



## FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION & ST. BASIL THE GREAT

### — SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY — — THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD & SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST — — OUR FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT — — ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA —

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**DIVINE LITURGIES****Sundays:**

8:30am – Ukrainian [chanted]  
10:30am – English [choir]  
1:00pm – Arabic / English [Melkite]  
5:00pm – English [recited & incense  
free]

**Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat**

9:00am – English

**Fridays:**

10:00am at Westview—English

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion:* You came down from oh high, O Merciful One,\* and accepted three days of burial\* to free us from our sufferings.\* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,\* glory be to You.

*Troparion:* You are seated on high on a fiery throne,\* with Your Father who is without beginning and Your divine Spirit.\* Yet You willed, O Jesus, to be born of a virgin maiden, Your Mother,\* as a man, You were circumcised on the eighth day.\* Glory to Your all-gracious will,\* glory to Your providence,\* glory to Your condescension, O You who alone love mankind.

*Troparion:* Your message has spread through all the earth:\* it accepted the word with which you taught in a manner befitting God.\* You explained the nature of things and ordered human conduct.\* O namesake of the royal priesthood, venerable Father Basil,\* pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion:* You have appeared as a firm foundation for the Church,\* maintaining its authority as a sure refuge for mortals,\* sealing it by your doctrine,\* O venerable Basil,\* revealer of heaven.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion:* The Lord of all submits to circumcision\* and in His love cuts off the failings of mortals;\* today He gives the world salvation.\* While in the highest there rejoices\* Basil the hierarch of the Creator and bearer of Light,\* and the divine initiate of Christ.

You turn from me in silence.

The Lord will give strength to His people;\* the Lord will bless His people with peace.

***Epistle***

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Timothy, my son, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**At the end of the Epistle parents may send their children to the back of the church to get candles for the reading of the Holy Gospel.**

***Alleluia***

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: God, be merciful to us and bless us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: make the light of Your face shine upon us and have mercy on us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

verse: Give heed, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like sheep.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Marriage:** Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

**Baptism-Chrismation-Eucharist:**

Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For emergencies  
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**Funeral:** Arrangements with Fr. Bo.

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Brett Bernakevitch

your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized

Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider that all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

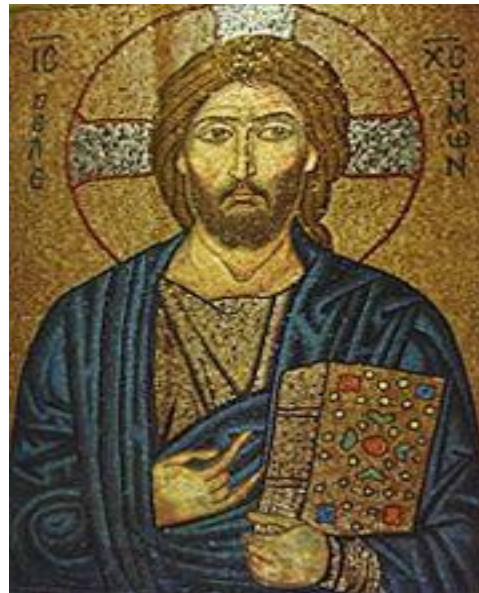
**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.\*

Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

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## The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ



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

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 .

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

10:30am - Dave Wandzura

ROSARY (10:00am): Glen Kulak

ARK STORE -

### PRAYER & CATECHESIS

**\*\* NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY or NEXT WEEK \*\*** Classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 15.

**COMPLINES & THEOPHANY LITURGY** with water blessing will take place on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 6:00pm. Theophany potluck dinner to follow.

**THEOPHANY LITURGY:** on Friday, Jan. 6 at 8:00am and 7:00pm. There will also be a Divine Liturgy at Westview at it's regularly scheduled time of 10:00am.

