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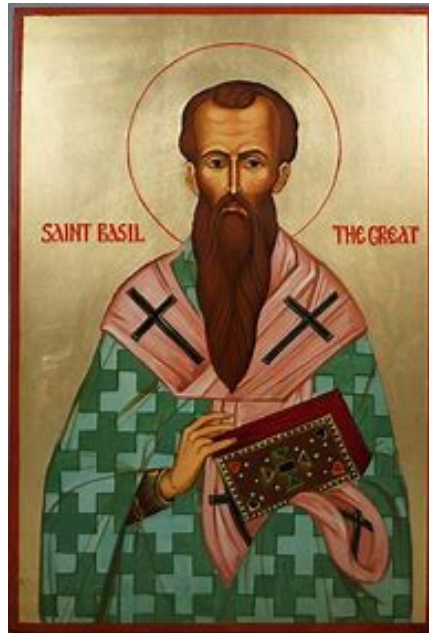
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**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2017**

28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone

3. The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ. St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of  
Cæsarea in Cappadocia (379). Sunday before  
Theophany. Martyr Basil of Ancyra (ca. 362).

**Epistle:** Hebrews 7:26-8:2; 2 Timothy 4:5-8

**Gospel:** Luke 6:17-23; Mark 1:1-8

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**Confessions:** Saturdays Following Vespers

*Also by appointment*

**Vespers:** Saturdays at 6pm

**Vigil:** Eve of Feasts at 7pm, except Sundays when at 6pm.

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays at 9:30am

Feast Days at 9:30am

**UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:**

**Sun, Dec 31:**

Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am. Coffee Hour. Vespers for Circumcision/St. Basil at Noon.

**Mon, Jan 1:**

Hours and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Circumcision/St. Basil, 9:10am.

**Wed, Jan 3:**

Akathist with class on the Psalms-9:15am. Prison Ministry-7:30pm

**Fri, Jan 5**

9am Royal Hours followed by Vesperal Liturgy with Great Blessing of the Waters. Vigil for Theophany – 6pm.

**Sat, Jan 6:**

Hours and Divine Liturgy -9:10am. Great Blessing of the Waters. Vespers and Confessions 6pm.

**Calendars:** 2018 St. Tikhon's Calendars are available in the vestibule today. PLEASE take one per household. We ordered enough for each household. If there are any left over in two weeks, you may help yourself. But for now, one per household. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Church Envelopes:** 2018 envelopes are in the vestibule for pick up. There are boxes of envelopes that are not assigned for those contribute regularly. It makes it much easier for the Financial Secretary to maintain records. If you choose to use an envelope, fill out the information requested on the 8 1/2 x 11 pad.

**Congratulations!** To Dustin and Gillian Crosby on the birth of their daughter Margaret Jean. What a wonderful Christmas gift not only for them but for our parish. May the Lord grant them all Many Years!

**Fast Free** from Christmas Day to January 4<sup>th</sup>: Enjoy!

**Memory Eternal!** We extend our condolences and prayers to Catherine Petrascu on the recent repose of her mother Camila. May Camila's Memory be Eternal!

**Novogodny Ball:** 81st Novogodny Ball will take place on Sunday 1/14/18 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email [novogodnyball@gmail.com](mailto:novogodnyball@gmail.com) or call **Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.**

**Scrip:** Profit \$97.82, YTD \$1405.24. Thank you for your participation.

**Wrightstown Food Cupboard:** Thank you to all who donated items which were used to pack 135 baskets yesterday. The need, unfortunately, continues so please continue to bring the following items.

Coffee, tea, juice, baby food, tuna and canned meat, desserts (brownie mixes, cake mix, frosting, pie and pie crust mixes).

### **Christmas Message from Father Martin**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Mark's and all our friends and guests,  
Christ is born! Glorify Him! With these words we greet one another in the Joy of Christ's Nativity. May they be the foundation of our life every day – Christ is born! And the purpose behind everything we think, say and do – Glorify Him!  
May you and your families know the true meaning of Christ's Nativity and experience the peace on earth, goodwill to men this day brings and offer it especially to those in spiritual and material need, near and far.

May the Lord bless you all, and from our family to yours,

Merry Christmas!  
With love in Christ,  
Fr. Martin and Family

### **Names Day**

Charles Bendas  
Buddy Rybny  
Elliot Seraphim Hamerstone

### **Birthday**

Irene Arhipov  
Cecilia Seroka

### **Vigil Lights**

#### **From Tatyana**

For the Health of: Michael, Tatyana, Irene, Anna,  
Lucy, Joel, Olga, Masha, Pavel  
In Memory of: Anna, Nicolay, Alexandra, Olga, Rita,  
Vasily

#### **From Ristvey**

For the Health of: George, Margaret, Andrew, Stephanie

#### **From Irene Arhipov**

For the Health of: Sergei, Stephanie, Peter, Alexandra,  
Anthony, Alan, Ludmila, Anna  
In Memory of: Maria, Ivan, Katherine, Dmitri, Anna

#### **From Judi Rybny**

In Memory of: Rose Marie Chabay, passed 12/20/17

### **Please remember in your prayers**

**Living:** *Captive Hierarchs Paul and John, orphans of St. Thekla's, Pdn. Joseph, Priest John, Mats. Myra, Elena, Laryssa, Mary, Peter, Stephanie, Samuel, Anthony, Sergei, Michael, Tatyana, Vera, Anna, Krastyo, Tom, Michael, Martin, Matthew, Nicoletta, Anita, Carmen, Nathan, and for Marina and the child she is bearing,*

**Departed:** Archpriest John, Archpriest Alvian and Matushka Helen, Camila, Julie, Ann Dahulich, Shane, Aemelia, Samuel, Alexandr, *Archpriest Stephen, Archpriest Vladimir*