

Quotes from the Holy Fathers

"A man who is wrathful with us is a sick man; we must apply a plaster to his heart - love; we must treat him kindly, speak to him gently, lovingly. And if there is not deeply-rooted malice against us within him, but only a temporary fit of anger, you will see how his heart, or his malice, will melt away through your kindness and love - how good will conquer evil. A Christian must always be kind, gracious, and wise in order to conquer evil by good."

—**St. John of Kronstadt, "My Life in Christ"**

The Perfect Person's Rule of Life:

The perfect person does not only try to avoid evil. Nor does he do good for fear of punishment, still less in order to qualify for the hope of a promised reward.

The perfect person does good through love.

His actions are not motivated by desire for personal benefit, so he does not have personal advantage as his aim. But as soon as he has realized the beauty of doing good, he does it with all his energies and in all that he does.

He is not interested in fame, or a good reputation, or a human or divine reward.

The rule of life for a perfect person is to be in the image and likeness of God.

—**St. Clement of Alexandria**

"My poor soul! Sigh, pray and strive to take upon you the blessed yoke of Christ, and you will live on earth in a heavenly manner. Lord, grant that I may carry the light and goodly yoke, and I shall be always at rest, peaceful, glad and joyous; and I shall taste on earth of crumbs which fall from the celestial feast, like a dog that feeds upon the crumbs which fall from the master's table."

—**St. Tikhon of Voronezh**

"But I say to you," the Lord says, "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you." Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all equally in imitation of God.

—**St. Maximus the Confessor**

TO OUR VISITORS:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread. *Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

Ss Constantine & Helen

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HAPPY NEW YEAR-2017!



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Circumcision of our Lord

Commemoration of: Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea; Peter of Peloponnesos; Emmelia, Mother of Basil the Great; Basil of Ankyra

APOLYTIKIA - ENTRANCE HYMNS

Morfin analiotis (Circumcision) Tone 1

*In essence being God, most compassionate Master, * You assumed human nature without transmutation. * Fulfilling the Law, of Your own will * You accepted circumcision in the flesh, * to bring an end to the shadow, and to remove the passions that cover us. * Glory to Your benevolence, O Lord; * glory to Your compassion; * glory to Your inexpressible condescension, O Word.*

Effrenestho ta urania (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 3

Is pasan tin yin (St. Basil the Great) Tone 1

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Tu Stavru Su (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.

KONTAKION

O ton olon Kirios Tone 3

*As the Master over all * has undergone circumcision, * so He cuts away the sins * of humankind in His goodness. * On this day, upon the world He bestows salvation. * And on high * does the Creator's hierarch Basil * now rejoice, for he is known as * a most divine and light-bearing mystic of Christ.*

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 2:8-12

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 fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness 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.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:20-21; 40-52

At that time, 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 have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he 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.

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

SUN, 1/1– Circumcision of our Lord/St. Basil the Great; Vasilopita Celebration

This Week

THU, 1/5– Eve of Theophany: Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil 9 a.m. followed by the Blessing of the Waters ****Strict Fast Day****

FRI, 1/6– Theophany: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m., followed by the Blessing of the Waters

SAT, 1/7– Synaxis of St. John the Baptist: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.; Romanous Baptisms 1:30 p.m.

SUN, 1/8– Sunday after Theophany; Parish Council Oath of Office & Election of Officers; Epiphany Celebration and Cross Throwing

- ✦ **Friendly Reminder**- 2017 Stewardship Pledge Forms are now available in the Narthex and Social Hall. Thank you everyone for your commitment & support!
- ✦ **Vasilopita Celebration**– Today, Sunday, January 1, 2017.
- ✦ **Dance Fundraiser Workshop**– Tuesday, January 3rd, 7-9 p.m. with Bessie Grosso from Chicago– free for Dance Groups/\$10 per hour for all others
- ✦ **Parish Council Oath of Office and Election of Officers**– Sunday, January 8, 2017 (Ratification from the Metropolis received on 12/20/16)
- ✦ **Epiphany Celebration & Cross Throwing** - Sunday, January 8, 2017: Brunch at Church followed by excursion to Magic Island for Cross Throwing
- ✦ **FDG Fundraiser Glendi for Dance Group**– Saturday, January 28, 2017, 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Dinner and Entertainment in Church Hall. For tickets, contact Dianna Graves or any dancer.

