

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, 2006*

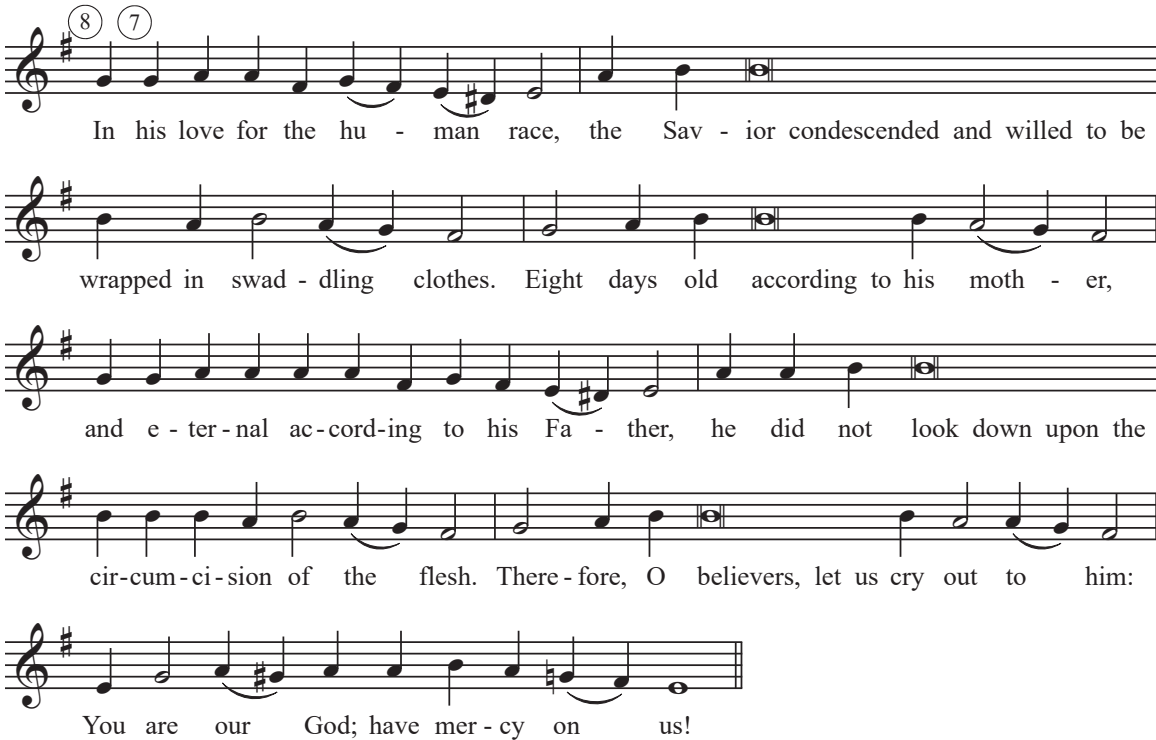
Lamplighting Psalms Tone 8, p. 102

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!

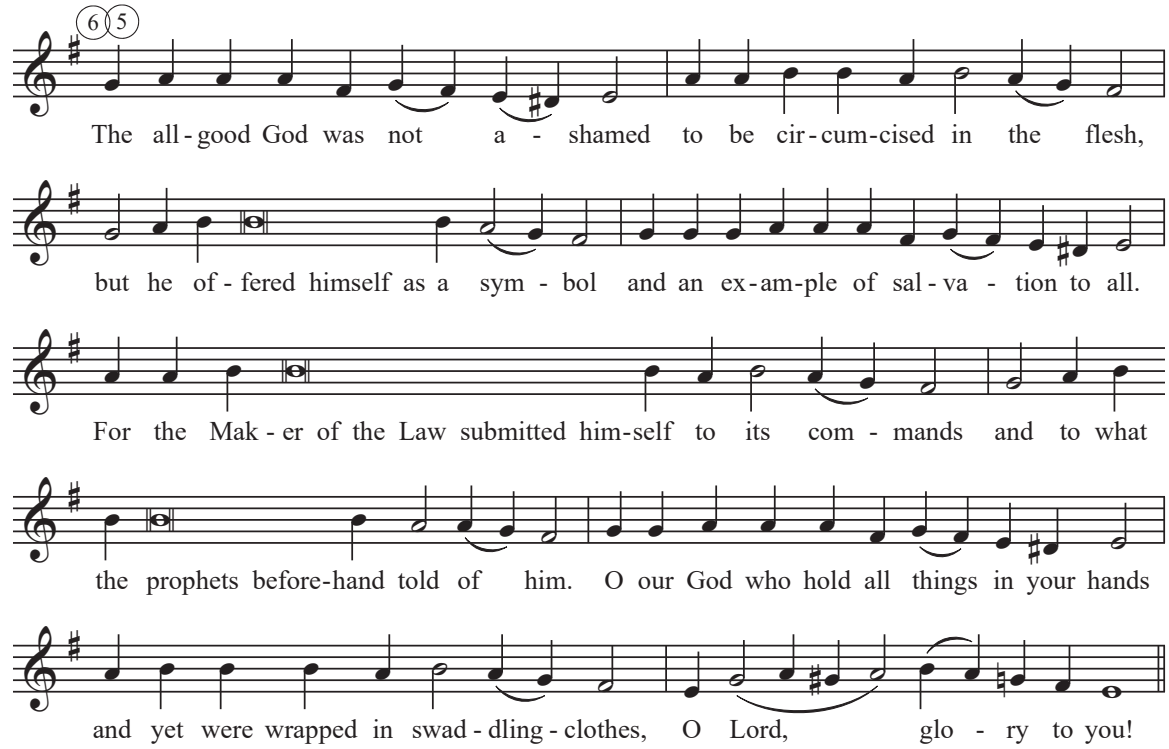
Stichera of the Circumcision - Tone 8 samohlasen



