



OF GREATER SALT LAKE



ST. SYLVESTER, POPE OF ROME

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM





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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



TODAY:

GOYA Basketball 4:00pm-6:00pm @ PE Lg. Gym

MONDAY, JAN. 3:

Office Closed in observance of New Year's Day

Girl Scouts 6:30pm-8:30pm @ PE Sm. Gym

TUESDAY, JAN. 4:

GOYA Basketball 6:30pm-8:00pm @ PE Lg. Gym

Greek School 6:30pm-8:00pm @ PE

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5: FOREFEAST of EPIPHANY

Orthros 9:00am @ HT ONLY

Divine Liturgy 10:00am @ HT ONLY

Boy Scouts 6:30pm-8:00pm @ PE Sm. Gym

GOYA Basketball 7:30pm-9:00pm @ PE. Lg Gym

THURSDAY, JAN. 6: FEAST of EPIPHANY

Orthros 9:00am @ HT ONLY

Divine Liturgy 10:00am @ HT ONLY

Greek School 6:30pm-8:00pm @ PE

FRIDAY, JAN. 7: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Orthros 9:00am @ HT ONLY

Divine Liturgy 10:00am @ HT ONLY

SATURDAY, JAN. 8:

GOYA Basketball GAMES 9:00am-3:30pm @ PE Lg. Gym

SUNDAY, JAN 9: Sunday After Epiphany

Orthros: 9:00am @ HT ONLY

Divine Liturgy: 10:00am @ HT ONLY



ST. SYLVESTER, POPE OF ROME



Saint Sylvester, Bishop of Rome (314-335) was born at Rome of Christian parents named Rufinus and Justa. Sylvester's teacher, the presbyter Quirinus, gave him a fine education and raised him as a true Christian. When he was an adult, Sylvester fulfilled the Lord's command to love one's neighbor. He often received strangers and travelers, serving them like a slave in his own home. During a persecution against Christians, Sylvester did not hesitate to take in the holy confessor Bishop Timothy of Antioch, who dwelt with him for more than a year, and who converted many to Christ by his preaching.



Bishop Timothy was arrested and executed on orders of the Prefect Tarquinius. Sylvester secretly took the body of the saint and buried it. This came to the attention of Tarquinius, and the saint was arrested and brought to trial. Tarquinius demanded that he renounce Christ, threatening him with torture and death. Saint Sylvester was not intimidated, and he remained steadfast, and was then thrown into prison. When Tarquinius suddenly died after the trial, the saint was set free and fearlessly he evangelized the pagans, converting many to Christianity.

At thirty years of age Saint Sylvester was ordained as a deacon, and then presbyter, by Bishop Marcellinus (296-304). After the death of Bishop Militiades (or Melchiades, 311-314), Saint Sylvester was chosen Bishop of Rome. He encouraged his flock to live in a righteous manner, and he insisted that priests strictly fulfill their duty, and not be involved with secular businesses.

Saint Sylvester became renowned as an expert on Holy Scripture and as a staunch defender of the Christian Faith. During the reign of the emperor Saint Constantine the Great, when the period of persecution had ended for the Church, the Jews arranged a public debate to determine which faith was true. Saint Constantine and his mother, the holy Empress Helen, were present together with a large crowd. Saint Sylvester spoke for the Christians, and the Jews had one hundred and twenty learned rabbis led by Zambres. Quoting the sacred books of the Old Testament, Saint Sylvester convincingly demonstrated that all the prophets foretold the birth of Jesus Christ from the all-pure Virgin, and also His voluntary suffering and death for the redemption of the fallen race of mankind, and His glorious Resurrection. The saint was declared the victor in the debate. Zambres and the other Jews came to believe in Jesus Christ, and they asked to be baptized.

Saint Sylvester guided the Roman Church for more than twenty years, earning the esteem of his flock. He died peacefully in old age in the year 335.





TODAY

Alex Priskos: 3-Year Memorial Stefanos Priskos: 35-Year Memorial

JANUARY 9

Nick Gosdis: 6-Month Memorial Vasili (William) Kandas: 1-Year Memorial Maria Kosmas: 3-Year Memorial Athena Angelos: 8-Year Memorial Demetrios (Jimmy) Kosmas: 9-Year Memorial Georgia Angelos: 13-Year Memorial

JANUARY 16

Thiros Angelos: 16-Year Memorial

Lee Vordos: 6-Month Memorial Emmanuel Androulidakis: 6-Month Memorial Steve S. Tzerenakis: 4-Year Memorial George Jimokas: 2-Year Memorial





Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον

<u> Ήχος γ΄</u>

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρῥύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Άπολυτίκιον Προεόρτιον

Έτοιμάζου Ζαβουλών, καὶ εὐτρεπίζου Νεφθαλείμ. Ἰορδάνη ποταμέ, στῆθι ὑπόδεξαι σκιρτῶν, τοῦ βαπτισθῆναι ἐρχόμενον τὸν Δεσπότην. Ἄγάλλου ὁ Ἀδὰμ σὺν τῆ Προμήτορι· μὴ κρύπτετε ἑαυτούς, ὡς ἐν Παραδείσῳ τὸ πρίν· καὶ γὰρ γυμνοὺς ἰδὼν ὑμᾶς ἐπέφανεν, ἵνα ἐνδύσῃ τὴν πρώτην στολήν. Χριστὸς ἐφάνη, τὴν πᾶσαν κτίσιν, θέλων ἀνακαινίσαι.