**BIBLE STUDY:** resumes next Monday, January 9, 2017. See you there!

**CONFESSIONS** at 4:00pm every Saturday. Please see schedule for any changes.

**GREAT VESPERS** at 5:00pm every Saturday. Please join us in this lovely hour of prayer.

### FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION CLASSES:

**Begin Sunday, January 15 at 9:30am.** Please contact teacher Barb Carpay at bcarpay@shaw.ca or Karen McMillan at 403-257-6910 or s.david.mcmillan@gmail.com for more



## Making Our Parish Bloom

Knowing our Mission /  
Defining our Vision /  
Developing our Action  
Plan / Becoming a More  
Vibrant Parish

**Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:30pm**

### Supper and Program

For PPC Members, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Committee, invited guests, and any

**CARDS AND DIVINE LITURGIES:** If you know of someone in our Parish Family who the Love & Care Committee should be attending to, please contact Anne Lozinski at 403-241-8905.

### PARISH MEETINGS & EVENTS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3rd DEGREE MEETING:** will be held at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7:00pm.

**THEOPHANY POTLUCK DINNER:** on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7:30pm after 6:00pm Theophany Liturgy. Everyone welcome!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:00pm in the Knights room.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th degree MEETING:** on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:00pm.

**MEN'S DINNER MEETING:** on Thursday, Jan 12 at 7:00pm in the boardroom.

**ST. STEPHEN'S MALANKA:** on Friday, January 13 at 6:00pm in the hall. Everyone welcome! Please see ad for more information and/or Ambrose after today's Divine Liturgy.

**SANDWICHES FOR THE DROP-IN CENTRE:** will be collected on Sunday, January 15.

**OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD:**

8:30am – No Divine Liturgy

10:30am- for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

5:00pm – for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

### Monday, January 2:

9:00am - for the intentions and needs of all parishioners

### Tuesday, January 3:

9:00am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Stephen Ruff

### Wednesday, January 4:

No Divine Liturgy

### Thursday, January 5: EVE OF THEOPHANY:

6:00pm – for blessings for health & happiness for Dinah Tirso

### Friday, January 6: FEAST OF THEOPHANY:

8:00am – Theophany Liturgy

10:00am – Divine Liturgy at Westview Lodge

7:00pm – Theophany Liturgy

### Saturday, January 7:

9:00am – for blessings for the health and wellbeing of Byron Tataryn

### Sunday, January 8:

8:30am – in memory of the repose of the soul of +Stephen Ruff

*ST. STEPHEN'S*  
**MALANKA**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017**

COCKTAILS	6:00 PM
DINNER	7:00 PM

**TICKETS \$65.00/person**

Reservations only for tables of 8 or 10 - \$520.00/\$650.00

St. Stephen Cultural Centre  
4903 - 45 Street, S. W.

Music by *ABSOLUTE*

Entertainment - featuring  
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## COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS... OUR HERITAGE ... MALANKA HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Every Sunday for the last few weeks, my friend Ambrose Comchi announces that he is selling tickets for Malanka. It sounds Ukrainian enough, BUT what is it?

Malanka is a Ukrainian folk holiday celebrated on January 13<sup>th</sup> which is New

Years Eve in the Julian calendar. Malanka commemorates the feast day of St. Melania. On this night in Ukraine, carollers traditionally went from house to house playing pranks or acting out a small play, with a bachelor dressed in women's clothing leading the group. Malanka caps off the festivities of the Christmas holidays and is often the last chance to party before the solemn period of Lent.

But like many Ukrainian traditions that existed long before the adoption of Christianity in 988, Malanka was a mythical figure. The celebration of Malanka symbolizes the beginning of Spring being released from captivity and on her arrival bringing the flowers and greenery to life again.

Currently, Ukrainians still follow this tradition with different variations. Events get scheduled at banquet halls to celebrate the occasion. A whole community gathers to enjoy the event and to honour their cultural background. A large dinner and raffle prizes are customary events with dancing after the

meal. At midnight the New Year is cheered in and the kolomyjka begins. In the kolomyjka, attendees form a large circle in which individual dancers or small groups perform their favourite steps involving lifts, spins, high kicks, even building human pyramids. The performers attempt to impress and entertain the audience with their skills. To join in all of the fun festivities for MALANKA 2017 see Ambrose Comchi.

Special thanks to Ambrose for his research on this article.



### *INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE:*

*"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."*

St. Francis of Assisi

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