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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.

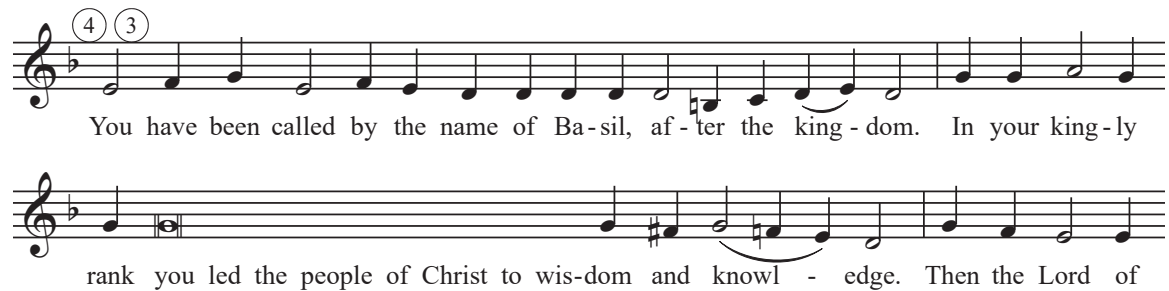


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but he of - fered himself as a sym - bol and an ex-am-ple of sal - va - tion to all.
For the Mak - er of the Law submitted him-self to its com - mands and to what
the prophets before-hand told of him. O our God who hold all things in your hands
and 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 podoben: Zvannyj svyše byw



You have been called by the name of Ba-sil, af - ter the king - dom. In your king - ly
rank you led the people of Christ to wis-dom and knowl - edge. Then the Lord of

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.

all and King of Kings a - dorned you with the crown of the king - dom, O Ba - sil.
 He is the everlasting and co - e - ter - nal Son who was u - nit - ed 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 glad - ly 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, indivisi - ble in three Per - sons; name - ly the al - might - y

Fa - ther, the only-begotten 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.

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You are now liv - ing among the ranks of the heavenly powers, O Ba - sil,
for you im - itated 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 - ter - cede with Christ our God for us who de - light
in your God - in - spired teach - ings, that he may protect us from dangers and
the darkness 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

