

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY: 28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY
CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST, S^t BASIL THE GREAT
9:10am: 3rd & 6th Hours 9:30am: Typica (Obenitsa)

NO FAST MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Mon: 1/2: FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY, VENERABLE SERAPHIM OF SAROV

Tues: 1/3: FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY
10:30am: Book Study

Wed: 1/4: FOREFEAST OF THEOPHANY
6:00pm: Vespers
7:00pm: Orthodoxy Class

Thur: 1/5: EVE OF THEOPHANY STRICK FAST
10:00am: Royal Hours of Theophany
5:00pm: Great Blessing of Water in the Church
6:00pm: Vigil of Theophany

Fri: 1/6: THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST NO FAST
9:10am: 3rd & 6th Hours 9:30am: Divine Liturgy

Sat: 1/7: SYNAXIS OF S^t JOHN THE BAPTIST
10:00am: Divine Liturgy in Slavonic at 10:00 a.m.
for Christ's Nativity (Old Style Calendar)
5:30pm: Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm: Great Vespers, Confessions

Sun: 1/8: 29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY
9:10am: 3rd & 6th Hours 9:30am: Divine Liturgy
Acolytes: check in the Altar Church School

Hours: Reader Silouan

Thanksgiving Prayers: Svetlana Camacho

Bagels, Cream Cheese & Coffee: **Provided by the Parish**

12:15pm: **Blessing of the Rio Grande**

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

COMMEMORATED THIS DAY

Troparion — Tone 1

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your divine Spirit, O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother. Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day old Child. Glory to Your most gracious counsel; glory to Your dispensation; glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind.

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28th Sunday after Pentecost January 1st 2017

2 Tim 4: 5-8

Circumcision of Christ

Mark 1: 1 - 8

WELCOME VISITORS! CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

We are honored you are visiting today. * Liturgy **Books** may be found next to the **Candle Table** at the back of the church. * We **invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card** on the Candle Table & place it in one of the Collection Baskets there. * We do not take up a **Collection** during our services but rather ask you to place donations in one of the baskets on the Candle Table or next to the **Book Store Table**. * While only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may receive **Holy Communion**, everyone is welcome to come forward at the end of Liturgy to receive a blessing from our priest and to take the blessed bread. * It is the **Orthodox practice** to stand during services as a sign of reverence for the Lord but if you need to sit, please do so. Use of chairs is shared. If you are able, we particularly try to stand during the processions with the Gospel and the Gifts, during the Readings, the Creed, during the preparation of the Holy Eucharist, the Lord's Prayer and reception of Communion. * We **invite you** to stay after the Thanksgiving Prayers **for fellowship** and the meal so that we may greet you personally, and to answer any questions you may have about our faith, our parish or today's service. * Please help yourself to the brochures and information on the east side counter. * All children **ages three through twelve** are encouraged to attend our Sunday School after Holy Communion.

* **We hope you will visit us again very soon.** *

PLEASE SEND PRAYER CORNER NAMES & UPDATES ALONG WITH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS TO:

Daniel Schulte at: drschulte@hughes.net or call 505-495-9200.

Book Store: asonaocbs@gmail.com

Rubrics for Today: Resurrection Tone 3

Resurrection Tone Sheets are on the Literature Table

Resurrection Texts are also in the Appendices of the Black Liturgy Books

PRAYER CORNER

May God Grant Many Years! To Luba Thome, Katie Zychowski – Bufford and Bryce Maggio on their Birthdays; to Basil Ruehle, William Boyle, Kylea Parchert, Leyton Becker and Cynthia Thatcher on their Name Days and to Lewis & Lynda Witz on their Anniversary,

May the Lord grant His mercy and healing to those diagnosed with cancer: Vance, Peter, Ita, Matushka Mary, Kevin, Carol, Deacon Gerasimus, Andrew, Chuck, Juan, Ivan, Lubov, Daria, Cynthia, Karen, Paul, Protodeacon Nicholas, Bishop Nikon of Boston and Archbishop Lazar.

And for those in remission from cancer: Madolyn, Dr. Frye, Mary Beth, Rolf, Ron, Galina, Yelena, Yelena, Galina, Jasmine and Fr Silouan.

