

January 1, 2006
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, 2005

The First Kathisma is sung

Lamplighting Psalms Tone 8, p 102, stichera 10-8

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

Stichera of the Circumcision - Tone 8

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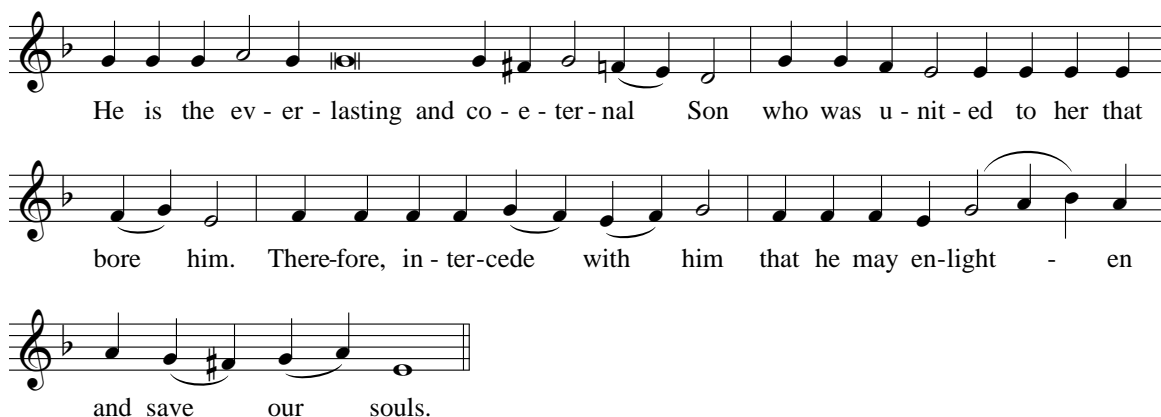
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and yet were wrapped in swad-dling - clothes, O Lord, glo - ry to you!

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

Stichera of Basil - Tone 4 podobn: Zvanny svise byw *See page 12 for a samohlasen setting.*

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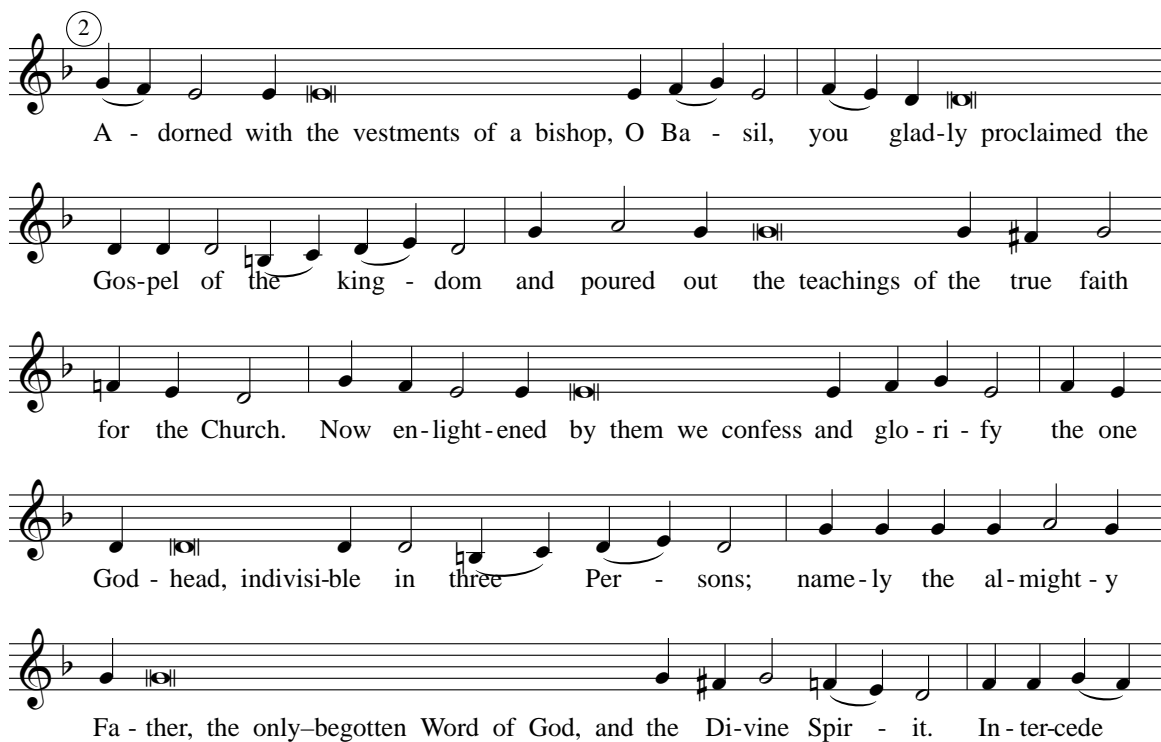
You have been called by the name of Ba-sil, af - ter the king - dom. In your king-ly
rank you led the people of Christ to wis-dom and knowl - edge. Then the Lord of
all and King of Kings a - dorned you with the crown of the king-dom, O Ba - sil.



