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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

*Circumcision of the Lord, St. Basil the Great,
Forefeast of Theophany*

Epistle Readings
Colossians 2:8-12
2 Timothy 4:5-8

Gospel Readings
Luke 2:20-21, 40-52
Mark 1:1-8

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for the Circumcision of Our Lord: Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your divine Spirit, O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother. Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day old Child. Glory to Your most gracious counsel; glory to Your dispensation; glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind.

Kontakion: The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised, thus, as He is good, excises the sins of mortal men. Today He grants the world salvation, while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator, rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

Memory Eternal

We pray for the repose of the soul of the newly departed, Ludmilla Trbovich, St. Luke founder, choir member and Sisterhood treasurer. Her service will be on Tuesday, January 30 at 11AM, Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA. We pray for her husband, Robert, and children, Lydia and Mark.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! ~ Mir Bozi! Hristos se rodi! Voistinu se rodi!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the Nativity liturgical services, the traditional Badnjak, the Christmas Eve refreshments, the Christmas Day Feast and the delightful Children's Program. It was a joyous feastday celebration.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. If you are joining us for the first time, please sign the guestbook at the entrance. Everyone is invited to the parish hall after Liturgy for Coffee Hour. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life.

Sisterhood meeting – Today

All women are invited to join the Sisters' meeting today during Coffee Hour to recap Christmas events and discuss the upcoming slava celebration.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 17, 7:00-8:30PM

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening. A group discussion follows on "The Heavenly Banquet, Understanding the Divine Liturgy" by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

Divine Liturgy for Theophany, Blessing of Waters - Friday, January 19

Theophany Eve, Thursday, January 18, is a Strict Fast Day. The Festal Divine Liturgy begins at 10:30AM on Friday followed by the Great Blessing of Water. We will gather afterwards for a potluck feastday luncheon.

Annual March for Life – Washington, DC – Friday, January 19

Join Metropolitan Tikhon, bishops, clergy, seminarians and laity from across the USA for the Rally at 12noon and March at 1PM. Orthodox Christian marchers will gather at the "Orthodox Christians for Life" banner, which will be prominently displayed to the left of the stage at Constitution Avenue and Twelfth Street NW.

Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles "Welcome 2018" Party – Sat., January 20

See the flyer for details on this Saturday's New Year's Party in Great Falls, VA. RSVP by January 15 to dianahav@earthlink.net.

Saint Sava of Serbia Patron Saint Day/Slava - Sunday, January 28

We anticipate with great joy the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and St. Sava Slava on January 28. His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will elevate Fr. John to the rank of Archpriest and present St. Luke with a Synodal Gramota on our parish's 55th anniversary. Rick, Amanda, John, Daniel and Nora Costello are the Kumovi.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless and grant many years to Isabela Little (age 7), her brother, Javier (age 4), their dad, Chris, and grandmother, JoAnne de la Riva. Thoma Basappa Elisabeth Peña and Annika Bidy (age 4) are also celebrating their birthdays.