



## Saint Mary Orthodox Christian Church

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**Tone 4**

**Sunday, January 1, 2011**

**Eothinon 7**

### *The Circumcision of Christ / St. Basil the Great*

#### **Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 4**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

#### **Apolytikion of the Circumcision of Christ in Tone 1**

O most compassionate Lord, while yet God after thine essence, thou didst take human likeness without transubstantiation; and having fulfilled the law thou didst accept willingly circumcision in the flesh, that thou mightest annul the shadowy signs and remove the veil of our passions. Glory to Thy goodness, glory to Thy compassion, glory to Thine ineffable condescension, O Word.

#### **Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great in Tone 1**

In all the earth that received thy sayings, thy melody did resound, O righteous father, through which thou didst go about and proclaim, as worthy of God, the nature of creatures, cultivating the character of mankind, O thou of kingly Priesthood, Basil. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

#### **Apolytikion of the Nativity of Christ in Tone 4**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

#### **Kontakion of the Feasts in Tone 3**

The Master of all endureth humiliation and is circumcised for the iniquities of mankind; for He is good, and granteth salvation to the world. And in the highest the High Priest of the Creator, clothed with light, the divine initiate of Christ, Basil, rejoiceth.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT SAINT MARY .....

**Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*5:00 p.m. DUI VC Panel Volunteer*

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

*7:00 a.m. Matins*

*11:00 a.m. Bible Study ~ Luke*

**Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m. Royal Hours & Typika**

**5:15 p.m. Festal Matins**

**6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy for Theophany & Sanctification of Water**

**Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Theophany*

**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

*3:30 p.m. Teen SOYO Meeting*

*4:30 p.m. Confession*

*5:00 p.m. Great Vespers*

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

*9:20 a.m. Church School*

*9:30 a.m. Matins*

*10:30 a.m. Liturgy*

**Holy Bread & Coffee Hour offered by: AVAILABLE**

**Greeters:**

*12:30 p.m. Family Dynamics Preview Meeting*

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

*12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch @ TJ's Burger House*

*6:30 p.m. Belles Meeting*

#### **WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

Welcome to Saint Mary Orthodox Christian Church. We thank you for worshipping with us today and pray that your visit has been a blessing. Please fill out the Visitors Card, give it to one of the ushers before the end of today's service, and tell us how we may serve you further. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in our parish hall so we may offer you hospitality and have the joy of greeting you properly. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, please ask – we'll be happy to share our Faith with you!

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**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS  
(2:8-12)**

**The Prokeimenon:** *My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. Hear this, all ye people.*

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

**The Alleluarion:** *O Shepherd of Israel, attend, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. // The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment.*

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**THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE  
(2:20-21, 40-52)**

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously." And Jesus said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with

them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

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**Holy Bread (Prosphora) Offerings**

**Holy Bread (Prosphora) offered by:** Joseph & Tana Salome

**The Orthodox servants of God, that they may have mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation:** Father Joseph & Family, Father Aaron & Family, Father Peter & Family, Father Daniel, Father Paul & Family, Father James & Family, Father Anthony & Family, Deacon James, Rosemary, Lilija, Joan, Marla, Niki, Donna, Amy, Randa, Esther, Greg, Elena, Tyler, Brandon, Alexa, Mary, Ron, Jacob, George, Steven, Joseph, Photini, Joseph, Sophia, and Gene, Luella, Josh, Roberta, Rachel, David, Tracie, Julia, Richard, Muriel, LaDonna, Anja, Tanner, Lily, Dominic, Reneene, Joseph, Benjamin, Olivia, Trey, Cameron, Zack, Dalton, Cassandra, Joselyn.

**The Orthodox servants of God departed this life in the hope of resurrection unto life eternal:** Anita, Lucia, George, Alberta, Michael, Sadie, Terrie, Sandra, Jerry, Kaid, Sophia, and Mary, Lucille, Harrison, Duke, Leona, Donald, Barnabus, David, Wayne, Jeff, Jeremiah.