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**
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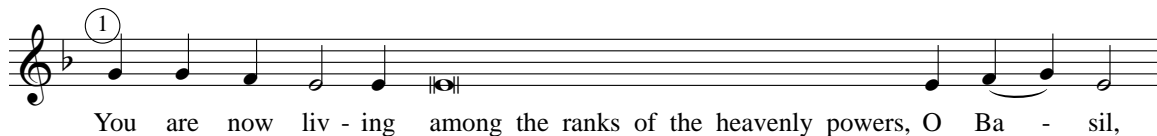


A - dorned with the vestments of a bishop, O Ba - sil, you glad - ly proclaimed the
 Gos - pel of the king - dom and poured out the teachings of the true faith
 for the Church. Now en - light - ened by them we confess and glo - ri - fy the one
 God - head, indivisi - ble in three Per - sons; name - ly the al - might - y
 Fa - ther, the only - begotten Word of God, and the Di - vine Spir - it. In - ter - cede

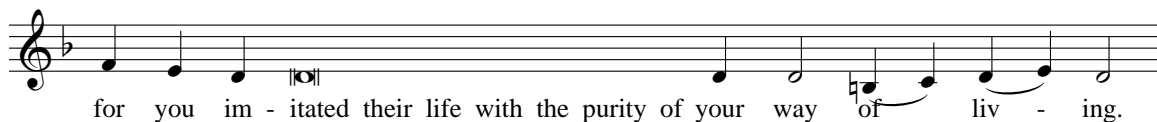


with him that he may enlighten and save our souls.

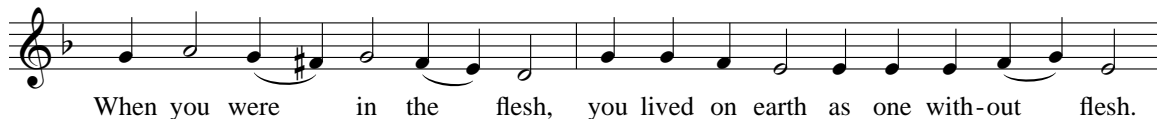
Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



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.



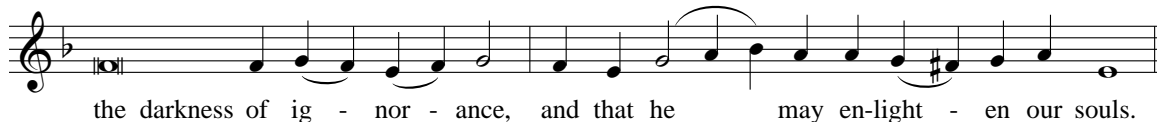
When you were in the flesh, you lived on earth as one without flesh.



