Our venerable father and confessor Basil, fellow ascetic of Procopius, who, at the time of emperor Leo III Isaurus [c.680-740] vigorously contended for the cult of holy Images. (741)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers on Sunday Evening for the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday) and the Sundays of the Great Fast.

Psalm 140 and Stichera of Forgiveness in the tone of the week (Tone 7, p. 48)

Stichera of Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness), p. 57. Then:

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Desiring that happiness which surpasses all understanding, O holy father,

you took your delight in temperance, made simplicity of life your true wealth,

held poverty to be your only treasure, and considered fasting to be your
celebration. Thus, you achieved the desire of your heart, O Basil, for you now dwell in the tabernacles of the saints.

Praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

You ran the race of asceticism to a good end without halting; you have kept the faith. Therefore, you have received the crown of justice which Christ has prepared for you. To each one, according to his merits, he gives a just recompense, in exchange for hardships and struggles. Intercede with him that our souls may be saved.

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

In treating your body with severity, you renounced all pleasures. O holy
father Basil. You disciplined your feelings by your efforts at temperance and asceticism, patience in trials and endurance in affliction.

In return, you received never ending joys eternal delights and ineffable happiness in heaven.

The faithful STAND.

Cantor

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ever and ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion - in the same tone

Take pity on me, O Lady. I am brought low by the assaults of demons and have been cast down into the pit of destruction. Set me firmly on the rock of the virtues, fending off the attacks of the enemy. Grant that I may obey
the commandments of your son and our God and receive forgiveness on the Day of Judgment.


Prokeimenon for Cheesefare Sunday, page 10.

Aposticha of Cheesefare Sunday, page 60.