

Vesper Propers, January 1, 2023
Sunday before Theophany
Circumcision of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Our Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), stichera 10-8.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading.

Stichera of the Circumcision - Tone 8

In his love for the hu - man race, the Sav - ior condescended and willed to be
wrapped in swad-dling clothes. Eight days old according to his moth - er,
and e - ter - nal ac-cord-ing to his Fa - ther, he did not look down upon the
cir-cum-ci-sion of the flesh. There - fore, O believers, let us cry out to him:
You are our God; have mer - cy on us!

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.
All repeat "In his love for the human race..."

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord, I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.

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The all-good God was not a - shamed to be cir-cum-cised in the flesh,
but he of-fered himself as a sym - bol and an ex-am-ple of sal-va - tion to all.
For the Mak-er of the Law submitted him-self to its com - mands and to what
the prophets before-hand told of him. O our God who hold all things in your hands
and yet were wrapped in swad-dling - clothes, O Lord, glo - ry to you!

Cantor: (Tone 4) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of our holy father Basil the Great - Tone 4 podoben: Zvannyj svyše byv

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You have been called by the name of Ba-sil, af-ter the king - dom. In your king-ly
rank you led the people of Christ to wis-dom and knowl - edge. Then the Lord of
all and King of Kings a - dorned you with the crown of the king-dom, O Ba - sil.

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

“Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos...” (p. 119), followed by the Blessing of Bread

Or, if bread is not blessed:

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 81), then:

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

Troparion of our holy father Basil the Great, Tone 1 (above)

Cantor: Now and ever...

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.

but he of-fered himself as a sym - bol and an ex-am-ple of sal-va - tion to all.

For the Mak-er of the Law submitted him-self to its com - mands and to what

the prophets before-hand told of him. O our God who hold all things in your hands

and yet were wrapped in swad-dling - clothes, O Lord, glo - ry to you!

The service continues with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon, p. 19

Troparia

If bread is blessed:

Troparion of our holy Father Basil - Tone 1 - Sung twice, once by the priest and once by the faithful.

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.

He is the ev - er - lasting and co - e - ter-nal Son who was u - nit - ed to her that

bore him. There-fore, in - ter-cede with him that he may en-light - en

and save our souls.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *All repeat "You have been called..."*

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

A - dorned with the vestments of a bishop, O Ba - sil, you glad-ly proclaimed the

Gos-pel of the king - dom and poured out the teachings of the true faith

for the Church. Now en-light-ened by them we confess and glo - ri - fy the one

God - head, indivisi-ble in three Per - sons; name-ly the al-might - y

Fa - ther, the only-begotten Word of God, and the Di-vine Spir - it. In - ter-cede

with him that he may enlighten and save our souls.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

You are now living among the ranks of the heavenly powers, O Basil,

for you imitated their life with the purity of your way of living.

When you were in the flesh, you lived on earth as one without flesh.

Therefore, intercede with Christ our God for us who delight

in your God-inspired teachings, that he may protect us from dangers and

the darkness of ignorance, and that he may enlighten our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon of our holy father Basil the Great - Tone 8

O venerable Father, you became a lover of wisdom,

You are our God; have mercy on us!

The service continues with the Litany of the Litija, p 116.

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 77), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of our holy father Basil the Great - Tone 6 samohlasen

O all-blessed Basil, you received the grace of miracles from heaven

and exposed the errors of the heathen by your doctrines. You are the

glory and support of bishops, and an example of the teachings of all the

Fathers. Therefore having received favor with Christ, intercede with

him for the salvation of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

Another doxastikon, for the Circumcision - Tone 8 samohlasen

The all-good God was not ashamed to be circumcised in the flesh,

who has shown you great mer - cy.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Litija Doxastikon - Tone 6

The grace flowed from your lips, O holy Fa-ther Ba-sil. You were the shepherd of the Church of Christ, teach-ing your spir-itual sheep to believe in the ho-ly Trin-i-ty, con-sub-stan-tial in the one God - - - head.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

Another doxastikon, for the Circumcision - Tone 8 samohlasen

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pre - fer - ring life with God to all pos - ses - sions of the world.

Your con-tem-pla-tion of death made you for sake the wealth of the earth,

and by your perse-ver-ance in fast - - ings, you o - vercame the sting of

pas - sions. By stud-y of the di-vine law, you pre-served the free-dom

with - in your soul. By your gen - erous prac-tice of vir - tue,

you sub-ject-ed the passions of the flesh to the spir - it. You re-nounced the flesh, the

world, and the prin-ces of the earth; now you stand in the pres-ence of Christ.

In - ter - cede with him for great mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 5, page 76).

Readings: Genesis 17: 1 - 14 (EOT 311)
 Proverbs 8: 22 - 30 (EOT 312)
 Proverbs 10: 31 through 11: 12 (EOT 312)

Litija

Tone 3 samohlasen

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With your life of pu - rity, O ho - ly Ba - sil, you at - tract - ed Christ, the fountain of
 life, to dwell in your soul. You channeled streams of inspired teach - ings to
 the world. The faith - ful peo - ple of the Church drink from them
 and ac - knowl - edge the teach - ings of your lips and of - fer good works to him
 who glorified your mem - 'ry for all a - ges.

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The ho - ly chris - m of grace was poured out upon you, O God - in - spired Ba - sil,
 and a - noint - ed you as minister of the Gospel of the king - dom of heav - en.
 You were the sweet fra - grance of Christ; you filled the earth with the fragrance of

his knowl - edge. Gra - cious - ly hear the voices of your serv - ants
 and ask abundant mercy for us who hon - or you.

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Clothed in priest - ly vest - ments, ho - ly Ba - sil, O de - fend - er of the Trin - i - ty,
 you stood before the tri - bu - nal, brav - ing dan - ger for the faith.
 You re - sist - ed with the undaunted courage of a mar - tyr. You put to shame
 the anger of the bold em - per - or who was filled with the power of the
 un - god - ly. You will - ingly decid - ed be - fore - - - hand
 to accept the sufferings that he threat - ened. Hav - ing been read - y of your
 own choice to be a mar - tyr, you re - ceived the crown of vic - t'ry from Christ