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✠ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023** ✠

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

Gospel According to Mark 1:1-8 The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, '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 was baptizing 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."

*Memorials: † Jason Kalakos 40 days
† Lydia Taylor 5 years*

Altar flowers are sponsored in loving memory of † Jason Kalakos by his mother Fotaine Kalakos.

Altar candles are sponsored in loving memory of † Jason Kalakos by his mother Fotaine Kalakos.

Coffee hour is sponsored by Marsha Taylor in loving memory of her mother † Lydia Taylor.

THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 1	St. Basil 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Tuesday, January 2	
Wednesday, January 3	4:30PM GREEK SCHOOL 6:45 GOYA Basketball
Thursday, January 4	Community Night 6pm Vespers/6:30pm Dinner/7:30pm Speaker
Friday, January 5	Eve of Theophany 8am Royal Hours/9:30am Vespersal Liturgy of St. Basil Blessing of Water
Saturday, January 6	Theophany 8:15am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy Blessing of Water