

January 1
THE CIRCUMCISION
OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
and
OUR HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT,
ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA

Hymn



1. In His love for the hu - man race, The Sav - ior came to earth,
 2. For each of us is cir - cum - cised And each with Christ has died,
 3. But when they left, He stayed be - hind; They went to tem - ple, where,
 4. For Ba - sil, too, who taught Your Church, Who led Your flock with care,



Was cir - cum - cised as Mo - ses taught The eighth day af - ter birth.
 In Bap - ti - sm, and al - so rose; And put our sins a - side!
 With doc - tors of the Law, He spoke "His Fa - ther's busi - ness" there.
 We give You thanks for all he did, For words and deeds so fair!



The Lord, the Mak - er of the Law Ful - filled the Law's com - mands
 This Child, with - in His par - ents' care, Was filled with strength and grace;
 For Ma - ry, Moth - er of our God, Who pon - dered in her heart
 You crown the year with goodness, Lord; Now bless the com - ing year,




That we, who could not save our - selves, Be saved from sin's de - mands.
 When twelve, His par - ents and His kin Brought Him to keep the feast.
 All things con - nect - ed with her Son, We all our thanks im - part!
 That lov - ing neigh bor and our God, We live in grace and fear!

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.

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.

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.

and we pray to you, pray to you, pray to you, our God.

Communion Hymns:

For the Circumcision, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):

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!

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; e - vil news

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

Al - le - lu - ia!