Therefore, intercede with Christ our God for us who delight



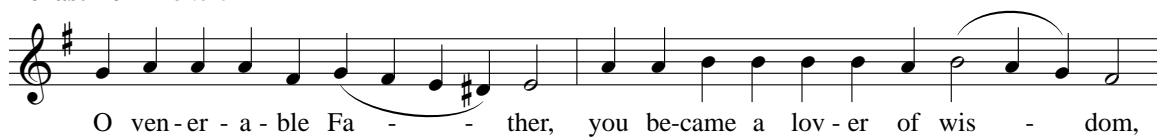
in your God-inspired teachings, that he may protect us from dangers and



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

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 8



O venerable Father, you became a lover of wisdom,

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: Now and ever...

Dogmatkion, Tone 8, p. 107

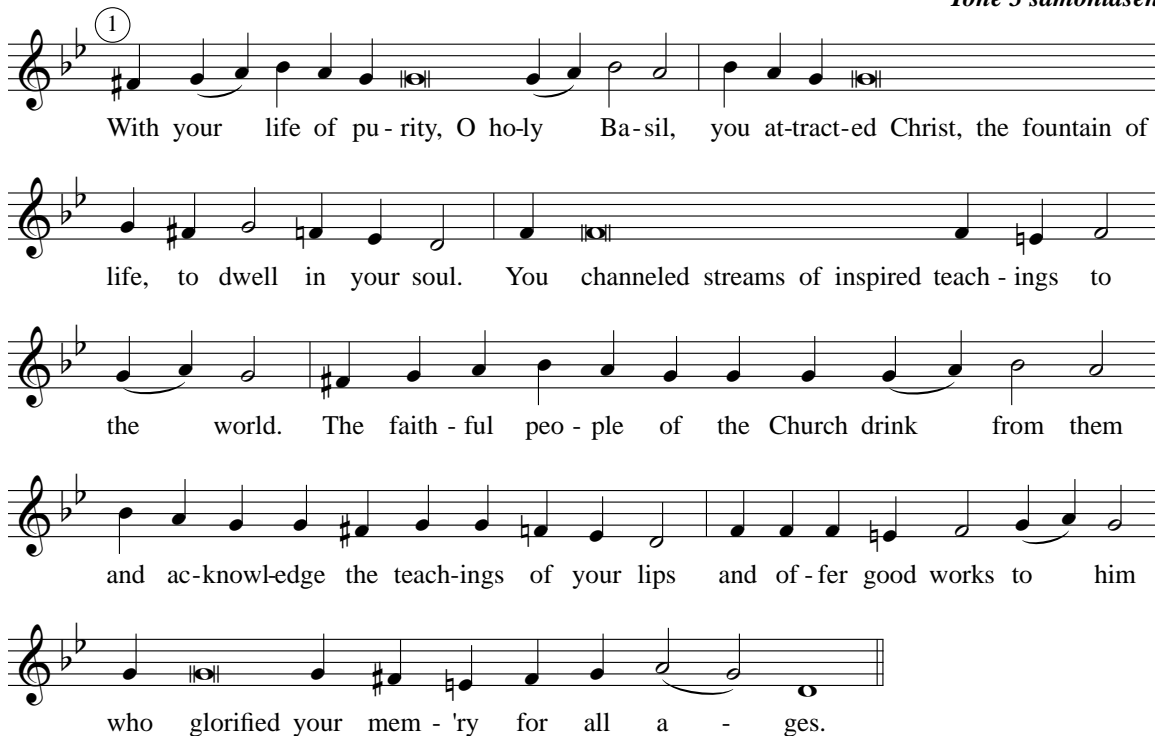
The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12