**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED**

*Juliette Abdayem, Mara Brown, Joe Carroll, Louise Casey, Roy Clark, Tom Ellis, Evelyn Ferris, Maria Greene, Randa Haddad-Stevens, Esther Henry, Peggy Kolb, Marcus Kosjer, Shirley Kosjer, Andy Labosky, JoAnn Labosky, Marla Laham, Ray Lamone, Judy Lockwood, Keri Lovinger, Donna Namee, Ernest Namee, Yvonne Nassif, Yevgeny Novikov, Carl Rogers, Duane Rosenbaum, Niki Salome, Gary Shanholtzer, Leilani VandeWall, Autumn Volhein, Kim Volhein, Jack Von Achen, Carole Willett, Victor.*

***May God remember all of them and us in His Kingdom.***

**Announcements.....**

**Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations:** Abdallah Abdayem (Jan 1), Deanna Ferris (Jan 2), Sh. Rosemary Kallail (Jan 3), Subdeacon John Laham (Jan 4), Jessica Abdayem (Jan 6), Randa Haddad-Stevens (Jan 7), Nicholas Holwey (Jan 7). God grant them good health and many years!

**Wanted: Married Couples!**

An eight week "Dynamic Marriage" class will be offered at St Mary on Sundays, from 6-8 pm., beginning February 12. The class, which was designed by Family Dynamics Institute, will help participants learn how to: Truly commit to your spouse and your marriage; Experience love at a deeper level of intimacy; Love one another in the way you each want and need to be loved; Talk to your spouse in a way they'll really hear you; Negotiate rather than argue; Manage your anger and work through conflicts together; Forgive; and Share in and support each other's dreams. A Preview Meeting to learn more about the class is scheduled for Sunday, January 8 at 12:30 pm in the church hall. Brochures are available in the foyer. Contact Fr Aaron ([stmarywichita@cox.net](mailto:stmarywichita@cox.net)) for more information or to register.

**Holy Bread/Coffee Hour Signup for 2012**

The Holy Bread and Coffee Hour notebook is ready for 2012. If you would like to offer the Holy Bread and/or the Coffee Hour one Sunday, please sign up in the notebook located outside the parish library. Thank you!

**Need Help This Winter?** A few people from our parish have volunteered to help those in need this winter. If you need occasional help for things like shoveling, snow removal, or light housework, please contact Fr Aaron ([stmarywichita@cox.net](mailto:stmarywichita@cox.net)).

**House Blessing Sign Up Sheet**

If you would like to have your home blessed during the 2012 Theophany season, please e-mail Fr Aaron ([stmarywichita@cox.net](mailto:stmarywichita@cox.net)) or fill out the sign up sheet in the foyer. Once you have signed up, Fr Aaron will contact you to set a date and time for the house blessing.

**Humanitarian Food Pantry Items needed for the  
Week of January 8, 2012**

*Peanut Butter, Fruit, Vegetables*

**Parish Council Officers**

The 2012 Parish Council Officers are: Dr. Bruce Ferris, Chairman; Dr. Robert Laham, Vice Chairman; Darren Minks, Treasurer; Richard Zarich, Secretary. We would like to thank these four individuals in advance for their service.



A NOTE FROM **METROPOLITAN SABA** of the Archdiocese of Bosra and Hauran in south Syria:

"Dearest beloved brother in Christ, His Grace Bishop. Basil: Dear Sayyidna, by God's grace and the donation of \$30,000 from DOWAMA, we as the Archdiocese of Bosra and Hauran could complete and furnish the new dormitory for university students of Al-Sweda. It was erected as a second story to Houston Hall (which was also built with funds from your Diocese) in the front courtyard of our Chancery. The dorm consists of 8 rooms which can accommodate 16 male students. You will remember that we lodge female students in another multi-story dorm (again completed through the generosity of DOWAMA). I hope this newest project will provide some income to help support the several charitable projects of our Archdiocese since the flow of donations from my parishes outside the city of Al-Sweda has all but ceased due to the continuing turmoil here. Thank you and the clergy and faithful people of your Diocese again. Sayyidna, please send to me a new list of the clergy and congregations of the Diocese of Wichita and Mid-America so that I can continue to commemorate all of you at divine services. With God's help, my clergy and I will celebrate the Divine Liturgy this Thursday, December 15th, for your Diocesan feast of St Eleftherios. May God grant you many years.

Your brother in Christ,  
+Metropolitan Saba"

