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Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ 13th Sunday of Luke
- ◇ Apodosis of the Presentation of the Theotokos into the Temple
- ◇ Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria
- ◇ Mercurius the Great Martyr of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Love of money is the worship of idols, a daughter of unbelief, an excuse for infirmities, a foreboder of old age, a harbinger of drought, a herald of hunger.

He who has conquered this passion has cut out care; but he who is bound by it never attains to pure prayer ...

St. John Climacus

Ladder of Divine Ascent. 16:2,7 and Step 17:1, 6th Century

Narthex Duty:	Tony Fragale & Nick Georgopoulos
Welcoming Ministry:	Eugenia Makris
Orthros Reader:	Aris Kapsopoulos
Coffee Hour:	Philoptochos

Before The Creed

When the Priest says: Christ is in our midst.
The Congregation responds: He is and always will be, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians who are in "good standing" may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



Saint Catherine the Great Martyr of Alexandria

Saint Catherine, who was from Alexandria, was the daughter of Constatas (or Cestus). She was an exceedingly beautiful maiden, most chaste, and illustrious in wealth, lineage, and learning. By her steadfast understanding, she utterly vanquished the passionate and unbridled soul of Maximinus, the tyrant of Alexandria; and by her eloquence, she stopped the mouths of the so-called philosophers who had been gathered to dispute with her. She was crowned with the crown of martyrdom in the year 305. Her holy relics were taken by Angels to the holy mountain of Sinai, where they were discovered many years later; the famous monastery of Saint Catherine was originally dedicated to the Holy Transfiguration of the Lord and the Burning Bush, but later was dedicated to Saint Catherine. According to the ancient usage, Saints Catherine and Mercurius were celebrated on the 24th of this month, whereas the holy Hieromartyrs Clement of Rome and Peter of Alexandria were celebrated on the 25th. The dates of the feasts of these Saints were interchanged at the request of the Church and Monastery of Mount Sinai, so that the festival of Saint Catherine, their patron, might be celebrated more festively together with the Apodosis of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos. The Slavic Churches, however, commemorate these Saints on their original dates.



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HYMNS OF THE DAY AFTER THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Resurrectional Apolytikion

1st Tone

Although Your tomb was sealed with a stone by the Judeans and Your most sacred body, O Savior, was guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Christ, and gave life to all the world. Wherefore all the heavenly Powers proclaimed that You are the Giver of Life. Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your Kingdom. Glory to Your Dispensation, O You, who alone love mankind.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος α΄

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

Apolytikion for Apodosis of the Entry

4th Tone

Today is the prelude of God's good will and the heralding of the salvation of mankind. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and she proclaimeth Christ unto all. To her, then, with a great voice let us cry aloud: Rejoice, O thou fulfilment of the Creator's dispensation.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος δ΄

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τό προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἡ προκήρυξις, Ἐν Ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανώς ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πάσι προκαταγγέλλεται, Ἀυτὴ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν, Χαίρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ εκπλήρωσις.

Apolytikion for Great Martyr Catherine

Plagal of the 1st Tone

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, the godly Catherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defence, who is also our support and succour and our help; for with the Holy Spirit's sword she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος Πλ. α΄

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θείαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρώς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τό μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

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.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α΄

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασιλείον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

4th Tone

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος δ΄

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτήρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστάς καὶ Παρθένος, τό Ἱερόν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι θείῳ, ἢν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ, Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.



THE EPISTLE / Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 67.35,26
God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter
to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5**

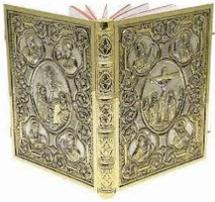
Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 67.35,26
Θαυμαστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς Ἁγίοις
αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. Ἐν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν
Θεόν.

