

ΣΥΝΑΞΑΡΙΟΝ

(1 Ιανουαρίου)

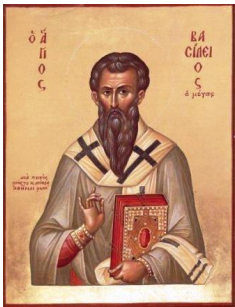
Ὁ Μέγας Βασίλειος, μία ἀπὸ τὶς μεγαλύτερες μορφές τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, γεννήθηκε περὶ τὸ 330 μ.Χ. στὴν Καισάρεια τῆς Καππαδοκίας.

Τὸ 362 μ.Χ., χειροτονήθηκε πρεσβύτερος ἀπὸ τὸν Ἐπίσκοπο Καισαρείας Εὐσέβιο, ἀλλὰ μετὰ ἀπὸ λίγο ἀναγκάστηκε νὰ φύγει στὸν Πόντο, λόγω τοῦ φθόνου τοῦ Ἐπισκόπου Εὐσεβίου.

Τὸ ἔτος 370 μ.Χ., μετὰ τὸ θάνατο τοῦ Εὐσεβίου, ἐξελέγη Ἐπίσκοπος Καισαρείας, παρὰ τὶς σφοδρὲς ἀντιδράσεις τῶν Ἀρειανῶν. Σὲ καιρὸ λιμοῦ προσέφερε στοὺς πászχοντες κάθε εἶδους βοήθεια. Ἀγκάλιασε τοὺς γέροντες, τὰ παιδιά, τὶς γυναῖκες καὶ τοὺς ἄνδρες, τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς καὶ φρόντιζε καθημερινὰ γιὰ τὴν τροφή τους.

Οἰκοδόμησε κοντὰ στὴν Καισάρεια ἓνα συγκρότημα πτωχοκομείου καὶ νοσοκομείου, τὴ Βασιλειάδα, πὺ ἐγινε τὸ ταμεῖο τῆς εὐσέβειας καὶ τῆς ἀγάπης.

Μὲ τὸν ἀνεκτίμητο αὐτὸ πλοῦτο τῶν ἀρετῶν του καθοδήγησε τὸ ποίμνιο τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ κοσμημένος μὲ αὐτὲς ἐξεδήμησε πρὸς Κύριον, τὸ 378 μ.Χ., λίγο μετὰ τὸν θάνατο τοῦ αὐτοκράτορα Οὐάλεντος, σὲ ἡλικία 48 ἐτῶν.



SYNTAXARION

(January 1)

Saint Basil the Great was born about the end of the year 329 in Caesarea of Cappadocia, to a family renowned for their learning and holiness.

About the year 370, when the bishop of his country reposed, he was elected to succeed to his throne and was entrusted with the Church of Christ, which he tended for eight years, living in voluntary poverty and strict asceticism, having no other care than to defend holy Orthodoxy as a worthy successor of the Apostles. After traveling among the monks of Egypt, Palestine and Syria, he settled in Cappadocia as a hermit, living in utter poverty and writing his ascetical homilies. A monastic community steadily gathered around him, and for its good order St Basil wrote his Rule, which is regarded as the charter of monasticism. (St Benedict in the West was familiar with this Rule, and his own is modeled on it.)

In about 370 he was consecrated Bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Even as bishop, he continued to live without any possessions save a worn garment to cover himself. At this time the Arian heresy was rending the Church, and it became St Basil's lot to defend Orthodoxy in Sermons and writings, a task which he fulfilled with such erudition and wisdom that he is called "Basil the Great." He reposed in peace in 378 or 379, at the age of forty-eight or forty-nine.

