

**Vesper Propers, January 1, 2012**  
**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 4, p. 58), 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**

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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 samohlasen**

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You have been called by the name of Basil, after the king - dom. In your kingly  
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 kingdom, O Ba - sil.



He is the ev - erlasting and co - e - ter - nal Son who was united to her that bore him.



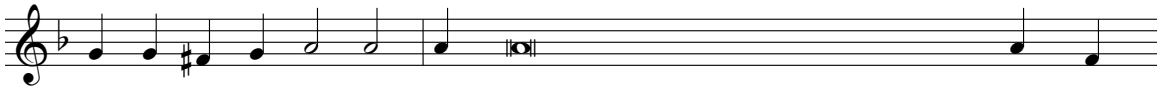
There-fore, in - ter-cede with him that he may en - light - en and save our souls.

**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..."*

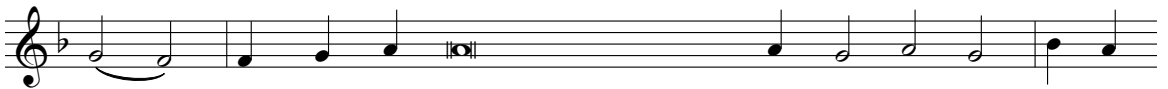
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!



A - dorned with the vestments of a bishop, O Ba - sil, you gladly 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, indivisible in three Per - sons; name - ly the al-might - y Fa - ther,