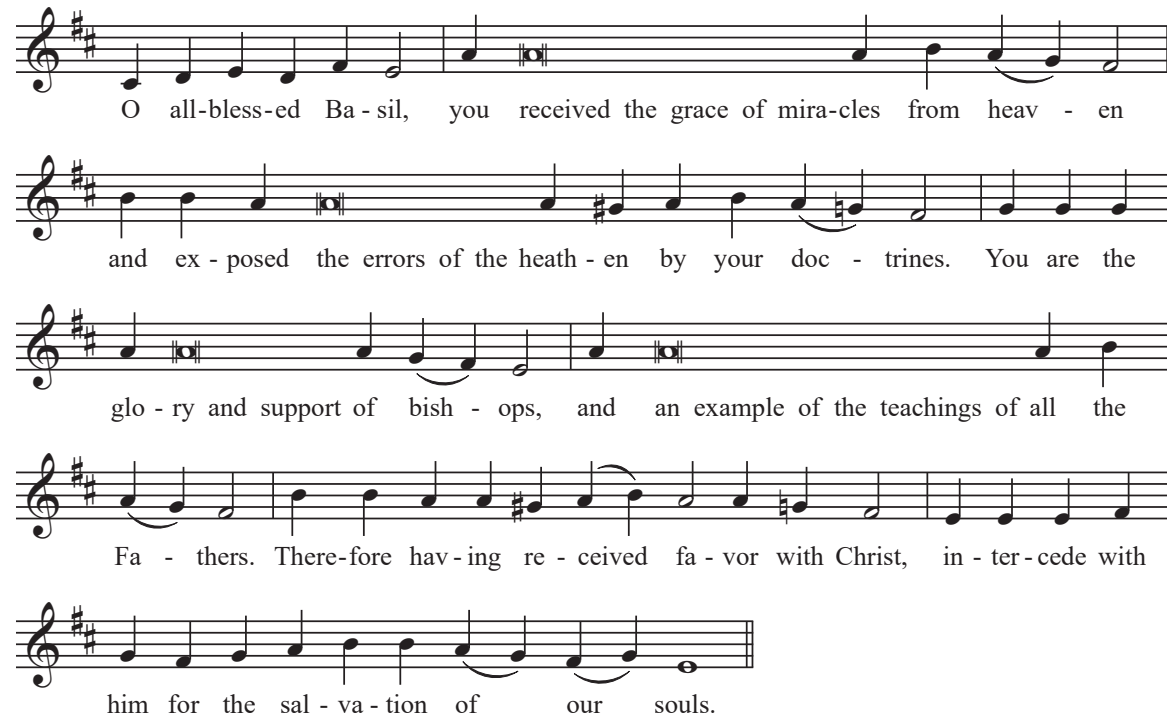
Your voice re - sounds to the whole world which has re - ceived your word
of instruction in di - vine dog - mas. You ex - plained the na - ture of cre - a - tion
and gave rules to or - der hu - man con - duct. O roy - al priest, O venerable
fa - ther Ba - sil, beg Christ our God to grant us his great 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

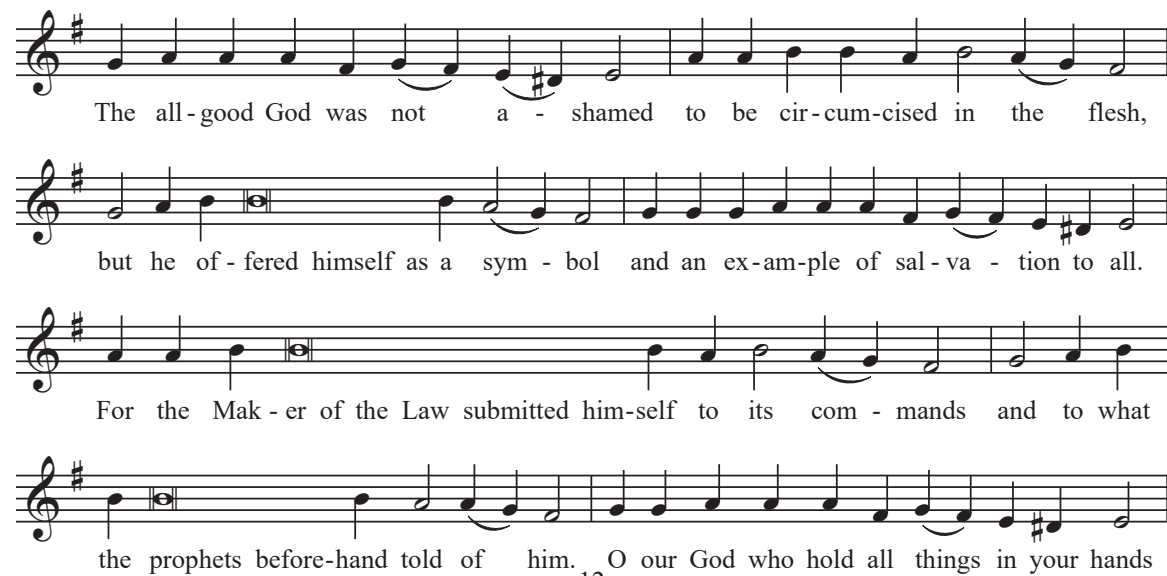
Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen



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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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 perse-ver-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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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 tran - scend - 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-knowl-edge 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 knowl-edge. 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

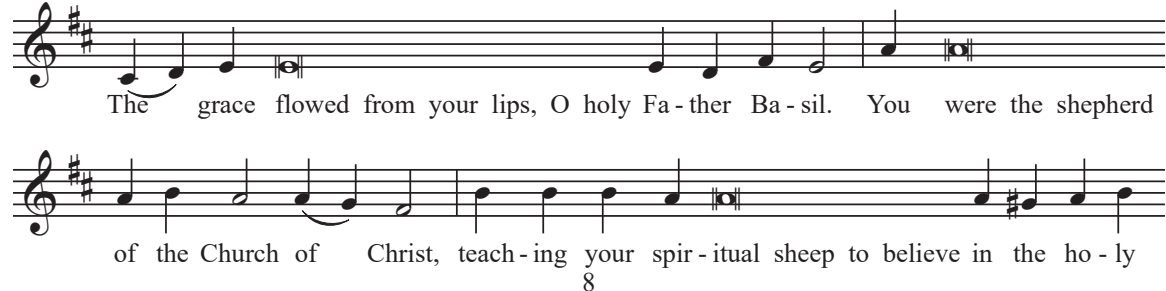
to accept the sufferings that he threat - ened. Hav - ing been read - y of your

