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Readings: **II Timothy 4:5-8** (*Sunday before Theophany*)
[Colossians 2:8-12](#) (*Circumcision of our Lord*)
Mark 1:1-8 (*Sunday before Theophany*)
[Luke 2:20-21, 40-52](#) (*Circumcision of our Lord*)

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill 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.

The 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.”

Sunday Services:

<p>Hours - 9:40 AM General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month Private Confession - by appointment, contact Fr Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month</p>	<p>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</p>
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Mask wearing in church is now optional. Please be respectful of your fellow parishioners.

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Church School is now meeting every week after Communion.

Announcements:

- **Divine Liturgy for Holy Day of Theophany**, will be celebrated Thursday, January 5th at 6:30PM, followed by the Great Blessing of Water
- Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.
- We are taking Collections for the Diocese of Alaska as we did last Sunday. Read more about it at: <https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/oca-parishes-to-take-collection-for-the-diocese-of-alaska>
- Donations are being accepted for an outdoor chairlift to be used on our steps.

Reminders:

- Please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations.
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org** (there is no longer a sign up sheet at the candle stand).
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

*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.*

Kontakion – Tone 3

Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia:

*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.*

Troparion – Tone 1

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Kontakion – Tone 3

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2023/01/01>

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Saint Basil the Great &
The Circumcision of our Lord

*Christ is in our
Midst!*

*He is and Always
Shall Be!*

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Troparion – Tone 3 (Circumcision)

January 1, 2023

Today the Church remembers:

**The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ • St. Basil the Great,
Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379) • Sunday before Theophany •
Martyr Basil of Ancyra (ca. 362)**

29th Sunday after Pentecost.

Tone 4 of the Octoechos.
Sunday Before the Theophany