

**Divine Liturgy Propers, January 1, 2017**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**  
**Circumcision of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ**  
**Our Holy Father Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea**

**Hymn**

*melody: Pod tvoj prokrov / We hasten to your patronage*



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



earth, was cir - cum - cised as Mo - ses taught the eighth day  
 died in Bap - ti - sm, and al - so rose; and put our  
 where, with doc - tors of the Law, He spoke "His Fa - ther's  
 care, we give You thanks for all he did, for words and



af - ter birth. The Lord, the Mak - er of the Law ful -  
 sins a - side! This Child, with - in His par - ents' care, was  
 busi - ness" there. For Mar - y, Moth - er of our God, who  
 deeds so fair! You crown the year with good - ness, Lord; now

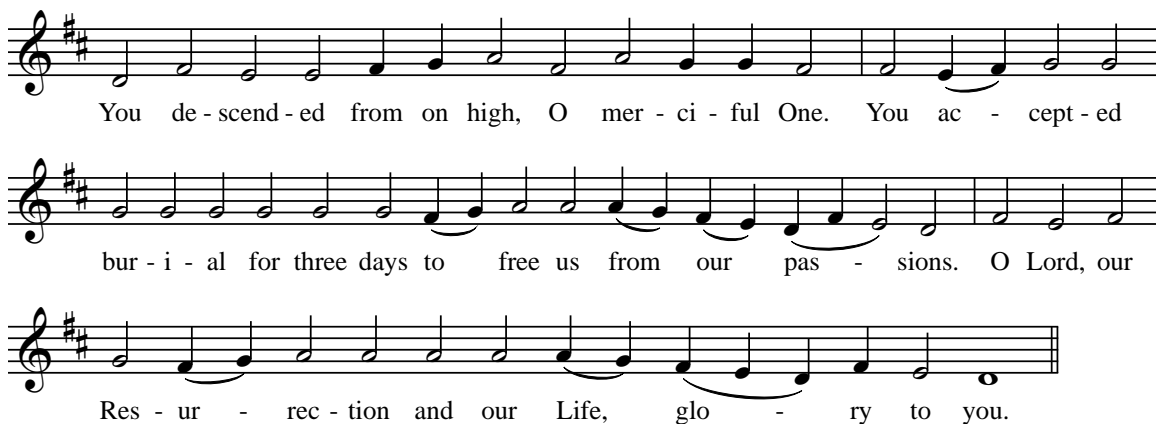


filled the Law's com - mands that we, who could not save our -  
 filled with strength and grace; when twelve, His par - ents and His  
 pon - dered in her heart all things con - nect - ed with her  
 bless the com - ing year, that lov - ing neigh - bor and our



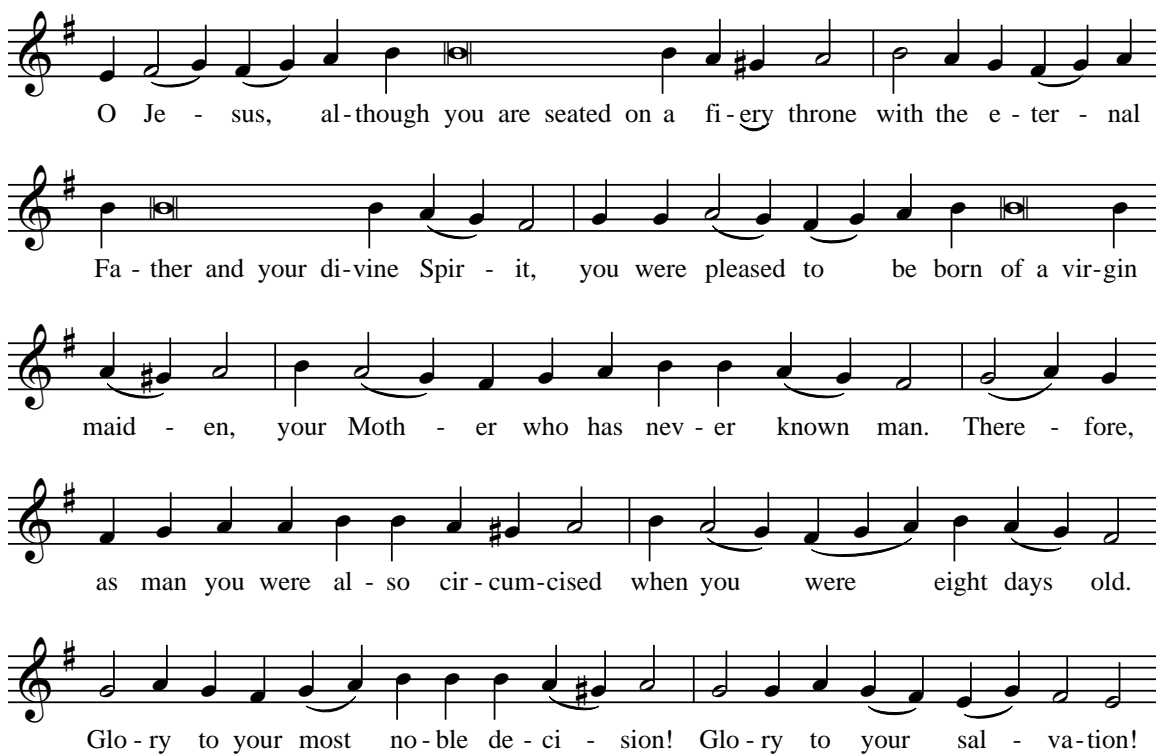
selves, be saved from sin's de - mands.  
 kin brought Him to keep the feast.  
 Son, we all our thanks im - part!  
 God, we live in grace and fear!