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



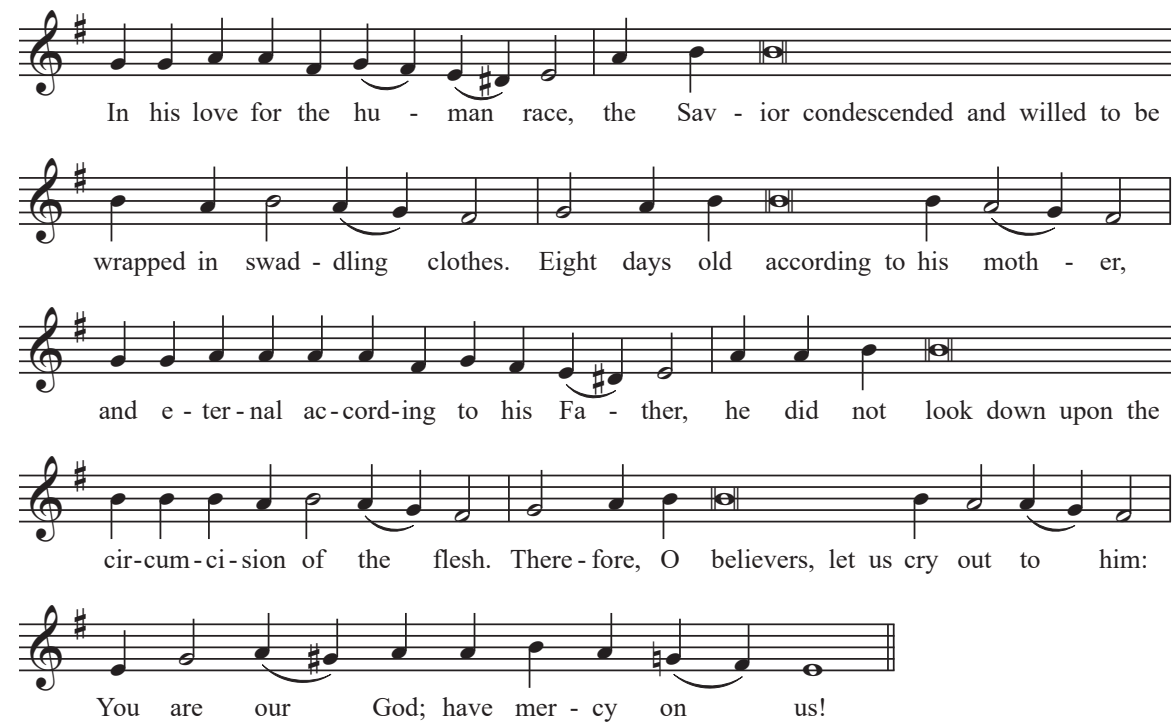
The grace flowed from your lips, O holy Fa - ther Ba - sil. You were the shepherd

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.

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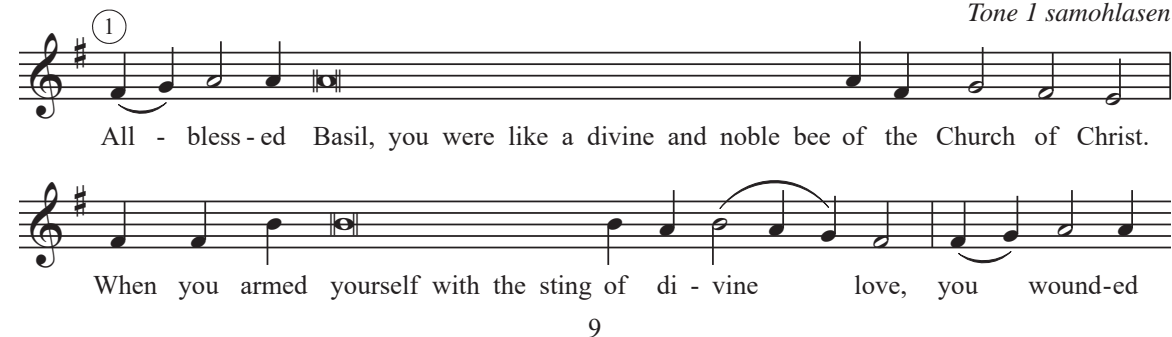
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The Litija Litany is found on page 116.

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