

**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.

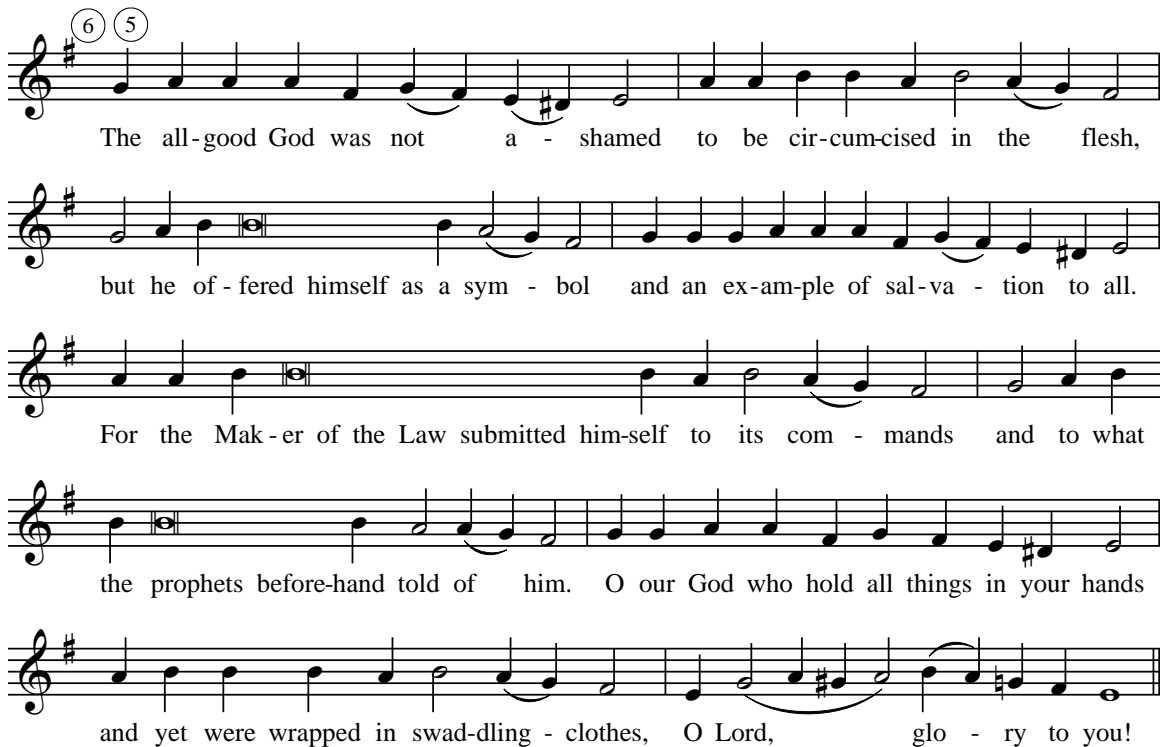
**Cantor:** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**  
*(on 8)* Lord hear my voice!

**Stichera of the Circumcision - Tone 8 samohlasen**

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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!

**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.

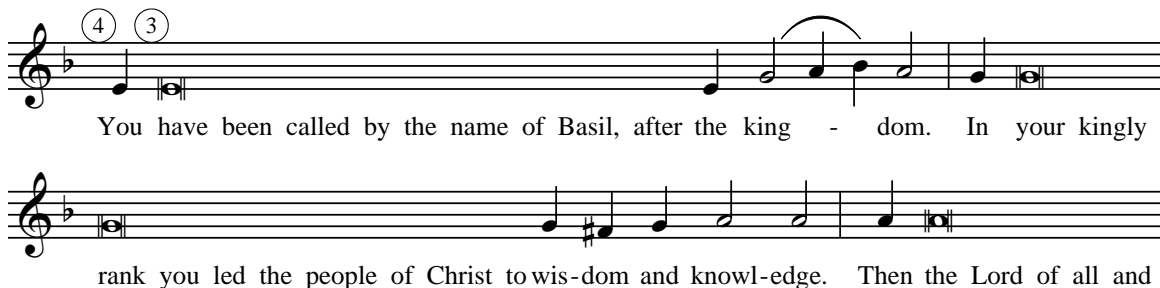


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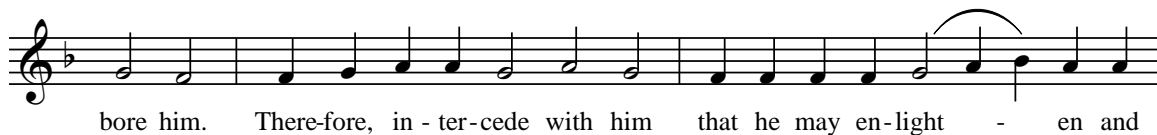
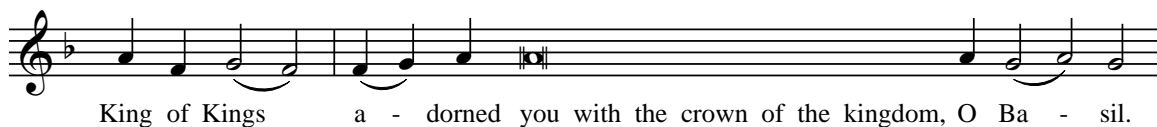
**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord, I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.  
*All repeat: "The all-good God..."*

