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SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY. CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. OUR HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT, ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOGIA

Schedule of Services JANUARY 1—JANUARY 8, 2023

Sunday, January 1—The Circumcision of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Feast of St. Basil the Great

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Our Holy

Father Basil the Great

[Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!](#)

[Christos Krescajetsja! Vo Jordan'i!](#)

Friday, January 6, The Theophany OBLIGATION

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Great Blessing of Water and Mirovanie

after Liturgy

Sunday, January 8—Sunday after Theophany

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church

and for their relatives

Christmas Flowers: Please help us to cover the cost of Christmas flowers. You can find special envelopes on the table in the back of the church or make a check with a memo "Christmas flowers." Thank you for your donations.



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know

you! God bless you!

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Christopher Andrews, Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie, Martin, Louis Boudousquie, Bill Reid

For the repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Brenda Washicko, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Carol Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Jesse Gonzalez, +John, +Lucy Ortiz, +Martha Williams, +Martin Brandenfels, +Gail Parker, +Manuel Rodriguez, +Elizabeth Rodriguez, +Diane Walsh, +Fransica Rodriguez, +Nancy Bailey
Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

Blessings of Homes 2023: It is time to sign up for house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed, please use the sheet in the hall to sign up. Please indicate the date and the time you would like for your home blessing. Thank you.

A Prayer for the Coming New Year

O Lord our God, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Creator of time, existing before time and outside of time, the same yesterday, today and forever. You are the Pantocrator, the absolute Ruler who exercises sovereign authority over the entire universe and its laws. You are not limited by any natural events and occurrences, or by our action or inaction. The world is not driven by blind forces, but is governed wisely and lovingly by Your divine Providence.

You, O King and Master of the world, govern by Your almighty will the world You created as a captain governs his ship. We have nothing to be afraid of, as long as You are at the rudder. The very elements of nature obey You. Nothing happens by chance. What happens to us does not happen at random. Not a single hair from our heads falls to the ground without Your powerful will. We are in Your hands. What we are, whatever good we have in us, comes from You, the source of every goodness. We ask You humbly, our Savior, as we enter this New Year of our salvation, to bless us all; to bless our endeavors, and everything we do. We ask You, O Lord, to bless the time You give us, that we may pass this new year of Your grace and the lifespan You have given us in repentance, forgiveness, patience, tolerance, peace, the fight against our passions, the practicing of the virtues, in doing Your will, not ours, and in accepting it cheerfully, without groaning or complaint.

Grant us, O Father Almighty, sincere faithfulness, wakeful preparedness and active witness, to be strong and grow in faith and love for You, and work diligently for the establishment of Your Kingdom, a Kingdom of peace and justice. Instill in us the longing for the establishment of Your heavenly Kingdom, a Kingdom of everlasting life, peace and joy.

We also beseech You, O Lord, to bless the entire world, and all Nations. Guide them to You, that they may come to know You, the only true God, and to do Your Holy Will. And protect, O Lord, Your Holy Church, everywhere, so that with one voice and one heart we may all praise and glorify Your most Holy and magnificent Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.



On-line Giving:

Thank you for your donation!
God save you!

Tithes & Attendance:

December 18

Tithes: \$525.00

Attendance: 21

December 25

Tithes: \$310.00

Christmas: \$20.00

Gift shop: \$315.00

Attendance: 26

Aspects and Powers of Water

By St. Cyril of Jerusalem - Catecheses, 9, 9ff. (PG33, 648)

Who is the father of the rain? Who makes the drops of dew? Who holds the clouds together and prevents them pouring water on the earth? Sometimes he brings golden-lined clouds scurrying from the south. In some cases he lets them take a firm shape, in others he makes their form vary with every moment. They hold great quantities of water yet they do not break and they roam peacefully over the sky until he unleashes the winds on the world. Who crystallizes the water into ice? The ice seems hard as rock, yet it is water. On some occasions the water becomes snow and looks like wool. On other occasions again he uses it to scatter the fog like ashes. In spring the rock melts and runs down the slopes. Water always remains water yet it has many different powers. In vineyards water becomes 'wine to gladden the hearts of the people.' In the olive groves it becomes 'oil to make their faces shine.' And it also changes into 'bread to strengthen people's hearts,' [Ps. 104:15] and into fruit of every kind. In the face of all these marvels who can fail to adore their Creator?