

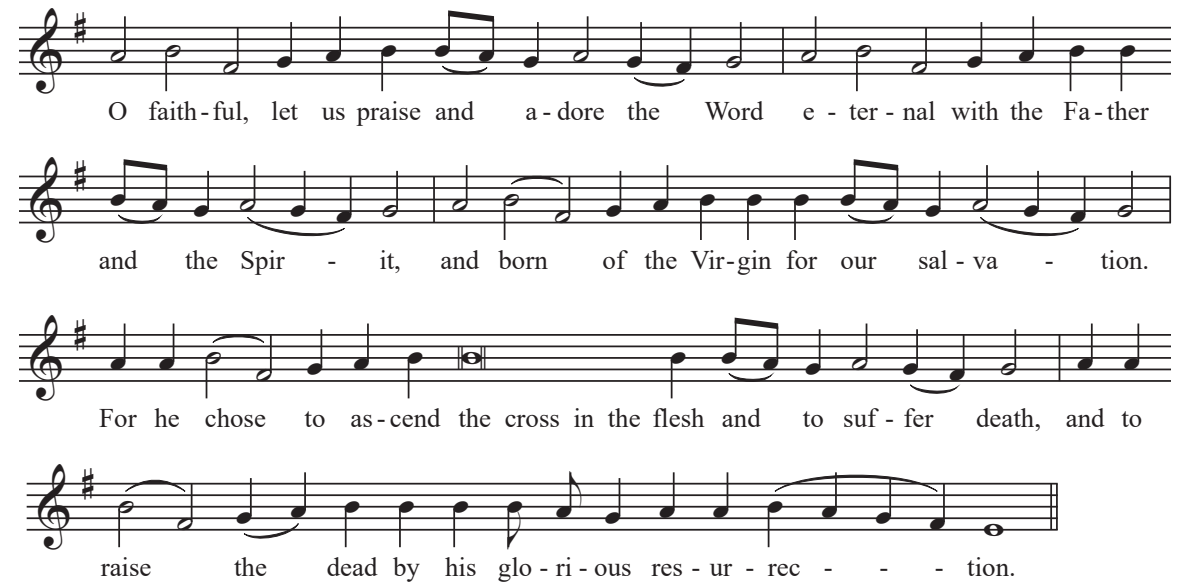
**Divine Liturgy Propers, January 1, 2023
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Coming eight days after the birth of Christ, this feast commemorates his naming and his becoming a member of the Covenant of Moses.

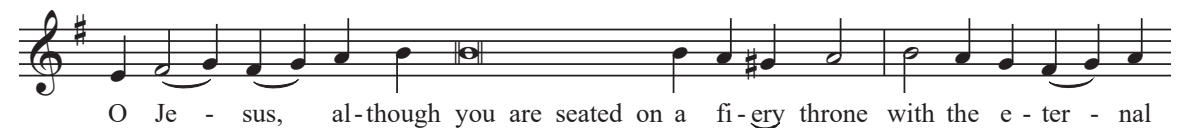
OUR HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT, ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA, who is called “great” in learning and wisdom. He taught meditation on the Scriptures and manual work in obedience and fraternal love to his monks, and established a way of life for them in the Rules he wrote. He taught the faithful by his excellent writings and shone forth by his pastoral care for the poor and sick. (379)

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5:



O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e - ter - nal with the Fa-ther
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal - va - tion.
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf - fer death, and to
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

Troparion of the Circumcision - Tone 1:



O Je - sus, al-though you are seated on a fi-ery throne with the e - ter - nal

Fa - ther and your di-vine Spir - it, you were pleased to be born of a vir-gin

maid - en, your Moth - er who has nev - er known man. There - fore,

as man you were al - so cir-cum-cised when you were eight days old.

Glo - ry to your most no-ble de - ci - sion! Glo - ry to your sal - va-tion!

Glo - ry to your hu - mil - i - ty! You a - lone love us all.

Troparion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 1:


Your voice re - sounds to the whole world which has re - ceived your word

of instruction in di-vine dog - mas. You ex-plained the na-ture of cre - a - tion

and gave rules to or-der hu-man con - duct. O roy - al priest, O venerable

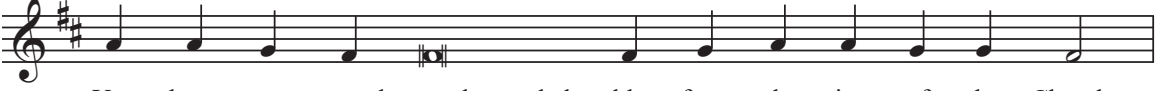
fa - ther Ba-sil, beg Christ our God to grant us his great mer - cy.

Cantor




Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.


Kontakion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 4:



You have ap - peared as the unshakea - ble foun - da - tion of the Church,



lead - ing all mortals to safe pas - ture in the Lord, and con - firm - ing them




by your teach - ings, O venerable Basil, reveal - er of heav - en - ly mys - te - ries.