May the Lord grant His mercy and healing to those with other ailments, injuries, difficult situations and intentions needing prayer:

Peter, infant Jackson, child Sophia, child William, Mikhail, Jason & Kristina, Toby, infant Katie, Nina, Elizabeth, Matushka Ingrid, Chuck & Alice, Emilia, Silouan, Evdokiya, Michael, David, Lois Ana, Randall, Bob & Marilyn, Mary Elizabeth, George, Gabriella & Andrei, Loretta, Richard, Bill, Maria, Galina, Andrey, Nikolay, Fotiniya, Joseph David, Carolyn, Deacon Steven, Kendrick, Camryn, Emma, Julie, Tana, Ruth Ann, Subdeacon Columcille, John & Sharon, Deacon Gerry, Irene, Subdeacon Gregory and Ernest.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Joseph & Maria, Paul & Elizabeth and De Andra.

God Grant Many Years! to all those others celebrating Name Days, Birthdays and Anniversaries.

O Lord, please send your angels to watch over all those traveling.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: YTD THROUGH NOVEMBER 2016

Operating Income: \$99,266²⁶ Operating Expenses: \$100,575⁴⁹ Shortfall: – \$1,309²³
Charity Collections: \$7,407⁰⁰ Building Fund: \$25,440⁰⁸

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT FORMS FOR 2017 WERE DUE BACK on December 4th. If you didn't sign & turn in your pledge form please do so soon. Copies of the form are on the Literature Table. Please read through it carefully, pray about it and return the completed form to the Tithing Box. This is not just about the 2017 budget. It is also by the means of the pledge form that we are able to assess parish membership figures to report to the DOS and the OCA. The pledge form also enables us to

determine if there are enough parishioners present at the upcoming **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON JANUARY 22nd**, for a quorum (50%) and to determine who is eligible to vote (declared parish members only.) Thank you.

PLEASE SEE Fr NIKOLAY if you are interested in being elected at the Annual Parish Meeting as a Parish Council Member, Building Committee Member, Diocesan Assembly Lay Representative or Yearly Auditor.

CHRIST'S NATIVITY (Old Style Calendar) will be celebrated on Saturday, January 7th with Divine Liturgy in Slavonic at 10:00 a.m.

THE BLESSING OF THE RIO GRANDE will be on Sunday, January 8th, at 12:15pm. Maps will be available on the Literature Table.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE whether you have returned your 2017 Commitment Form, there is a list on the Bulletin Board with the names of all those who have declared to be parish members for this new year. If you consider yourself a member of our parish, but you don't see your name on the list, please fill out and return the annual commitment form (available on the table in the back of the Church) today. Thank you.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE to a charitable fund for **Matushka Ingrid** all you need do is write a check to ASONA and write "Matushka Ingrid" on the "for" line and it will be passed through to her. Thank you.

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

COMMEMORATED THIS DAY

On the eighth day after His Nativity, our Lord Jesus Christ was circumcised in accordance with the Old Testament Law. All male infants underwent circumcision as a sign of God's Covenant with the holy Forefather Abraham and his descendants (Gen. 17:10-14, Lev. 12:3).

After this ritual the Divine Infant was given the name Jesus, as the Archangel Gabriel declared on the day of the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos (Luke 1:31-33, 2:21). The Fathers of the Church explain that the Lord, the Creator of the Law, underwent circumcision in order to give people an example of how faithfully the divine ordinances ought to be fulfilled. The Lord was circumcised so that later no one would doubt that He had truly assumed human flesh, and that His Incarnation was not merely an illusion, as certain heretics (Docetists) taught.

In the New Testament, the ritual of circumcision gave way to the Mystery of Baptism, which it prefigured (Col. 2:11-12). Accounts of the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord continue in the Eastern Church right up through the fourth century. The Canon of the Feast was written by Saint Stephen of the Saint Sava Monastery (October 28 and July 13).

In addition to circumcision, which the Lord accepted as a sign of God's Covenant with mankind, He also received the Name Jesus (Savior) on the eighth day after His Nativity as an indication of His service, the work of the salvation of the world (Mt. 1:21; Mark 9:38-39, 16:17; Luke 10:17; Acts 3:6, 16; Phil 2:9-10). These two events, the Lord's Circumcision and Naming, remind Christians that they have entered into a New Covenant with God and "are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" (Col. 2:11). The very name "Christian" is a sign of mankind's entrance into a New Covenant with God.

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