Divine Liturgy Propers, 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 human race, the Savior came to earth,
   was circumcised as Moses taught the eighth day
   after birth. The Lord, the Maker of the Law ful-
   sins aside! This Child, with in His parents’ care, was
   busi-ness there. For Mary, Mother of our God, who
   deeds so fair! You crown the year with goodness, Lord; now

2. For each of us is circumcised and each with Christ has died
   in Baptism, and also rose; and put our
care, we give You thanks for all he did, for words and

3. But when they left, He stayed behind; they went to temple,
   where, with doctors of the Law, He spoke “His Father’s
   af-ter birth. The Lord, the Maker of the Law ful-
sins aside! This Child, with in His parents’ care, was
   busi-ness there. For Mary, Mother of our God, who
   deeds so fair! You crown the year with goodness, Lord; now

4. For Basil, too, who taught Your Church, who led Your flock with
   earth, was circumcised as Moses taught the eighth day
   after birth. The Lord, the Maker of the Law ful-
   sins aside! This Child, with in His parents’ care, was
   busi-ness there. For Mary, Mother of our God, who
   deeds so fair! You crown the year with goodness, Lord; now

fill the Law’s commands that we, who could not save our-
filled with strength and grace; when twelve, His parents and His
pondered in her heart all things connected with her
bless the coming year, that loving neighbor and our

selves, be saved from sin’s demands.
kin brought Him to keep the feast.
Son, we all our thanks impart!
God, we live in grace and fear!

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O Jesus, although you are seated on a fiery throne with the eternal Father and your divine Spirit, you were pleased to be born of a virgin maiden, your Mother who has never known man. Therefore, as man you were also circumcised when you were eight days old.

Glory to your most noble decision! Glory to your salvation!

Glory to your humility! You alone love us all.

Troparion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 1:

Your voice resounds to the whole world which has received your word of instruction in divine dogmas. You explained the nature of creation and gave rules to order human conduct. O royal 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 bishop Basil, the Creator's morning star, rejoices; he has been initiated into the mysteries of Christ.

Prokeimenon of the Circumcision - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

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):

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.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 79:2; 36:30):

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.
Let us, who mystic-'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!

On this day, the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated. Music for the
anaphora responses, in two versions (A and B), can be found on pages 96-103 of the
Divine Liturgies book.
*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):*

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\text{Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest.}
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*Refrain:*

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\text{Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!}
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*And for a Hierarch, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):*

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\text{The just man will be remembered, remembered for ever;}
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*Refrain:*

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\text{evil news he will not fear, he will not fear. Al-le-lu-ia!}
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\text{Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!}
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