



The Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus

JANUARY 1, 2017

JESUS respected the sacredness of the Old Law and submitted to its ceremony of circumcision. The rite officially incorporated Him into the Jewish religion and was a figure of Baptism. The Saviour came to fulfill and to replace the Old Law, and to incorporate people of all nations into His Mystical Body through Baptism. From Him, the Head, we receive all of the graces needed to live worthily as His members. We become “acceptable” to God in the measure that we are cleansed from sin, reborn, give God His due worship and obedience, and render to our fellow man on earth both justice and Christ-like charity.

PRELUDE	<i>Noel sur les flutes</i>	L. C. Daquin
ENTRANCE HYMN (STAND)	<i>St. Michael</i>	Hymnal No. 113
ASPERGES ME (Missal pg. 4) [a weekly reminder of our Baptism]		plainsong
	<i>(We KNEEL as the priest quietly begins the Prayers at the Foot of the Altar, pg. 8)</i>	
INTROIT (KNEEL)	<i>Puer natus est</i>	Isa. 9:6; Ps. 97:1
KYRIE (KNEEL)	<i>Missa Gloria in excelsis Deo</i> <i>(based on Christmas themes)</i>	Vito Carnevali
GLORIA (SIT, pg. 12)		Carnevali
COLLECTS (STAND)		
THE EPISTLE (SIT)		Titus 2:11-15
	<i>Our Lord's life, from beginning to end, was full of sacrifice that merited grace for the world's forgiveness. Our personal sacrifices, united to His, bring grace to our neighbors and to ourselves.</i>	
GRADUAL (SIT)		Ps. 97:3-4, 2
ALLELUIA (SIT)		Heb. 1:1-2
THE HOLY GOSPEL (STAND)		Luke 2:15-21
	<i>The blood shed at the beginning of His life was in part a token that on Calvary Jesus would pour out all His blood and give His very life of the life of the world—our redemption.</i>	
SERMON (SIT)		Monsignor John Mangels
NICENE CREED (SIT, pg. 15)		Carnevali
OFFERTORY VERSE (STAND)		Ps. 88:12, 21

ANTHEM (SIT)	<i>The Shepherds' Farewell</i>	Hector Berlioz
“PRAY BRETHERN”		Missal pg. 21
SECRET COLLECTS		
SURSUM CORDA (pg. 22) & PREFACE OF NATIVITY (pg. 24) (STAND)		
SANCTUS (KNEEL, pg. 33)		Carnevali
THE CANON OF THE MASS (KNEEL)		Missal pg. 35
POST-EPIKLESIS	<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Carnevali
THE LORD'S PRAYER (STAND)		Missal pg. 44
AGNUS DEI (KNEEL, pg. 46)		Carnevali
PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION		Missal pg. 50a

Following the reception of Holy Communion, it is proper to return to your pew, kneel, and make your **Thanksgiving after Communion** (*Missal, pg. 51 or St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 177*). If you have not received Holy Communion, you should make a “**Spiritual Communion**” (*St. Ambrose Prayer Book, pg. 187*). This is far more spiritually beneficial and preferable to “people-watching.”

COMMUNION MOTET	<i>Ninna Nanna (Sleep, O Child Divine)</i>	Melchior Mauro-Cattone
COMMUNION VERSE		Ps. 97:3
POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT (STAND)		
DISMISSAL AND BLESSING (KNEEL)		

LAST GOSPEL (STAND)		John 1:1-14
HYMN (STAND)	ORIEL	Hymnal No. 326
POSTLUDE	<i>A Virgin Pure</i>	N. LeBegue



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors this morning. There are Service Books in the pews for your use. While Holy Communion may be **received only by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to come forward at Communion for a blessing and the *pain benit*—blessed bread. Please fill out one of the “visitor cards” found in the pew racks and take a moment to sign our guest book in the Narthex! Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall (*downstairs*).

Orthodox Christians **must be prepared** for Holy Communion through Sacramental Confession, fasting, prayer, and being at peace with others. A prepared person must have been to Confession recently (*frequency established by his Pastor*), have abstained from food and drink from Midnight and have attended Mass regularly. Please seek and give forgiveness before receiving Communion.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for: Anya Whittier, Adel Mikhail, Tammy Hurtado, Margaret Dudley, Claire Emmons, Patrice Prothro, John Kuzma, Stan Wallace, Traudel Schroad Gunter, Sarah Jerome, John May, Larry Stokes, Ria Furr, Monica Enright, Jackie Huttenhoff, Paul Schroeder, Phyllis Shavlik, Cece Scott, Charles Raines, Megan Hines, Margaret Lyman, Lily Calderon, Neville Gaggiani, Phyllis Roberts, Sue Stanko, Robert Phillips, the suffering Christians in Syria and the Middle East, Maria Palucha, Margie Palucha, Metropolitan Boulos of Aleppo, Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim of Aleppo, Kh. Angela Keiser, Nate Redman, Aaron Rendoff, Vanessa Taylor, Jim Sanders.

