

Divine Liturgy Propers, January 1, 2006

Sunday before Theophany

Circumcision of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ

Our Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

**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)

Hymn

*melody: Kol slaven nas/How great the glory*



1. Thus says the Lord: "I send be - fore you My mes - sen - ger, your  
2. "For af - ter me, An - oth - er is com - ing, Might - ier than I, our  
3. For those who wait the man - i - fes - ta - tion Of Je - sus Christ, that



way to pre - pare!" Now hear the voice of some - one shout - ing:  
God's on - ly Son; He will bap - tize with God's Ho - ly Spir - it,  
day will shine And crowns of right - eous - ness and glo - ry



*Refrain*

"Make for the Lord a path straight and fair! For One is com - ing,  
And with Them both is tru - ly One!  
Wait there for all of A - bra - ham's line!



great - er than I: Come and re - pent!" was John the Bap - tist's cry!

**First Antiphon** (Psalm 65:1,2):

Shout joy - fully to the Lord, all the earth, sing praise to his name, give to  
him glo - ri - ous praise. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior,  
save us. Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,  
O Sav - ior, save us.

**Second Antiphon** (Psalm 66:2):

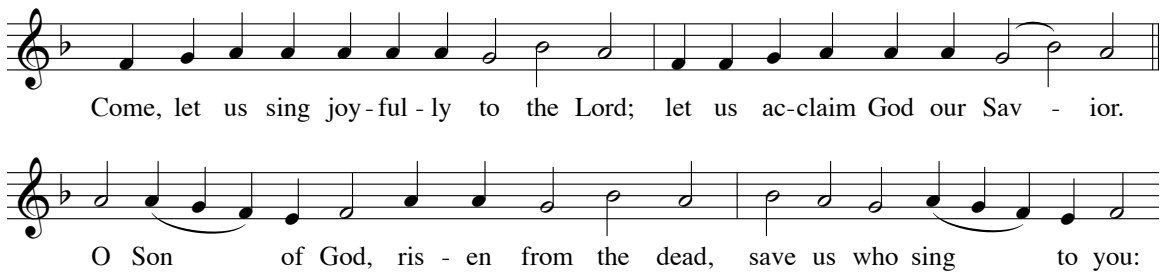
Be gra - cious to us, O God, and bless us; let your face shine upon us, and  
have mer - cy on us. O Son of God, ris - en from the dead, save us who  
sing to you: Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Hymn of the Incarnation - Resurrection Tone 7**



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men. O on - ly - begotten Son and  
Word of God, who be - ing im - mor - tal, deigned for our sal - va - tion  
to be - come in - car - nate of the ho - ly Theotokos and ever - Vir - gin Mar - y,  
and be - came man with - out change; you were al - so crucified, O Christ our God,  
and by death have tram - pled Death, be - ing One of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,  
glo - rified with the Fa - ther and the Ho - ly Spir - it, save us.

**Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1)**



Come, let us sing joy - ful - ly to the Lord; let us ac - claim God our Sav - ior.  
O Son of God, ris - en from the dead, save us who sing to you:

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):**

Come, let us wor - ship and bow be - fore Christ. O Son of God,  
ris - en from the dead, save us who sing to you: Al - le - lu - ia!

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 8**

You de - scend - ed from on high, O mer - ci - ful One. You ac - cept - ed  
bur - i - al for three days to free us from our pas - sions. O Lord, our  
Res - ur - rec - tion and our Life, glo - ry to you.

**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:**

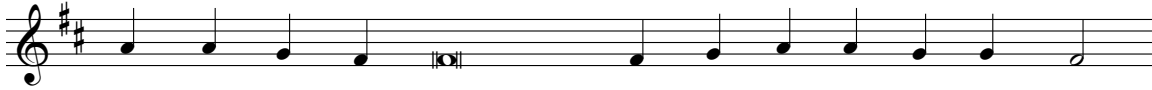
Your voice re-sounds to the whole world which has re-ceived your word  
 of instruction in di-vine dog - mas. You ex-plained the na-ture of cre - a - tion  
 and gave rules to or - der hu - man con - duct. O roy - al priest, O venerable  
 fa - ther Ba - sil, beg Christ our God to grant us his great mer - cy.

*Cantor*



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

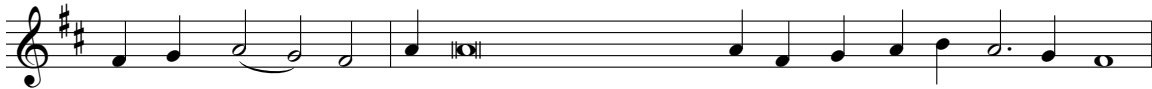
**Kontakion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 4:**



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



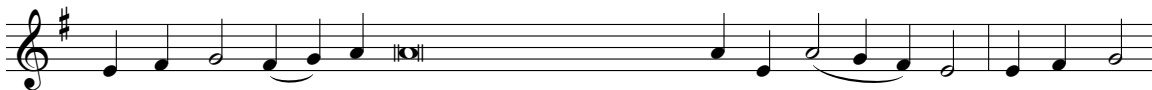
by your teach - ings, O venerable Basil, reveal - er of heav - en - ly mys - te - ries.



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.