Readings: Genesis 17: 1 - 14
Proverbs 8: 22 - 30
Proverbs 10: 31 through 11: 12

Litija

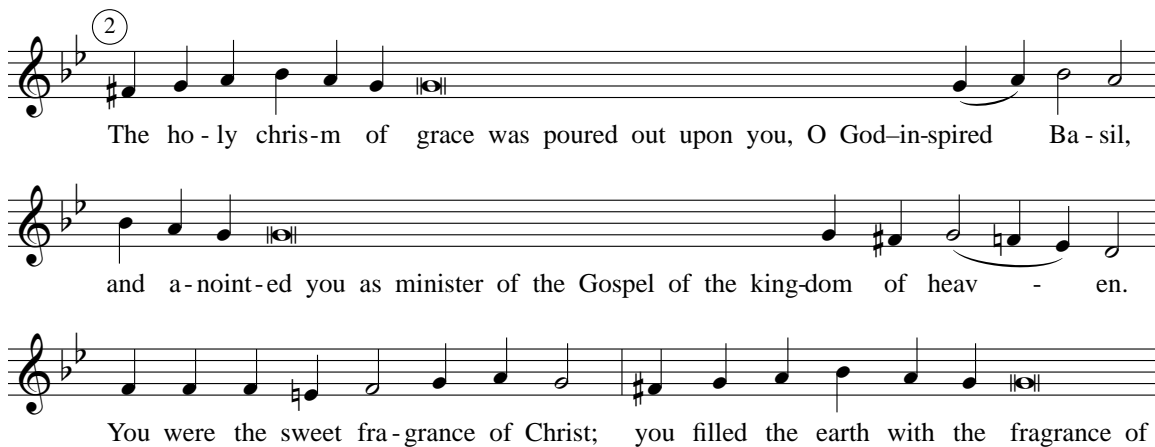
Tone 3 samohlasen

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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 know-ledge. Gra-cious-ly hear the voices of your serv ants



and ask abundant mercy for us who hon - or you.

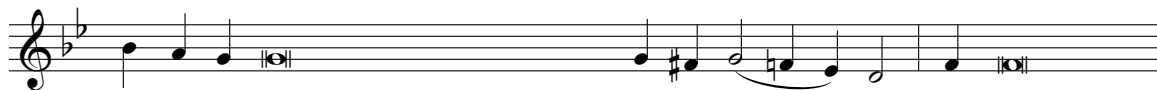
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Clothed in priest-ly vest-ments, ho-ly Ba-sil, O de-fend-er of the Trin-i - ty,



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



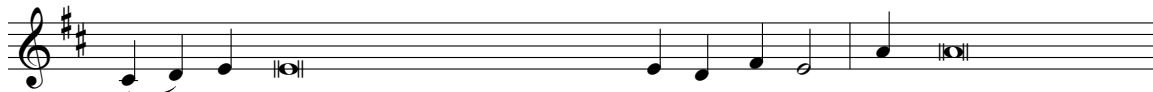
own choice to be a mar-tyr, you re-ceived the crown of vic-t'ry from Christ



who has shown you great mer - cy.

Cantor: 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: Now and ever...

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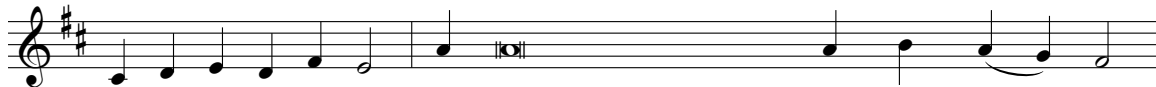
Litija Litany, p. 116

Aposticha, Tone 8, p. 108

Cantor: Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6

Tone 1



O all-bless-ed Ba-sil, you re-ceived 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

Option 1: With Blessing of Bread:

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: Glory...now and ever...

"Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos..." p. 119, followed by the Blessing of Bread

Option 2: Without Blessing of Bread:

Troparion, Tone 8, p. 111

Glory...

Troparion of Basil, Tone 1 (see page 10 of this supplement)

Now and ever...