The Church Fathers Speak: Our faith is right (correct, Orthodox), and starts from the teaching of the Apostles and the tradition of the Fathers, being confirmed both by the New Testament and the Old. **St. Athanasios the Great of Alexandria** (+373)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

Here are some important upcoming events at St. Augustine's Parish. Please mark your calendars.

- **THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**, Friday, January 6th
5:30PM "RUSH HOUR CONCERT" a special presentation of music for the Epiphany by Alexandra Eddy and friends.
7:00PM SOLEMN MASS OF THE EPIPHANY, members of THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS will sing special Epiphany music at the Mass.
- **REMOVAL OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.** We will take down the Christmas Decorations after Mass **next Sunday**, January 8th. We can sure use everyone's help. We were rather short-staffed in putting them up so any help you can bring will be greatly appreciated.

PROFOUND AND SINCERE THANKS

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your kind gifts, cards and good wishes at this holy season. I am honored and humbled by your outpouring of love. But the greatest gift that can be given to a priest at Christmas is seeing all of his parishioners gathered at the Altar of God for Christ-Mass.

I also want to thank all of you who helped make our celebration of the Birth of Christ so special; those who cleaned, decorated, sang, worked on the bulletin, contributed financially to the flower fund and the orchestral sponsors, to those who served at the Altar and to all who helped in so many other ways. Many thanks!

Monsignor John A. Mangels

VISIT THE CRÈCHE

During the 12 Days of Christmas (December 25-January 5), plan on spending a few moments in meditation before the Christmas Crèche in our Church. This is an excellent way for families to teach their young children the REAL MEANING of Christmas and the profound impact of the Mystery of the Incarnation. The Prayers for this Visit are found in the St. Ambrose Prayer Book (pg. 453-454). It is good for adults as well!

SPECIAL THANKS to Mackenzie Talley, Claire LeBorgne, Humberto Borboa and Jeff McClendon from THE AMBROSIAN CHORISTERS for providing the special Liturgical Music for today's Mass as well as the Mass on the Epiphany, Friday, January 6—the Feast of the Epiphany!

Think About It: Help one another with the generosity of the Lord, and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by. **St. Polycarp of Smyrna** (+155)

CHURCH CALENDARS 2017 AVAILABLE

The **2017 Church Calendars** have arrived. They are very beautiful this year and contain all of the information an Orthodox Christian of the Western Rite needs in following the fast & feasts of the Church Year. Get your new 2017AD calendar today!

THE CHURCH FATHERS SPEAK—Nor does this JESUS bear his Name as a vain and empty image, as other men have done in time past; in him it is not the shadow of a great name, but the truth. The Evangelist bears witness that this Name was truly given him from heaven, Which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. See the depth of meaning in this saying. After JESUS was born, he was called JESUS by men, but he was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. In fact, he is the Saviour of both angel and man; but of man since the Incarnation, of the angel since the beginning of creation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon me!

BISHOP BASIL'S NAME DAY

In the Byzantine Rite of our Holy Orthodox Church, today is also the Feast of St. Basil the Great, our dear friend Bishop Basil's patron. Please remember him in your prayers.

Patristic Wisdom: How could the human race go to God if God had not come to us? How should we free ourselves from our birth into death if we had not been born again according to faith by a new birth generously given by God, thanks to that which came about from the Virgin's womb? **St. Irenaeus of Lyons** (+202)

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THIS WEEK AT SAINT AUGUSTINE'S

January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

Monday, January 2	The Holy Name of Jesus	
Tuesday, January 3	Octave Day of St. John the Evangelist	
Wednesday, January 4	Octave of Holy Innocents; <i>St. Titus, BC</i>	Mass 7:00pm
Thursday, January 5	Vigil of the Epiphany; <i>St. Telesphorus, BM</i>	

Friday, January 6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Rush Hour Concert: 5:30pm

Mass of the Epiphany: 7:00pm

Saturday, January 7	<i>Within the Octave of Epiphany</i>	Mass 10:00am
Sunday, January 8	The Holy Family	High Mass 10:00am

CONFESSIONS: *The Sacrament of Confession is available after all weekday Services, and anytime by appointment.*