<u> Ἀπολυτίκιον Πεντηκοστής</u>

Εύλογητός εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεος ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἄγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τῆν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλάνθρωπε δόξα Σοι.

<u> Ἀπολυτίκιον Προφήτου Ηλιού</u>

Ό ένσαρκος άγγελος, τών Προφητών η κρηπίς, ο δεύτερος Πρόδρομος τής παρουσίας Χριστού, Ηλίας ο ένδοξος, άνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ελισαίω τήν χάριν, νόσους αποδιώκει, καί λεπρούς καθαρίζει, διό καί τοίς τιμώσιν αυτόν βρύει ιάματα.

Κοντάκιον

Έν τοῖς ῥείθροις σήμερον τοῦ Ἰορδάνου, γεγονὼς ὁ Κύριος, τῷ Ἰωάννῃ ἐκβοᾳ· Μὴ δειλιάσῃς βαπτίσαι με· σῶσαι γὰρ ἤκω, Ἀδὰμ τὸν πρωτόπλαστον.





Resurrectional Apolytikion

3rd Mode

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Forefeast

4th Mode

O Zabulon, prepare, and be ready, Nephthalim. Jordan River, hold your course, and exultantly receive the Master who is coming to be baptized. Adam leap for joy with Eve the Foremother. No longer hide yourselves, as once in Paradise; for having seen you naked He has appeared to clothe you in your former vesture. The Christ has appeared, wishing to renew the entire creation.

Apolytikion of Pentecost

Plagal 4th Mode

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Prophet Elias

4th Mode

The incarnate Angel, the Cornerstone of the Prophets, the second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, the glorious Elias, who from above, sent down to Elisha the grace to dispel sickness and cleanse lepers, abounds therefore in healing for those who honor him.

Kontakion

4th Mode

To the flowing streams today of River Jordan comes the Lord and cries aloud to John the Baptist, and He says, "Be not afraid to baptize me now; for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."





Προκείμενον: Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου. Στίχος: Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι, ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Β΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. (4:5-8)

έκνον Τιμόθεε, νῆφε ἐν πᾶσι, κακοπάθησον, ἔργον ποίησον εὐαγγελιστοῦ, τὴν διακονίαν σου πληροφόρησον. Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἤδη σπένδομαι, καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀναλύσεως ἐφέστηκε. Τὸν ἀγῶνα τὸν καλὸν ἠγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα, τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα· λοιπὸν ἀπόκειταί μοι ὁ τῆς δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ὃν ἀποδώσει μοι ὁ Κύριος ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ, ὁ δίκαιος κριτής, οὐ μόνον δὲ ἐμοί, ἀλλὰ καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἠγαπηκόσι τὴν ἐπιφάνειαν αὐτοῦ.





Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God.

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. (4:5-8)

imothy, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.





Έκ τοῦ κατὰ Μᾶρκον ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. (1:1-8)

ρχὴ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὁς γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς προφήταις, ἱδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὸν ἄγγελόν μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὃς κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδόν σου ἔμπροσθέν σου φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῷ ἐρήμῳ, ἑτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν Κυρίου, εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, ἐγένετο Ἰωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν τῷ ἐρήμῳ καὶ κηρύσσων βάπτισμα μετανοίας εἰς ἄφεσιν ἀμαρτιῶν. Καὶ ἐξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία χώρα καὶ οἱ Ἱεροσολυμῖται, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο πάντες ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ἐξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. Ἡν δὲ ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν ὀσφὺν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσθίων ἀκρίδας καὶ μέλι ἄγριον. Καὶ ἐκήρυσσε λέγων ἔρχεται ὁ ἰσχυρότερός μου ὀπίσω μου, οὖ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἰκανὸς κύψας λῦσαι τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ ἐγὼ μὲν ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ἐν ὕδατι, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει ὑμᾶς ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ.





The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark. (1:1-8)

he beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



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Sunday, January 2:

Orthros/Divine Liturgy

9:00AM

Wednesday, January 5: Eve of Holy Epiphany/Theophany/Feast of Lights
Hours/Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil/Megas Agiasmos 9:00AM

Thursday, January 6: Holy Epiphany/Theophany of our Lord

Orthros/Divine Liturgy/Megas Agiasmos

9:00AM

Friday, January 7: St. John the Baptist

Orthros/Divine Liturgy

9:00AM

Sunday, January 9:

Orthros/Divine Liturgy

9:00AM

Vasilopita Sunday hosted by the St. Philothea Philoptochos Parish Council Oath of Office/Election of Executive Board

Sunday, January 16:

Orthros/Divine Liturgy

9:00AM

G.O. Metropolis of Denver GOYA Basketball Tournament, Dallas, TX Iconographers arrive to install new dome icons at Prophet Elias!