**Πρὸς Γαλάτας 3:23-29, 4:1-5 τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο**

Ἀδελφοί, πρὸ τοῦ δὲ ἐλθεῖν τὴν πίστιν, ὑπὸ νόμον ἐφρουρούμεθα, συγκεκλεισμένοι εἰς τὴν μέλλουσαν πίστιν ἀποκαλυφθῆναι. Ὡστε ὁ νόμος παιδαγωγὸς ἡμῶν γέγονεν εἰς Χριστόν, ἵνα ἐκ πίστεως δικαιωθῶμεν. Ἐλθούσης δὲ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκέτι ὑπὸ παιδαγωγόν ἐσμεν. Πάντες γὰρ υἱοὶ θεοῦ ἐστε διὰ τῆς πίστεως ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Ὅσοι γὰρ εἰς Χριστόν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστόν ἐνεδύσασθε. Οὐκ ἐν Ἰουδαίῳ οὐδὲ Ἑλληνί, οὐκ ἐν δοῦλῳ οὐδὲ ἐλεύθερῳ, οὐκ ἐν ἄρσεν καὶ θήλῃ· πάντες γὰρ ὑμεῖς εἷς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Εἰ δὲ ὑμεῖς Χριστοῦ, ἄρα τοῦ Ἀβραάμ σπέρμα ἐστέ, καὶ κατ' ἐπαγγελίαν κληρονόμοι. Λέγω δέ, ἐφ' ὅσον χρόνον ὁ κληρονόμος νηπίος ἐστίν, οὐδὲν διαφέρει δούλου, κύριος πάντων ὢν· ἀλλὰ ὑπὸ ἐπιτρόπους ἐστίν καὶ οἰκονόμους, ἄχρι τῆς προθεσμίας τοῦ πατρὸς. Οὕτως καὶ ἡμεῖς, ὅτε ἤμεν νήπιοι, ὑπὸ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου ἤμεν δεδουλωμένοι· ὅτε δὲ ἦλθεν τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, γενόμενον ἐκ γυναικός, γενόμενον ὑπὸ νόμον, ἵνα τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράσῃ, ἵνα τὴν υἰοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν.



THE HOLY GOSPEL / ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

The Gospel According to Luke 18:18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:18-27 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄρχων λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς ἐντολάς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἓν σοι λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἕξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολουθεῖ μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ραφίδος εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

Calendar for the Week Ahead

- Sunday, November 18, - No Sunday School Today – Happy Thanksgiving
- Sunday, November 18, 11:30am – Philoptochos making sack lunches for Lincoln Park Community Shelter
 - Wednesday, November 28, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Wednesday, November 28, 6:00pm - Paraklesis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary
- Thursday, November 29, 7:00pm - Great Vespers for St. Andrew (Chicago)
- Friday, November 30, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Andrew the first called" (Chicago)
 - Sunday, December 2, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Parish News and Events

We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a new weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week - and, for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2018?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

Winter Clothing Drive Thank You –

Ladies Philoptochos thanks all the generous, big-hearted donors to our recent winter clothing drive. The donation table was piled high and overflowing with coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Lakeview Pantry started distributing them the day after they picked them up from the Church. Thanks to you, some of Chicago's poorest people, including the homeless, will be warmer as they face the brutal, frigid temperatures.

Save the Date – Feed My Starving Children Event

Our fifth **Feed My Starving Children Meal Packing Event** will be on Saturday, February 9 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm in Schaumburg. More info coming soon.

The new St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Has assembled over 30 Survival Packs to our neighbors in need. Each pack includes the following items: 1 Jewel gift card (\$10), 1 CTA single-transit ticket, 1 white t-shirt, 1 pair of white tube socks, 1 toothbrush, 1 travel-sized toothpaste, 1 comb, 6 Band-aids, 3 'Wet Ones' pocket-size singles hand wipes, 1 granola bar, and 1 bottle of water.

Please ask Fr. Dimitri, Nick Katsoulis, and Pat and Steve Cole about the rewarding experiences they've had distributing the packs! If you would like to contribute to these efforts by distributing packs, please see Vicky Crosby in the church office. If you would like to contribute money or items to create more packs, please speak to Vicky Crosby or Marina Arvanitis.