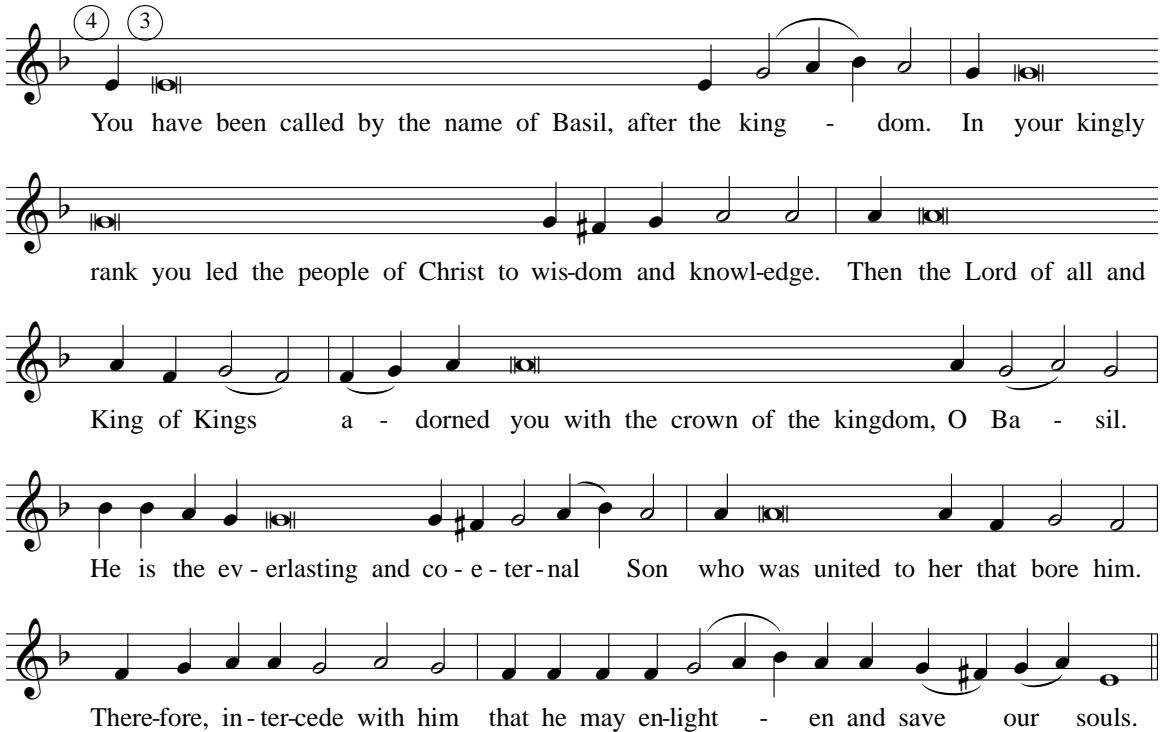
Troparion of the Circumcision - Tone 1

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!
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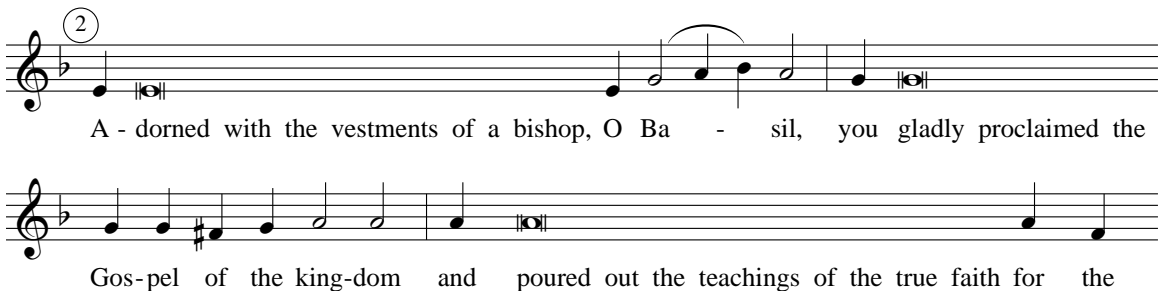
Tone 4



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.

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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,
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 that he may protect us from dan-gers and the dark-ness of ig-nor-ance,

and that he may enlighten our souls.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, and a final half note F5. A slur covers the notes from G4 to C5. Another slur covers the notes from G5 to C6. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Turn to page 4 for the Doxastikon.