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EPISTLE: 2 Tim. 4: 5-8. GOSPEL: Mk. 1: 1-8

Saints of the Day: The Circumcision of Christ

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Who are visiting and worshipping with us this morning. Your presence has blessed us, and we pray that you also have been blessed by God and will return to visit again. A schedule of our services and special events is posted on our website along with many other interesting items and links. Please visit us there as well (www.allsaintsolyphant.org).

(Resurrectional Troparion--Tone 3) Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm! He has trampled down death by death! He has become the first-born of the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted the world great mercy.

(Circumcision of Christ Troparion--Tone 1) Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and your Divine Spirit, You willed to be born on earth, O Jesus from Your unwedded Handmaid, Your Mother; therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day Child. Glory to Your Most Gracious Counsel. Glory to Your dispensation. Glory to Your condescension, O Only Lover of man.

(St. Basil the Great Troparion--Tone 1) Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth which was divinely taught by hearing your voice. Expounding the nature of creatures, and adoring the manners of men. O Holy Father of a royal priesthood, entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: (St. Basil the Great Kontakion--Tone 4) You were revealed as the sure foundation of the Church, granting all a Lordship which cannot be taken away, sealing it with your precepts, Venerable Father Basil. **NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN. (Circumcision of Christ Kontakion--tone 3)** The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised. Thus in His mercy He circumcises the sins of mortal men. Today He grants the world salvation, while Basil the High Priest of God our Creator rejoices in heaven as the radiant star of Christ.

Schedule for the week:

TODAY January 1st, 2017: 9:30AM Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows.

Saturday, January 7th: 3:30PM Confession. 4PM Vespers.

Announcements

Fast Free Week thru January 4th. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Thursday, January 5th. Compline/Water Blessing. 6:30PM. Theophany.

Friday, January 6th. Divine Liturgy/Water Blessing. 9AM.

JANUARY 8 - St. Tikhon's Summer Camp Fundraising Breakfast with Basket Raffle. After liturgy on Jan 8, the Sunday School will be hosting a breakfast. We will be serving scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns, and fruit, plus coffee cake. Prices will be \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children. Please join us for the meal and fellowship; and help us raise money to send our church kids to summer camp! **We will also hold our gift basket raffle following the breakfast - continue to see Dorothy Maday for tickets.** There are many wonderful baskets to choose from! **Sunday School families:** On January 8, please bring a coffee cake that we may cut and serve; we will also need children to help serve meals and clean up. Many thanks to all who have helped thus far!!

Starting March 2017: Bulletin sponsorships are needed. Please see Ken Stafursky. The parish council has approved two public doors to be changed as emergency doors (with push bars). The cost is \$700. We are soliciting donations. Please see Fr. Paul or Reader Ken Stafursky.

We pray to the Lord in His great mercy: to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are in need: Subdeacon Will. Justin. Liam. Karen, Ceil, and Donna & the child to be born of her. Please keep Matushka Patty in your prayers for her safety and well-being while she is in North Carolina.

Please bring canned goods and non-perishables: We are adopting a needy family on a monthly basis and ask for your generosity and help.

Perogies: Available on Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. and Sunday 11-12. Thank you to all those for all your hard work in making them! Try some tasty Perogies!