Cantor




Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

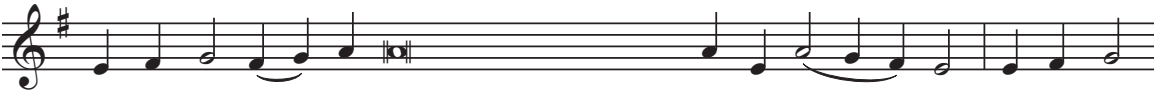
Kontakion of the Circumcision - Tone 3:




The Lord of all en - dures cir - cum - ci - sion and be - ing good, he



cuts away the sins of mor - tals. To - day he grants sal - va - tion to the world,

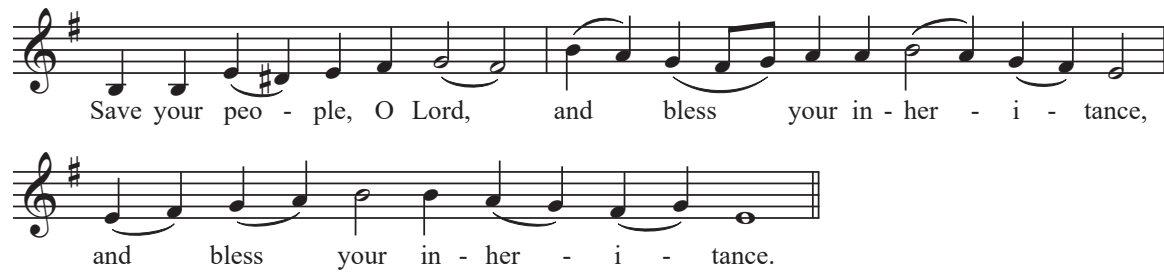


and the bish - op Ba - sil, the Creator's morning star, re - joic - es; he has been



in - i - tiated in - to the mys - te - ries of Christ.

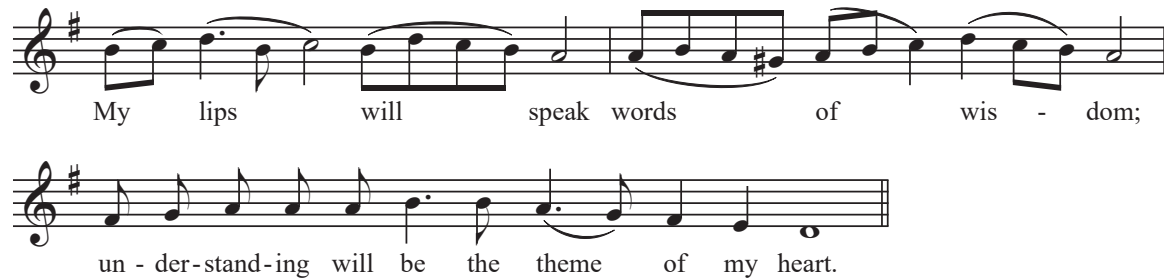
Prokeimenon of the Sunday before Theophany - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):



Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,
and bless your in - her - i - tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.
Then, immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4):



My lips will speak words of wis - dom;
un - der - stand - ing will be the theme of my heart.

Alleluia of the Sunday before Theophany - Tone 8 (Psalm 79:2; 36:30):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Shepherd of Israel, hear us; you who lead Joseph's flock.
Verse: The mouth of the just will utter wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated; music for the responses can be found on pages 96-103 of the people's book for the Divine Liturgies.

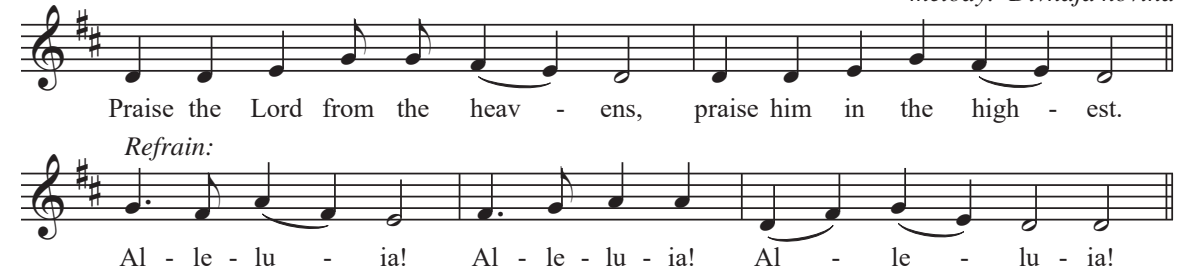
Instead of "It is truly proper . . .":

Magnification: (music found on pages 98 / 102)

In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angels in their ranks and the human race. Sanctified Temple and Rational Paradise, Boast of Virgins from whom our God took flesh and became a child while remaining God from before all time. He made your womb a throne, setting it apart, a room more spacious than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

For the Circumcision, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):

melody: Divnaja novina



Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the high - est.
Refrain:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

And for a Hierarch, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):

melody: Divnaja novina



The just man will be re - mem - bered, re - mem - bered for ev - er;
Refrain:
e - vil news he will not fear, he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!