturgy of Theophany, Blessing of Water

Saturday, January 8, 2022
4:00pm Vespers followed by Liturgy



ST. BARBARA DEC/JAN ECF CLASS SCHEDULE

01/01/22 New Year's No ECF **01/15/22** ECF Classes
01/08/22 ECF Classes resume **01/22/22** ECF Classes

Please continue to pray for the youth and their families and for the catechists.

Parishioners willing to help prepare or provide a snack please contact Emma Ricketts via email - emma.ricketts1@icloud.com

Due to the various holidays and feasts coming up, the St. Barbara's Men's Group will meet up again at the beginning of January. If you wish to receive email updates, please contact Chris Wagner at cwagner22587@gmail.com

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Sunday	Epistle, 2 Timothy 4:5-8	Gospel, Mark 1:1-8
Monday	Epistle, Heb 3:5-11 & 17-19	Gospel, Luke 20:27-44
Tuesday	Epistle, Heb 4:1-13;	Gospel, Luke 21:12-19
Wednesday	Epistle, 1 Cor 9:19-27;	Gospel, Luke 3:1-18
Thursday	Epistle, Titus 2:11-14 & 3:4-7;	Gospel, Matthew 3:13-17
Friday	Epistle, Acts 19:1-8;	Gospel, John 1:29-34
Saturday	Epistle, Eph 6:10-17;	Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday	Epistle, Eph 4:7-13;	Gospel, Matthew 4:12-17

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01/09/22 ECF Classes resume	01/23/22 ECF Classes

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WE WISH ALL A VERY BLESSED, HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

2022 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND WALL CALENDARS

The collection envelopes (on table) and wall calendars (on bookshelf) for next year are in the church vestibule. The envelopes will have the family name on them. If you do not see your name and want a set of envelopes, please contact the office either via email or by phone. We ask that each family take just one calendar so that everyone may receive one.

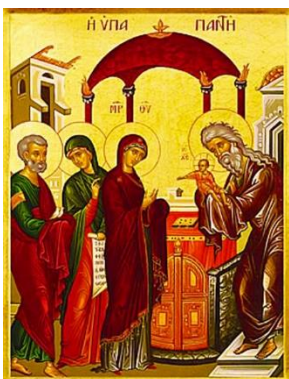
MOTHERS' PRAYERS

An online prayer group, facilitated by Fr. Robert, where members meet every week and obey the strict rule of confidentiality. During the meetings a mother may share her worries without the fear of anything being repeated outside of the meeting. The other mothers support her in her prayer and she will feel supported by thousands of mothers around the world who are also part of Mothers' Prayers. Mothers experience a great peace with the blessing of this wonderful prayer support.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the office to put your email on the contact list to get the link to join in the online meeting.



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The Circumcision of Jesus

The Circumcision is the principal feast of the day. Eight days after His birth, the Child was circumcised according to the Mosaic Law and was given the name assigned to Him by an angel before He was conceived – Jesus. In the Gospel for today, we read the history of the feast: *“And when eight days were fulfilled for his circumcision, His name was called Jesus, the name given by the Angel before he was conceived in the womb”* (Lk. 2:21).

Christ could have accomplished our redemption by a simple word, but He desired to carry out His saving mission through a series of actions which were finally crowned with His death and resurrection. All these various acts between His birth and resurrection were performed for our sake, to help us understand the nature and meaning our redemption. One of these acts, was His circumcision. Circumcision had a sacramental character in the Old Testament and was the first legal observance required by God of the descendants of Abraham. It was, in fact, a sacrament of initiation into the service of God. The law of circumcision remained in force until the death of Christ; and our Lord being born under this law, submitted Himself to it.

The liturgy sees, in the act of circumcision, Christ giving us an example of obedience to the law, teaching us humility and revealing His infinite mercy. *“The all – good God did not disdain to be circumcised by the circumcision of flesh; but offered Himself as a sign and example of salvation to all, for the Maker of the Law fulfills the precepts of the Law and the preaching of the prophets concerning Him”* (stichera of vespers).