May we all come together as one community and family to welcome the New-Born King into our hearts, to proclaim the New Year 2022 as a time of spiritual renewal and to receive the blessings of the Sanctified Waters.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
KANA XPICTOYFENNA!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!



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My Beloved Holy Trinity/Prophet Elias Stewards and Families, Happy New Year 2022!

As we prepare to enter the year 2022, we should carry with us a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving for the many gifts God has granted us during the course of the past year - and yes, in spite of the coronavirus pandemic. Each of us should also ask ourselves: during this past year, have I encountered the Lord? Have I given Him enough space to change me by His divine grace? Have I recognized the many prints He has left along the path of my life? If we are honest with ourselves, most likely the answers to these questions are that we have tried, but it was not enough. We could have done more. We should do more, as our world has increasingly become a place of insecurity and uncertainty. But how?

Saint Paul wrote that anyone who wishes to work for the Lord will face many difficulties. But as God said to him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9) So let us search diligently for that grace, and consider what our Church celebrates at the onset of every year as part of the answer. On January 1st, our Orthodox Church commemorates the feast of the circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ and the feast of Saint Basil the Great. These two celebrations may seem unrelated, but they express the same spiritual truth: there is no spiritual life without sacrifice.

Following the law of the Old Testament, Christ submitted Himself to the Jewish practice of circumcision, offering Himself as a sign of consecration. The Apolitikion of the feast reads: "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." Christ's offering only increased during the time of His preaching, until His ultimate sacrifice on the Cross. "And being found in appearance as man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the Cross." (Philippians 2:13) Life is given to us, as sacrifice turns it into the sacred mystery of love.

Saint Basil the Great, who lived in the 4th century, embodied this sacred mystery of love throughout his life, shaping our Orthodox Philanthropy by his monastic life and theological knowledge. His charitable program is expressed as a form of prayer in his Divine Liturgy: "Free those who are held captive by unclean spirits; sail with those who sail; travel with those who travel; defend the widows; protect the orphans; liberate the captives; heal the sick... For You, Lord, are the helper of the helpless, the hope of the hopeless, the savior of the afflicted, the haven of the voyager, and the physician of the sick."

If we want this year 2022 to be worthy of God, of our Christian baptism, of the holy name of Orthodoxy, we must as a Church become to all, to each person who may need us, a vision of what mankind can be and what a community of people can hope for under God's love.

May the gift of the New Year 2022 and the Grace and Blessings of our Lord be with all of you and your beloved families.

> With Love in the New-Born King and God, † Archimandrite George Nikas Cathedral Dean

SLC GOYA 6th-12th Tubing sunday January 30th

MEET @ SOLDIER HOLLOW 2002 SOLDIER HOLLOW LANE MIDWAY, UTAH 84049 AT 1:30.

TUBING STARTS AT 2:00 SHARP!!!!
TUBING FEES ARE INCLUDED,
BRING \$ FOR SNACKS

RSVP IS REQUIRED

BY JANUARY 10TH TO ATTEND THIS EVENT. IT WILL SELL OUT! YOU CANNOT ATTEND WITHOUT AN RSVP.

Let Themi 801-837-2009 or Thaia at 385-321-8232 know you can make it

JOIN PHILOPTOCHOS FOR

VASILOPITA SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

Participate in the Joyous New Year's celebration of the cutting of the Vasilopita.
Immediately following Divine Liturgy Vasilopita loaves/cakes will be available for purchase in the hall along with loukomades

prepared by Philoptochos.

If you have a Vasilopita to donate please bring it to the hall that morning.

We hope to see you all there!

All proceeds benefit St. Basil's Academy!

Happy New Year!





TODDLER PROGRAM ENROLLMENT AT SAINT SOPHIA SCHOOL

Classes begin on January 7th, 2022. Ages 1 1/2-2 1/2 at St. Sophia every Friday, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am. Please contact St. Sophia school at 801-424-1297.

YOUNG AT HEART

Thursday January 13 at noon. Food, fun, fellowship, and BINGO. Καλή Χρόνια!

PARISH COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE

Our 2022-2023 Parish Council will be administered the Oath of Office on Vasilopita Sunday, January 9 at Holy Trinity.

SAVE THE DATE - VASILOPITA SUNDAY

We will be holding our annual Vasilopita on Sunday, January 9, 2022 following the Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity. We encourage anyone interested to bring a Vasilopita to sell at this event! More information to come.

VASILOPITA COINS

The Hellenic Cultural Association has Vasilopita coins for sale. \$15 each or 2 for \$25, makes a great Christmas gift. Contact Bill Rekouniotis @ 801 673-0424. Καλές γιορτές!!