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Philip Grayton - Choir Director

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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Sunday, Dec 27, 29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 4. THIRD DAY OF THE FEAST

OF THE NATIVITY. Sunday After the Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones:

Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord,
Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (34 A.D.).

Epistle:

Gospel:

Gal. 1:11-19 (Sun. After)

Matt. 2:13-23 (Sun. After)

Rescheduled Parish Council Meeting, following coffee and fellowship

Tuesday, Dec 29, The 14,000 Holy Innocents

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Thursday, Dec 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE

Great Vespers with Litya, 7 pm (at St. Nicholas Church)

Friday, January 1, New Years Day, St. Basil the Great

At St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church, Peabody

Orthros (Matins), 9 am

Divine Liturgy, 10 am

Saturday, Jan 2, St. Seraphim of Sarov

Great Vespers for the Resurrection, 6 pm

Sunday, Jan 3, 30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 5. SUNDAY BEFORE THE

THEOPHANY. Holy Prophet Malachi (ca. 400 B.C.). Martyr Gordius at
Caesarea in Cappadocia (4th c.). St. Genevieve of Paris (5th c.).

Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 10 am

Epistle:

Gospel:

2 Tim. 4:5-8 (Sun. Before)

Mark 1:1-8 (Sun. Before)

Tuesday, January 5, Eve of the Theophany (Strict Fast Day)

Royal Hours, 6:30 am

Great Vespers with Litya, 7:00 pm

(followed by The Great Blessing of the Waters)

Wednesday, January 6, THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Festal Divine Liturgy, 9 am

(followed by The Great Blessing of the Waters)

Heartfelt Thank You!

From the depths of our hearts, Anne and I would like to thank all for our wonderful worship together and your great generosity to our family this Nativity. We are truly blessed in this parish!

Also, great thanks go to all who worked and prayed to make our Nativity the wonderful celebration that it was: the choir music, the Christmas card, the flowers and decorations, the cookie sale, the canned goods collection, the Christmas baskets, the Angel Tree, the St. Nicholas feast day, and the Church school party. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Father Mark and Anne

NEW YEARS DAY - FEAST OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT - AT ST. VASILIOS

St. Vasilios parish has again invited our parish to join with them for their Patronal Feast Day. This is the feast of St. Basil the Great, celebrated on **New Years Day**. Matins is at 9 am, Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

RECOMMITMENT FOR THE NEW YEAR

"When I began to pray with all my heart, everything around me seemed delightful and marvelous. The trees, the grass, the birds, the earth, the air, the light seemed to be telling me that they existed for man's sake, that they witnessed to the love of God for man, that all things prayed to God and sang His praise. Thus it was that I came to understand what the Philokalia calls the knowledge of the speech of all creatures." --The Way of a Pilgrim

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHURCH

Please notice the bulletin board in the Narthex: Our beautiful poinsettia adornment of the Church for the holidays is made *In Memory Of* and *For The Health Of* so many of the loved ones of the Church.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Each year after Holy Theophany, House Blessings begin. House Blessings will begin next week and will continue through the beginning of Great Lent. Please sign up at the candle stand to let Fr. Mark know that you would like your house to be blessed.