Fasting / Νηστεία

Strict fast 5 Jan & Wed/Thu normal fast / 5 Ιαν, Τετάρτη & Παρασκευή



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Ἦχος δ' - Ἐωθινόν Ζ'

Ἀναστάσιμο Ἀπολυτικίον

Ἦχος δ'

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμενοι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτικίον τῆς Περιτομῆ τοῦ Χριστοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Μορφὴν ἀναλλοιώτως ἀνθρωπίνην προσέλαβες, Θεὸς ὢν κατ' οὐσίαν, πολυεὐσπλαγχνε Κύριε· καὶ Νόμον ἐκπληρῶν, περιτομὴν, θελήσει καταδέχῃ σαρκικὴν, ὅπως παύσης τὰ σκιῶδη, καὶ περιέλῃς τὸ κάλυμμα τῶν παθῶν ἡμῶν. Δόξα τῇ ἀγαθότητι τῇ σῇ, δόξα τῇ εὐσπλαγχνίᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ ἀνεκφράστῳ Λόγῳ συγκαταβάσει σου.

Ἀπολυτικίον τοῦ Ἁγίου Βασιλείου

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξηλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὐ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐγράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασιλεῖον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτικίον τῆς Ἁγίας Ἄννας

Ἦχος δ'

Ζωὴν τὴν κηύσασαν, ἐκυφόρησας, ἀγνήν

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς

Ἦχος γ'

Ὁ τῶν ὅλων Κύριος, περιτομὴν ὑπομένει, καὶ βροτῶν τὰ πταίσματα, ὡς ἀγαθὸς περιτέμνει δίδωσι τὴν σωτηρίαν σήμερον κόσμῳ χαίρει δὲ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις καὶ ὁ του Κτίστου, Ἱεράρχης καὶ φωσφόρος, ὁ θεῖος μύστης Χριστοῦ Βασιλεῖος

1st January 2012

CIRCU/N OF LORD & ST BASIL

Tone 4 - 7th Morning Gospel

Resurrection Apolytikion

Tone 4

The joyful message of the resurrection the women disciples learnt from the Angel, and casting off the ancestral sentence, to the Apostles they announced in exultation: Death has been despoiled and Christ our God has risen, granting to the world his great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Circumcision of Christ

Tone 1

You have taken on our human form without change, O greatly-compassionate Master, though being God by nature; fulfilling the Law, You willingly received circumcision in the flesh, that You might end the shadow and roll away the veil of our sinful passions. Glory to Your goodness unto us. Glory to Your compassion. Glory, O Word, to Your inexpressible condescension

Apolytikion of St Basil the Great

Tone 1

Your sound has gone forth into all the earth, which has received your word. Thereby you have divinely taught the Faith; you have made manifest the nature of all things that be; you have adorned the ways of man. O namesake of the royal priesthood, our righteous Father Basil, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved

Apolytikion of St Anna

Tone 4

You gave birth to God's pure Mother...

Kontakion of the Forefast

Tone 3

Now the Lord of all, undergoes circumcision, in His goodness cutting off the sins and failings of mortals. He this day give salvation unto the whole world; and the hierarch and bright daystar of the Creator now rejoices in the highest, Basil the wise and divine initiate of Christ

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Κολοσσαείς β':8-12

Τὸ στόμα μου λαλήσει σοφίαν καὶ ἡ μελέτη τῆς καρδίας μου σύνεσιν
Ἀκούσατε ταῦτα, πάντα τὰ ἔθνη

Πρὸς Κολοσσαείς Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, βλέπετε μή τις ὑμᾶς ἔσται ὁ συλαγωγῶν διὰ τῆς φιλοσοφίας καὶ κενῆς ἀπάτης, κατὰ τὴν παράδοσιν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ οὐ κατὰ χριστόν· ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ κατοικεῖ πᾶν τὸ πλήρωμα τῆς θεότητος σωματικῶς, καὶ ἔστε ἐν αὐτῷ πεπληρωμένοι, ὅς ἐστιν ἡ κεφαλὴ πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας· ἐν ᾧ καὶ περιετμήθητε περιτομῇ ἀχειροποιήτῳ, ἐν τῇ ἀπεκδύσει τοῦ σώματος τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν τῆς σαρκός, ἐν τῇ περιτομῇ τοῦ χριστοῦ, συνταφέντες αὐτῷ ἐν τῷ βαπτίσματι, ἐν ᾧ καὶ συνηγέρθητε διὰ τῆς πίστεως τῆς ἐνεργείας τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἐγείραντος αὐτὸν ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν.