**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.

*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 Sunday before 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 of the Sunday before Theophany - Tone 8 (Psalm 79:2; 36:30):**



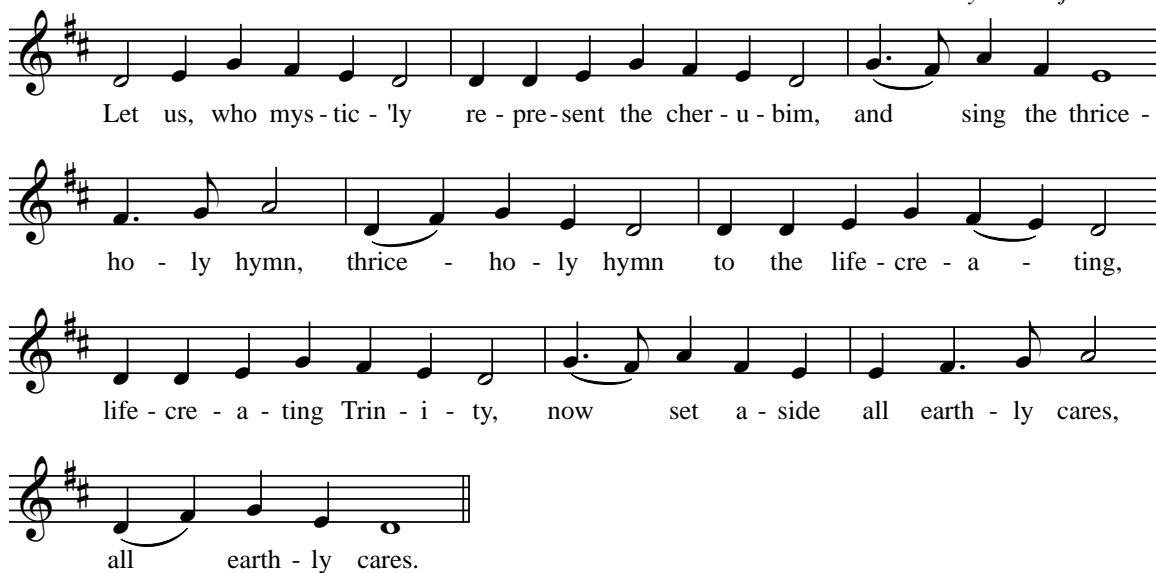
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

*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.

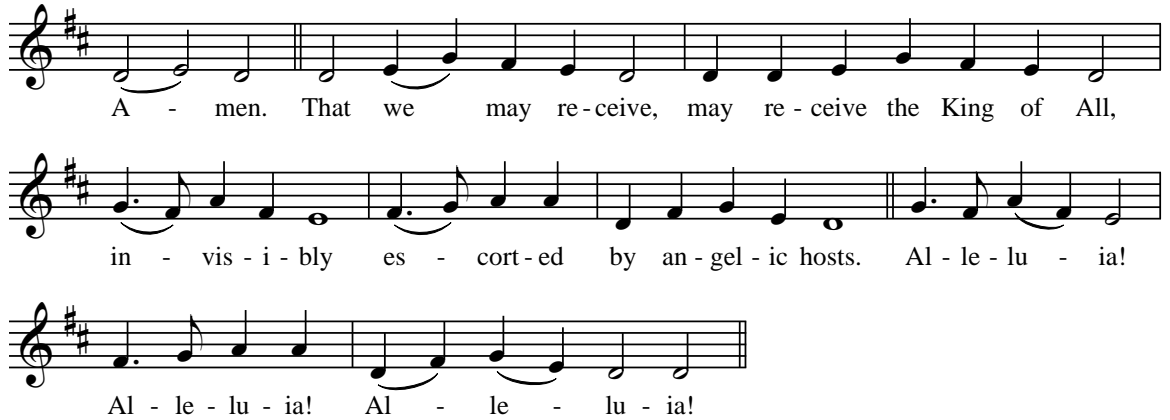
**Cherubic Hymn**

*melody: 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.

*After the commemorations:*

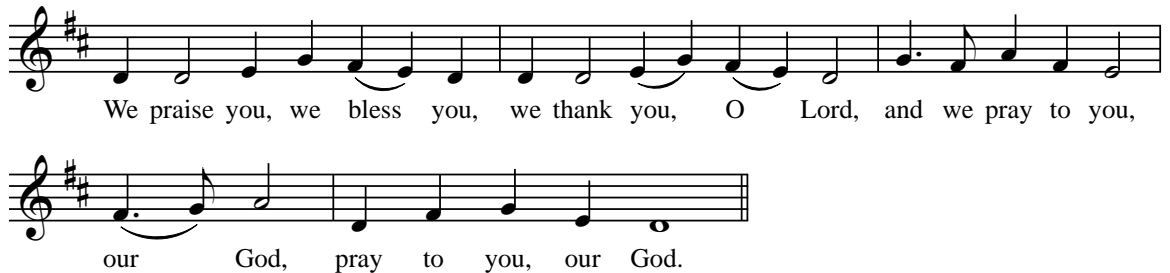


A - men. That we may re-ceive, may re - ceive the King of All,  
in - vis - i - bly es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated; music for the responses can be found on pages 96-103 of the people's book for the Divine Liturgies.*

*“We praise you, we bless you...” can be sung to the Basil melody, or to the following melody:*

**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 . . .”:*

**Magnification:** *(music found on pages 98 / 102)*

In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angels in their ranks and the human race. Sanctified Temple and Rational Paradise, Boast of Virgins from whom our God took flesh and became a child while remaining God from before all time. He made your womb a throne, setting it apart, a room more spacious than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

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

*melody: Divnaja novina*



Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the high - est.

*Refrain:*



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;

*Refrain:*



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



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