*Cantor*



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

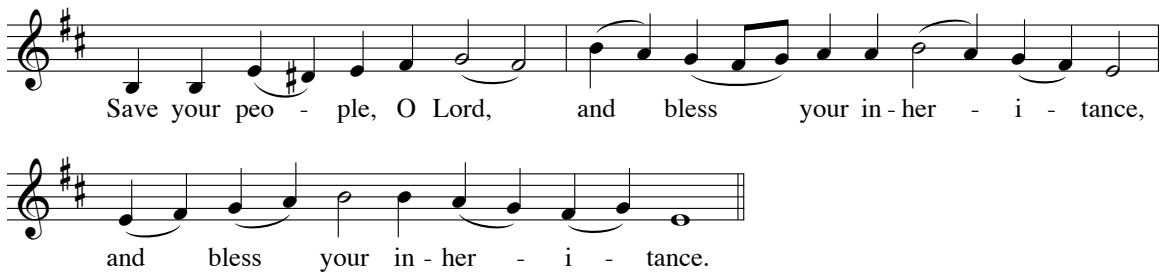
**Kontakion of the Circumcision - Tone 3:**

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.

**Thrice-Holy Hymn**

*3 times*  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal,  
*Fine*  
have mer - cy on us. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ev - er and  
*da capo al fine*  
for - ev - er. A - men. Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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

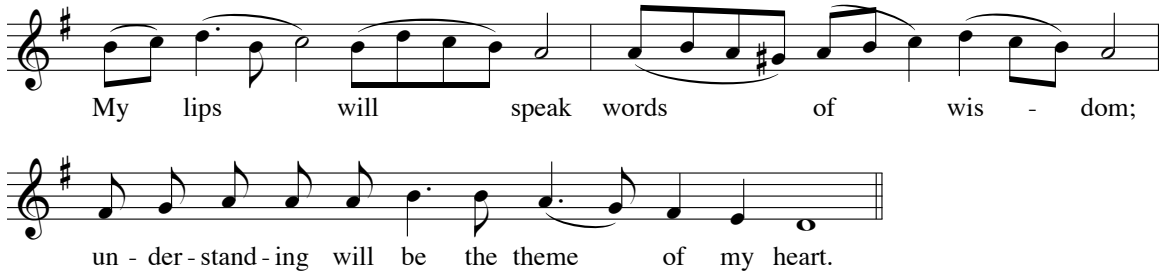


Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance,  
and bless your in - her - i - tance.

*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 - Tone 8 (Psalm 66:2; 79:2):**



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

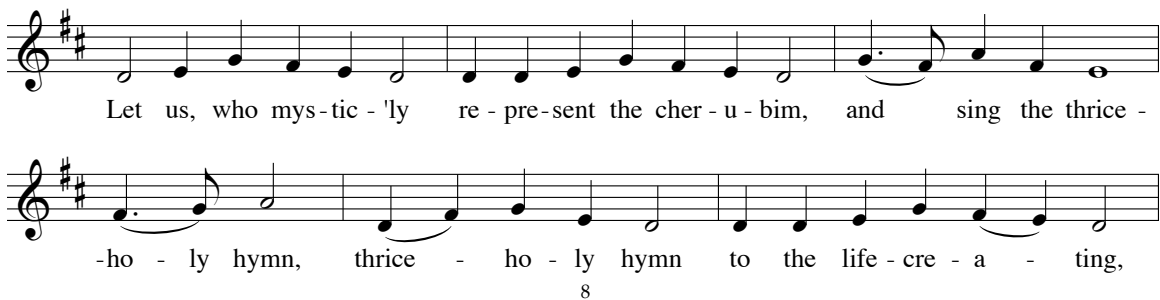
*Verse:* Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us.

*Verse:* Let your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

*Verse:* Shepherd of Israel, hear us; you who lead Joseph's flock.

**Cherubic Hymn**

*on the hymn, "Divnaja novina"*



Let us, who mys - tic - 'ly re - pre - sent the cher - u - bim, and sing the thrice -  
-ho - ly hymn, thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - a - ting,

life-cre - a - ting Trin - i - ty, now set a - side all earth - ly cares, all earth - ly cares.

A - men. That we may re - ceive, may re - ceive the King of All, in - vis - i - bly

es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

**Anamnesis Acclamation**

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, O Lord, and we pray to you,

our God, pray to you, our God.

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

*Prešov melody*

In you, O Wom - an Full of Grace, all cre - a - tion re - joic - es:

the an - gels in their ranks and the hu - man race. Sac - ti - fied

Tem - ple and Ra - tion - al Par - a - dise. Boast of Vir - gins from  
 whom our God took flesh and be - came a child while re - main - ing God  
 from be - fore all time. He made your womb a throne, set - ting it a -  
 -part, a room more spa - cious than the heav - ens.  
 In you, O Wom - an Full of Grace, all cre - a - tion  
 re - joic - - - es. Glo - ry to you!

**Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):**

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

**Communion Hymn for Basil** (Psalm 111:6,7):




The just man will be re-mem - bered, re-mem-bered for ev - er; e - vil news

*Refrain:*




he will not fear, he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!




Al - le - lu - ia!

**We have seen the true light**


*Tone 2 Bolhar*



We have seen the true light; we have re-ceived



the heav-en - ly Spir - it; we have found the true faith;




and we wor-ship the undi-vid - ed Trin - i - ty, for the Trin-i - ty



has saved us.

**May our mouth be filled**



May our mouth be filled with your praise, O Lord, so that we may sing of your

glo - ry, sing of your glo - ry; for you have deemed us wor - thy to par - take  
of your ho - ly, di - vine, im - mor - tal, pure, and life - cre - at - ing mys - ter - ies.  
Keep us in your ho - li - ness so that all the day long we may live ac - cord - ing  
to your truth. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, now and for - ev - er,  
now and for - ev - er, now and for - ev - er.