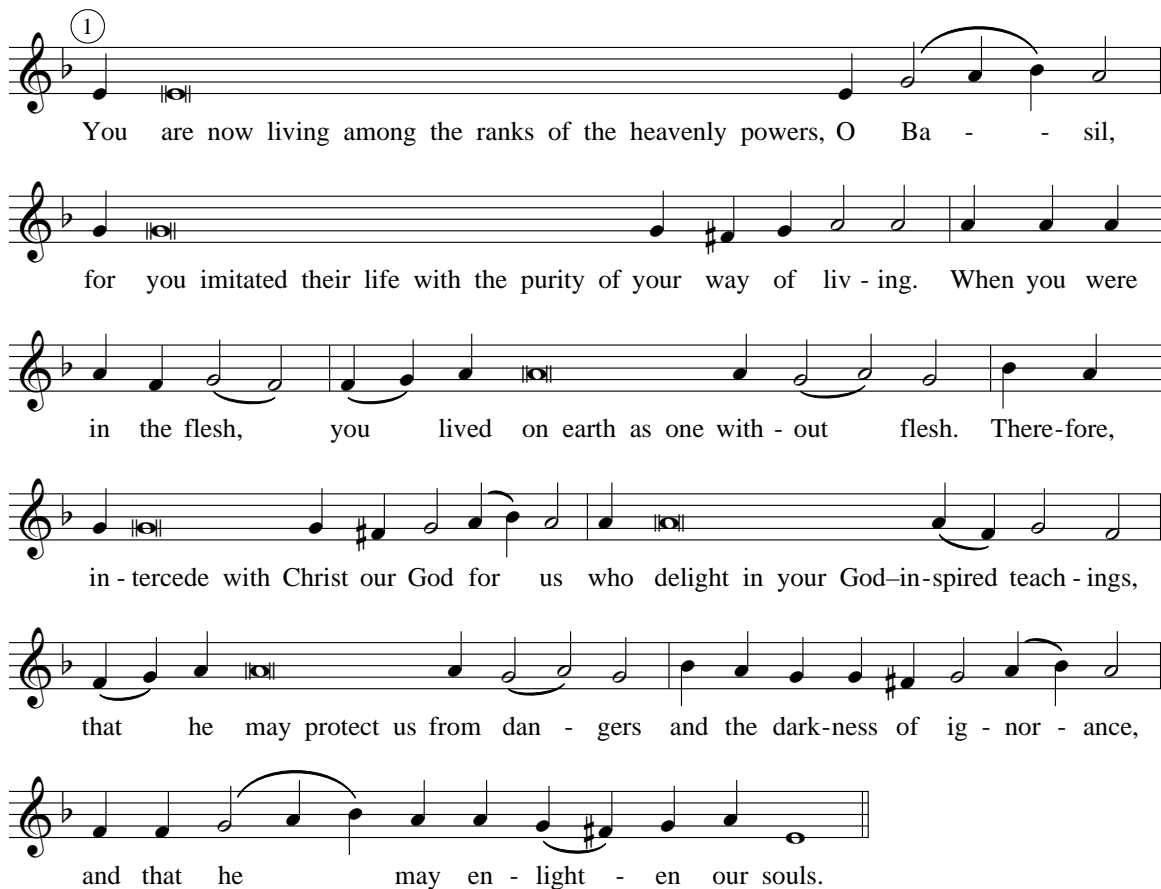


the on - ly-begot-ten Word of God, and the Di - vine Spir - it.



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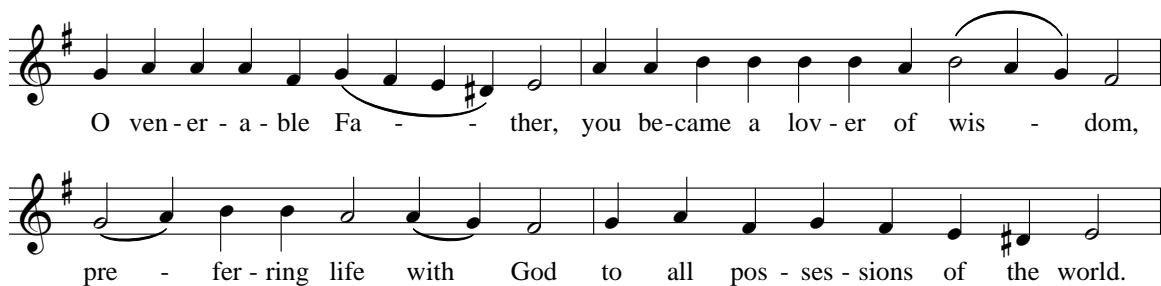
**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



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You are now living among the ranks of the heavenly powers, O Ba - - sil,  
for you imitated their life with the purity of your way of liv - ing. When you were  
in the flesh, you lived on earth as one with - out flesh. There-fore,  
in - tercede with Christ our God for us who delight in your God-in-spired teach - ings,  
that he may protect us from dan - gers and the dark-ness of ig - nor - ance,  
and that he may en - light - en our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**Doxastikon of our holy father Basil the Great - Tone 8**



O ven - er - a - ble Fa - - ther, you be - came a lov - er of wis - dom,  
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 persever-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 4) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 4, page 64).*

**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



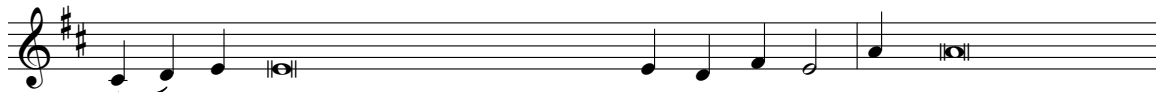
own choice to be a mar-tyr, you re-ceived the crown of vic-t'ry from Christ



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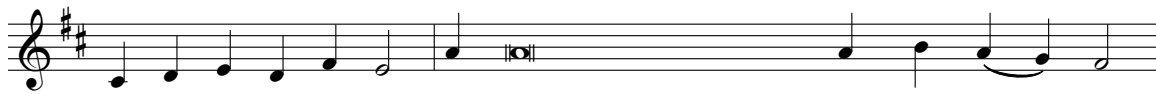
*The service continues with the Litany of the Litija, p 116.*

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 65), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

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



O all-bless-ed Ba - sil, you received the grace of mira - cles from heav - en



and ex - posed the errors of the heath - en by your doc - trines. You are the



glo - ry and support of bish - ops, and an example of the teachings of all the



Fa - thers. There - fore hav - ing re - ceived fa - vor with Christ, in - ter - cede with



him for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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*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.

**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 4, p. 68), 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.