

St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, January 1, 2012

New Year's Day

Circumcision of our Lord; St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (+379); Emilia, Mother of St. Basil the Great; Gregory, Bishop of Nazianzos (+380), father of St. Gregory the Theologian; Martyr Basil of Ancyra

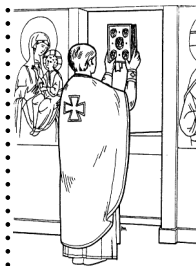
The Bread of the Offering (*Prosporo*) was prepared by Angie Lewis.

Parish Council Ushers: Elizabeth Haddad / Nick Koliopoulos / Cathy Miedl / Joe Potratz

Community Ushers: Sofia Kuehn / Helen Murray

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Hymns of the Entrance



Hymn of the Circumcision of our Lord (First Tone)

O most compassionate Lord, while yet God according to essence, You became man without change or alteration. Fulfilling the Law, You willingly accepted circumcision of the flesh that You might dispel the darkness of shadowy signs and remove the veil of our passions. Glory to Your goodness; glory to Your compassion; glory, O Word, to Your ineffable condescension.

Entrance Hymn (Second Tone): Come, let us bow down to Christ, as we worship Him, the Son of God. Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead. We sing to You, "Alleluia!"

Resurrectional Hymn (Fourth Tone)

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God is risen from the dead. He granted to the world His great mercy.

Hymn of the Circumcision of our Lord (First Tone) - *Repeat*

Hymn of St. Basil the Great (First Tone)

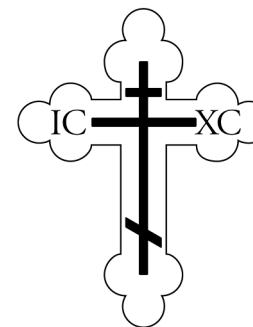
Your voice has resounded throughout the world that received your word, through which, in godly manner, you taught dogma, clarified the nature of beings, and set in order the character of mankind. Venerable father and kingly priest, intercede to Christ our God that He may grant us great mercy.



VASILOPITA CELEBRATION 2012

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. John's Greek Orthodox Church in Omaha, Nebraska once again invites the entire Parish and friends to participate in our Annual *Vasilopita* observance on Sunday, January 8, 2012 immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

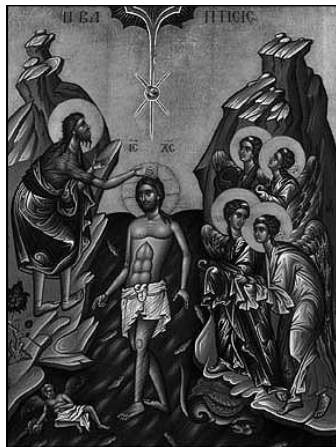
Come and recognize those who serve in our parish. Help keep our Orthodox traditions and customs alive by your participation.



The celebration will feature our traditional fast-paced audible auction format.

All proceeds benefit the charitable projects of our local chapter and the national Philoptochos, including St. Basil Academy.

*Services for the Theophany of our
Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ
and our Patron St. John the Baptizer*



Thursday, January 5 - Fast Day

Friday, January 6, Holy Theophany
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
(with the Blessing of Water)

Great Vespers of St. John the Baptizer 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 7, Synaxis of St. John the Baptizer
The Nativity of Christ (Julian Calendar)
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday after Theophany, Sunday, January 8
Matins 9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.
Vasilopita Celebration 2012

Hymn of St. John the Baptizer (Second Tone)

A righteous man is remembered with praise, for you Forerunner the Lord's witness is enough. You were shown to be greater in honor than the prophets, for you were privileged to baptize in the stream the One you had foretold. Therefore, rejoicing, you suffered for the sake of truth, and proclaimed the good news to those in Hades, that God had appeared in the flesh to take away the sin of the world, and grant our souls His great mercy.

Kontakion Hymn of the Circumcision of our Lord and the Feast of St. Basil (Third Tone)

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, high priest of God our Creator, rejoices in Heaven as the radiant star of Christ.



The Readings

Epistle: Colossians 2:8-12 (p. 217 in the pew Bibles)
Reader: Adam Oleson

Gospel: Luke 2:20,21,40-52 (p. 63 in the pew Bibles)

Megalynarion: All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace: the assembly of angels and the human race. You are a sanctified temple and a spiritual paradise, the glory from whom God was incarnate and became a child; our God, existing before all ages. He made your womb a throne, and your body more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O full of grace. Glory to you.

Welcome, Visitors! Please join us for refreshments following the Divine Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Today's fellowship hour is sponsored by Zoe White.

Church School classes will resume next Sunday, January 8.

Precious Memories Child Care - Thank you to all of the following St. John's Santa helpers for providing gifts to children of the Precious Memories Child Care Center: Helen Amlin, Deb Barelos, Elaine Boner, Helen Katsiris, Angie Lewis, Georgia Matheakis, Marcus Maydew family, Helen Nick, Elaine Poulos, Maria and Sheila Theophilopoulos, and Judy Stom. Their Christmas party was held at Precious Memories on December 23rd where the gifts were distributed and smiles abounded.

Make plans now to attend the Metropolis of Chicago Western Region Family Basketball Tournament, February 10-12, 2012 in St. Paul, Minnesota. For more information, please contact Charlie Tsatsos. Team Spirit ... Pass it on!

Keeping you informed: See the minutes of Parish Council meetings and other useful information on the bulletin board downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Stewardship 2012: Please prayerfully consider your commitment of time, talents, and treasures to our parish for the coming year and return your commitment card today. Help us meet our goal of \$172,000 which is necessary to sustain the ministries of our community. If you wish to receive a set of envelopes or have any questions about our stewardship program, contact Elaine Schall at (402) 498-0306 or e-mail eschall@aol.com.

Looking Ahead...

Monday	1/2	Go Huskers!	12:00 noon
Thursday	1/5	Fast Day (Eve of Theophany)	
Friday	1/6	Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Water	10:00 a.m.
		Great Vespers of St. John the Baptizer	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	1/7	Divine Liturgy of St. John the Baptizer	10:00 a.m.
		Nativity of Christ (Julian Calendar)	
		Cocris Baptism	2:00 p.m.
Sunday	1/8	Matins (Ushers: Team B)	9:00 a.m.
		Divine Liturgy (<i>Prosporo</i> : TBA)	10:00 a.m.
		(Ushers: Dr. Michael G. & Elizabeth Kreekos)	
		Church School / Forty-Day Blessing of Mother and Child	
		<i>Vasilopita</i> Celebration 2012	