

## Vigil Divine Liturgy, January 1\*

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

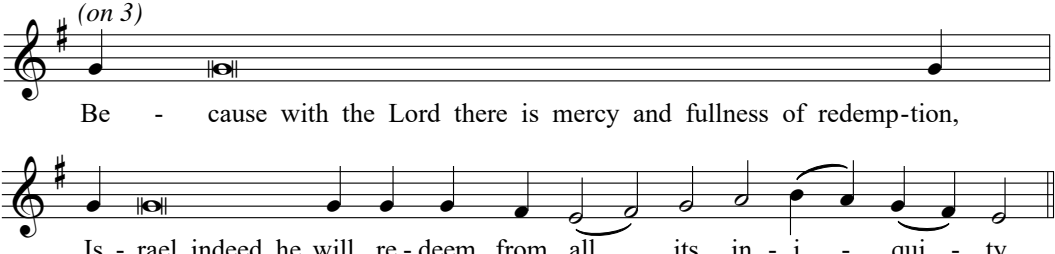
Coming eight days after the birth of Christ, this feast commemorates his naming and his becoming a member of the Covenant of Moses.

**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)

*Supplement for The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006*

*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 8 (page 159). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

Cantor



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,  
Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.


### Stichera of the Circumcision - Tone 8 samohlasen



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,

\* to be sung on the evening of December 31.


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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* <sup>(on 2)</sup>



Praise the Lord, all you na - tions, ac - claim him all you peo - ples!

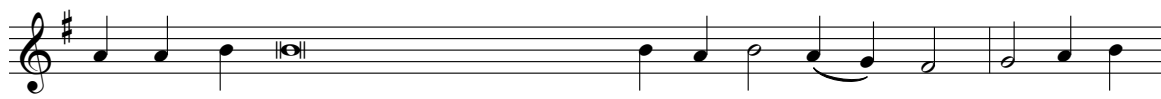
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The all - good God was not a - shamed to be cir - cum - cised in the flesh,




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!

*(on 1)*

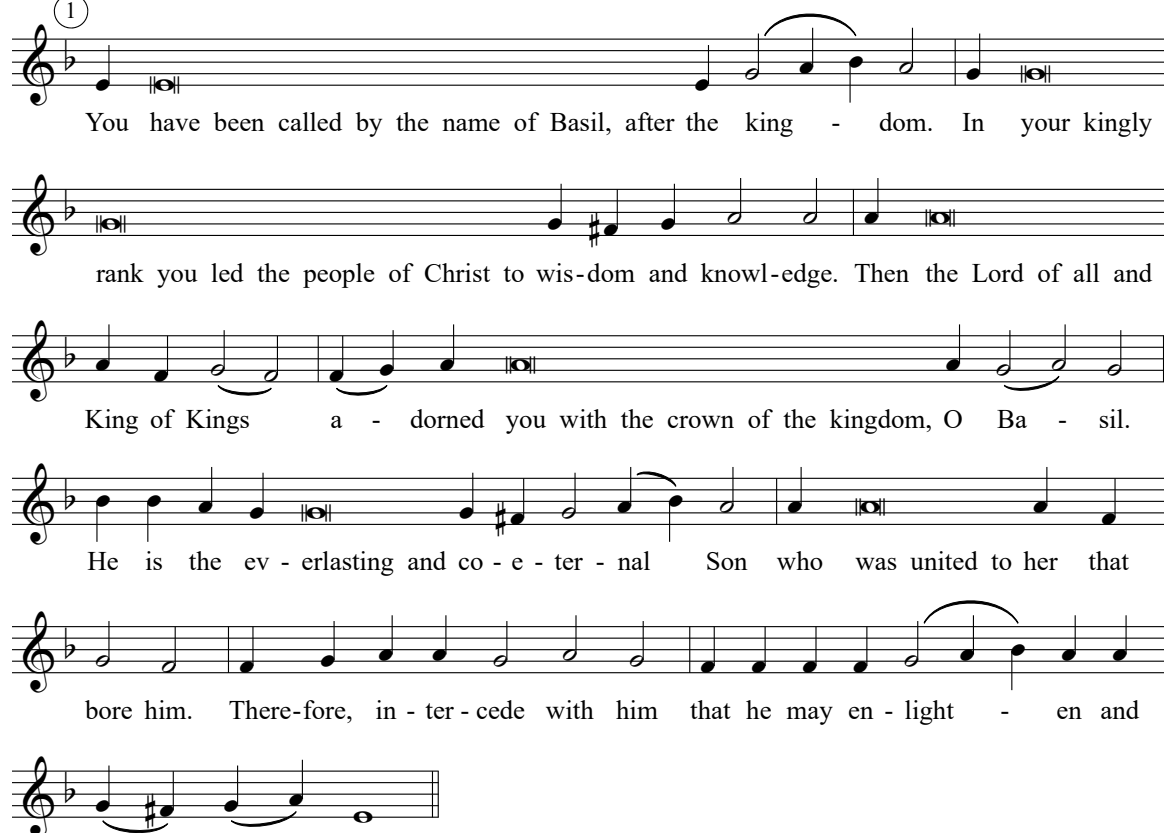
Cantor



Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

**Stichera of our holy father Basil the Great - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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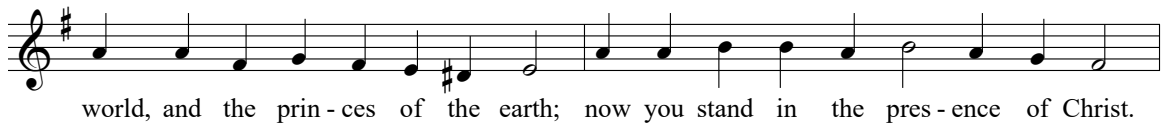
You have been called by the name of Basil, after the king - dom. In your kingly  
rank you led the people of Christ to wis-dom and knowl-edge. Then the Lord of all and  
King of Kings a - dorned you with the crown of the kingdom, O Ba - sil.  
He is the ev - erlasting and co - e - ter - nal Son who was united to her that  
bore him. There-fore, in - ter - cede with him that he may en - light - en and  
save our souls.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er  
and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

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 persev - er - 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.

*As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.*

*The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light".*

*The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121).*

*Then the following Old Testament readings are chanted. One reading may be chosen if desired.*

**Readings:** Genesis 17: 1 - 14 (EOT 311-313)  
Proverbs 8: 22 - 30  
Proverbs 10: 31 through 11: 12

*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn ("Holy God") on page 27 of the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

**Prokeimenon of the Circumcision - 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 - 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.

*On this day, the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated. Music for the anaphora responses, in two versions (A and B), can be found on pages 96-103 of the Divine Liturgies book.*

*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):*



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):*



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!

*The following hymns may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.*

**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.