THE EPISTLE

Colossians 2:8-12

My mouth will speak wisdom, & the meditation of my heart will be understanding

Hear this all you nations

The reading is from Epistle of Paul to the Colossians.

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.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Λουκάν β' 20-21, 40-52

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ὑπέστρεψαν οἱ ποιμένες δοξάζοντες καὶ αἰνοῦντες τὸν Θεὸν ἐπὶ πᾶσιν οἷς ἤκουσαν καὶ εἶδον καθὼς ἐλαλήθη πρὸς αὐτούς. Καὶ ὅτε ἐπλήσθησαν αἱ ἡμέραι ὀκτῶ τοῦ περιτεμεῖν τὸ παιδίον, καὶ ἐκλήθη τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦς, τὸ κληθὲν ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀγγέλου πρὸ τοῦ συλληφθῆναι αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ κοιλίᾳ. Τὸ δὲ παιδίον ἠῤῥαξε καὶ ἐκραταιοῦτο πνεύματι πληρούμενον σοφίας, καὶ χάρις Θεοῦ ἦν ἐπ' αὐτό. Καὶ ἐπορεύοντο οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ κατ' ἔτος εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ τῆ ἑορτῇ τοῦ πάσχα. καὶ ὅτε ἐγένετο ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα κατὰ τὸ ἔθος τῆς ἑορτῆς καὶ τελειωσάντων τὰς ἡμέρας, ἐν τῷ ὑποστρέφειν αὐτοὺς ὑπέμεινε Ἰησοῦς ὁ παῖς ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ, καὶ οὐκ ἔγνω Ἰωσήφ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ. νομίσαντες δὲ αὐτὸν ἐν τῇ συνοδίᾳ εἶναι ἤλθον ἡμέρας ὁδὸν καὶ ἀνεζήτησαν αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς συγγενέσι καὶ ἐν τοῖς γνωστοῖς· καὶ μὴ εὐρόντες αὐτὸν ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ ζητοῦντες αὐτόν. καὶ ἐγένετο μεθ' ἡμέρας τρεῖς εὗρον αὐτὸν ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καθεζόμενον ἐν μέσῳ τῶν διδασκάλων καὶ ἀκούοντα αὐτῶν καὶ ἐπερωτῶντα αὐτούς· ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες οἱ ἀκούοντες αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ τῇ συνέσει καὶ ταῖς ἀποκρίσεσιν αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐξεπλάγησαν, καὶ πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ εἶπε· τέκνον, τί ἐποίησας ἡμῖν οὕτως; ἰδοὺ ὁ πατήρ σου καὶ γὰρ ὀδυνώμενοι ἐζητοῦμέν σε. καὶ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτούς· τί ὅτι ἐζητεῖτέ με; οὐκ ἤδειτε ὅτι ἐν τοῖς τοῦ πατρὸς μου δεῖ εἶναι με; καὶ αὐτοὶ οὐ συνήκαν τὸ ῥῆμα ὃ ἐλάλησεν αὐτοῖς. καὶ κατέβη μετ' αὐτῶν καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς Ναζαρέτ, καὶ ἦν ὑποτασσόμενος αὐτοῖς. καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ διετηρεῖ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα ταῦτα ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτῆς. Καὶ Ἰησοῦς προέκοπτε σοφία καὶ ἡλικία καὶ χάριτι παρὰ Θεῶ καὶ ἀνθρώπων.

THE GOSPEL

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.

Ἀπόστολο ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς

Ἐφεσίους δ' 7-13

Next week's epistle reading:

Ephesians 4:7-13

Εὐαγγέλιον ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς

Ματθαίου δ' 12-17

Next week's gospel reading

Matthew 4:12-17