

Vesper Propers, January 1
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

Lamplighting Psalms Tone 8, p. 102

Bring my soul out of this prison,
and then I shall praise *your* name.

Around me the just will assemble,
because of your goodness *to* me.

Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**
(on 8) Lord hear my voice!

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,
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: Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading. *All repeat "In his love for the human race..."*

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.

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!

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.
All repeat: "The all-good God..."

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

Stichera of Basil - Tone 4 samohlasen

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

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.

Blessing of Bread and Psalm 33, p. 119.

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: 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**
 (on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

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,

the on - ly-begot-ten Word of God, and the Di-vine Spir - it.

In - ter-cede with him that he may en-light - en and save our souls.

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

① You are now living among the ranks of the heavenly powers, O Ba - - sil,

for you imitated their life with the purity of your way of liv - ing. When you were

in the flesh, you lived on earth as one with - out flesh. There-fore,

in-tercede with Christ our God for us who delight in your God-in-spired teach-ings,

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

and that he may en - light - en our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

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

The service continues with the Prayer of Simeon, page 19.

Troparia

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: Glory...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

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

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.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

Tone 8 samohlasen

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 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

Doxastikon of Basil - 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 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...

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 wrapped in swad- dling clothes. Eight days old according to his moth - er,
 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!

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, page 12. The Prokeimena for weekdays begin on page 114.

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

Litija

Tone 3 samohlasen

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

of - fend - ed and I burn not? There - fore, be - cause you dwell with them,
 pray for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Cantor

The mouth of the just utters wis - dom, and his lips speak what is right.

Tone 2 samohlasen

O Ba - sil, the re - veal - er of ho - li - ness, hav - ing stud - ied the na - ture of
 crea - tures and con - tem - plated the instabil - i - ty of all things, you found
 the only One who is un - change - a - ble, the trans - cend - ent Cre - a - tor of all the world.
 And hav - ing clung to him, you cast off the desire of tran - sient things. There - fore,
 in - ter - cede for us that we may al - so ob - tain the di - vine love.

Cantor: *(Tone 6) Glory...*

the blasphemers of God-trans-gres-sing her - e - sies, and you stored up the sweetness
of true worship in the souls of be - liev - ers. Now that you have attained the
delights of the di-vine pres - ence, re-mem - ber us be-fore the con-sub-stan-tial
Trin - i - ty.

Cantor

My lips will speak words of wis - dom; my heart is full of in - sight.
You have ac-quired the virtues of all the saints, O Fa-ther Ba - sil: the meek-ness
of Moses and the zeal of E - li - jah, the con-fes-sion of faith by Pe - ter,
and the el - o-quence in the - ol - o - gy of John. Like Paul, you nev - er
cease to cry a - loud: Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is

the world. The faith - ful peo - ple of the Church drink from them
and ac-know-ledge 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 chri-sm 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: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen

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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cir-cum-ci-sion of the flesh. There - fore, O believers, let us cry out to him:

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The Litija Litany is found on page 116.

Aposticha

Tone 1 samohlasen

All - bless-ed Basil, you were like a divine and noble bee of the Church of Christ.

When you armed yourself with the sting of di-vine love, you wound-ed