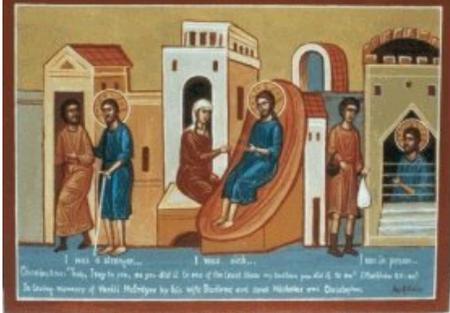
Philoptochos Raffle— Kitchen Aid Mixer

Philoptochos is going to raffle a Red Kitchen Mixer aid on Sunday December 16 after Divine Liturgy. Tickets are 3 for 10.00 or 1 for 5.00. The mixer is in the Philoptochos room for your viewing pleasure. Buy your tickets now. Everyone loves a Kitchen Aid on their countertop!! Good Luck to all!

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Divine Liturgy for SS. Kosmas and Damianos Focus Group 7:00 pm</p>		<p>3 9:30 am Yiyaya Kouzina Baking</p>
<p>4 Testimonial 1 Daylight Saving Time ends 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>5 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>6 11:00 am OCCA Meeting</p>	<p>7 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Paraklesis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Great Vespers of the Holy Angels (Niles)</p>	<p>8 8:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Synaxis of the Holy Archangels (at St. Haralambos, Niles) Great Vespers for St. Nectarios (Palatine) 7:00 pm</p>	<p>9 8:30 am "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Nectarios" (Palatine)</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Testimonial 2 Veterans Day 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>12 Veterans Day observed 7:00 pm Vespers for St. John Chrysostom (Kenosha)</p>	<p>13 8:30 am "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. John Chrysostom" at Monastery in Pleasant Prairie, WI</p>	<p>14 10:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Yiyaya Kouzina Baking 6:00 pm Paraklesis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary 6:50 pm Philoptochos Meeting</p>	<p>15 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Metropolis Syntdesmos Meeting 7:00 pm Online Adult Education</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Stewardship Sunday Testimonial 3 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Philoptochos writing note to include in the Lincoln Park Community Shelter sack lunches</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 6:30 am Divine Liturgy for Entrance of Theotokos into the Temple</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>23 Black Friday</p>	<p>24 7:00 pm Vespers of St. Katherine (Chicago)</p>
<p>25 Testimonial 4 Sunday School - no class, Thanksgiving 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Philoptochos making sack lunches for Lincoln Park Community Shelter</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Paraklesis (Supplication Service) to the Virgin Mary</p>	<p>29 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Great Vespers for St. Andrew (Chicago) 7:00 pm</p>	<p>30 6:30 am Divine Liturgy for St. Andrew the first called" 8:30 am "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Andrew the first called" (Chicago)</p>	

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Robert, Choice, Centrell, Maurice, Tyree, Clarence, Pierre, Anthony, Bryant, Angelo, Pierre, Timothy, Arthur, Kerwin, Willie, Bryant, Darron, Pablo, Lee, Derrick, Eugene, Clarence, Demetrius, Rashee, Joseph, Damien, Terrell, Lamar, Clarence, Antwon, James, John, Donald, Eddie, James

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

2018 Operational Expenses
\$338,833 (\$928 per day)

2018 Stewards Pledged at St. Basil
150 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged
\$172,119

Dollar Amount Collected
\$130,015

Average Pledge
\$1,147

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart – not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – *2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

REFLECTION



“Do not be ashamed to enter again into the Church. Be ashamed when you sin. Do not be ashamed when you repent. Pay attention to what the devil did to you. These are two things: sin and repentance. Sin is a wound; repentance is a medicine. Just as there are for the body wounds and medicines, so for the soul are sins and repentance. However, sin has the shame and repentance possesses the courage.”

-St. John Chrysostom