The feast dates back to the early centuries and the Fathers of the fourth century, especially St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Ambrose, have many references to it in their families.

St. Basil the Great

On the same day, we also celebrate the feast of St. Basil the Great. St. Basil is one of the most distinguished Doctors of the Church. Born about 330 A.D. he was the oldest of five sons. Three of his brothers became bishops, one of whom was St. Gregory of Nyssa who, together with St. Basil himself and his very close friend, St. Gregory of Nazianus, make up the trio known as "The Three Cappadocians."



St. Basil became bishop of Caesarea and was a heroic champion of the Catholic faith against the Arian heresy. He was a great theologian, a powerful preacher, and a tireless writer of doctrinal works and numerous letters and homilies. His letters tell the story of his active and varied life.

The founder of Eastern monasticism, he edited that form of the Divine Liturgy which bears his name. By common consent, he ranks among the greatest figures of Church history, yet he died January 1, 379, when scarcely 49 years old.

When Modestus, the prefect of Cappadocia, sent by Emperor Valens to introduce Arianism as the state religion, found himself unsuccessful in his attempt he wrote to Valens: "Emperor, we are bested by this leader of the Church, Basil. His is too strong for threats, too firm for words, too clever for persuasion."

As early as the fourth century, Anatolius of Constantinople and, centuries later, St. John Damascene and St. Germanus wrote many hymns and troparions with which the Church still glorifies St. Basil. St. John Damascene glorifies St. Basil in the stichera of matins: "O Father Basil, you followed in the life bearing steps, the steps of Christ, the faithful Head of Shepherds, for you went forth to offer yourself for the church, O Most blessed." In other sticheras, St. Damascene speaks of him as one "who became worthy of the throne of the apostles." "chief of priests," and the "shining star of Caesarea."

On this day, as is only fitting, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated.

Although the feasts of the Circumcision and St. Basil fall on the secular New Year's Day, the liturgy takes no notice of it. But we, as good Christians, should at least privately pay God the homage of willing allegiance at the threshold of the civil year. He is the Lord of time. May we use the precious days of the new year in full accord with the purposes of Divine Providence, making each of them a stepping stone to eternity.

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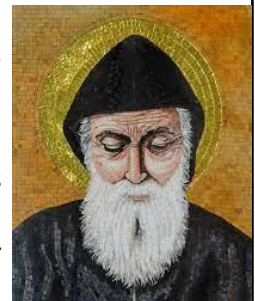
For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

Hussein Abdi	Charlene Grabner	Joe Martin	Nadia Ritchey	Nicholas Zvansky
Paula Balcarcel	Jeanette Hill	Judy Martin	Stephanie Salerno	Sandra Zvansky
Charles Branham	Tim Hill	Angela Merva	Justine Schwenk	Intentions of C. Charyton
Garey Conley	Esther Imhoff	Rosemary Nyahay	John Sikora	Intentions of Fr. Robert
Will Culver	Tad Imhoff	Mic O'Halloran	Dennis Stinich	Abby
Maria Czynnik	Jackson Family	John Oshinski	Josh Taylor	Dave
Lori DeClue	Gordon Kaercher	Paula Oshinski	L.T. Tekle	Hagos
Ron Doctor	Susan Kaiser	Carol Osifchin	Ruth Turanchik	Kathy
Aimeé Evans	James Kester	Beauetta Parks	Owen Ward	Steve
Joseph Evans	Kathy Krofcheck	Cathy Pitt	Steven Woryk	Tori's baby
Weyni Girmay	Christine Leon	Keith Pope	Dave Zaroka	
Deborah Gordon	Bill Martin	Maria Rakowsky		

Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlof

Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage.

We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favours, grant us... (State your intention(s) here...) through his intercession. Amen.



JANUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Stephen Bednar	Clare Hummel	Christopher Stasek
Nicholas Branham	Kathy Krofcheck	Patrick Stasek
Elizabeth Hartung	Maximilian Leyendecker	
Catherine Hummel	Amanda Preece	