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

**Stichera of Basil - Tone 4 samohlasen**

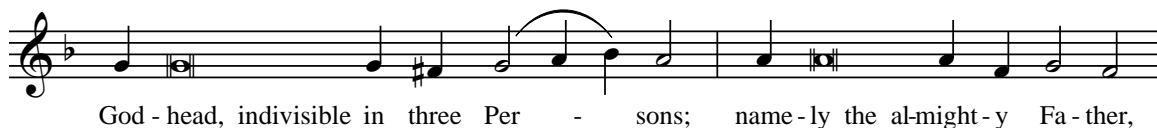
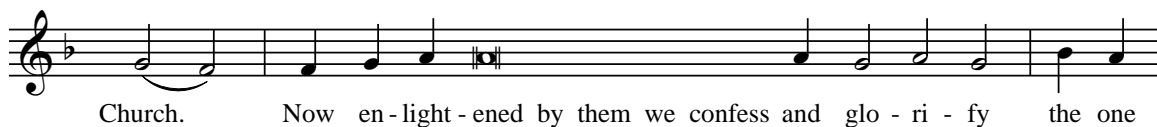
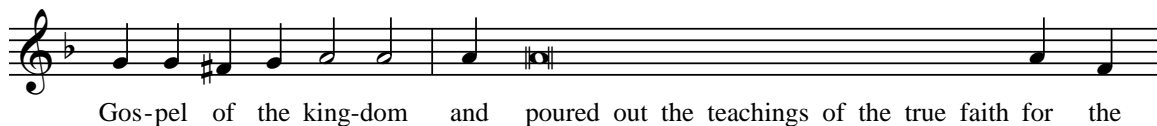


You have been called by the name of Basil, after the king - dom. In your kingly  
rank you led the people of Christ to wis-dom and knowl-edge. Then the Lord of all and



**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!



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 - ter-cede 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...

**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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*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*

①  
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



the world. The faith - ful peo - ple of the Church drink from them

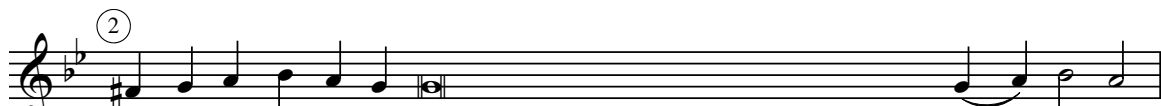


and ac-knowl-edge the teach-ings of your lips and of-fer good works to him

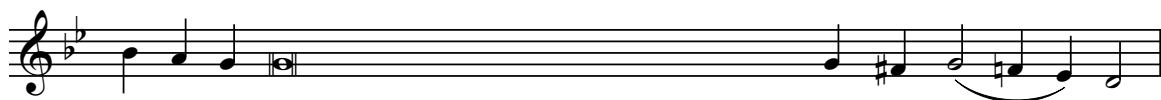


who glorified your mem - 'ry for all a - ges.

②



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.

③

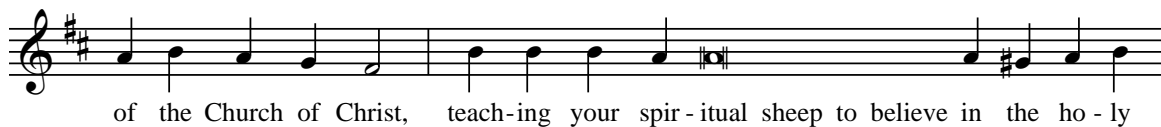
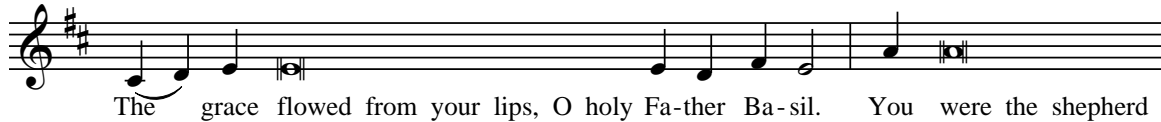


Clothed in priest-ly vest-ments, ho-ly Ba-sil, O de-fend-er of the Trin-i - ty,



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

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**







Trin - i - ty, con - sub - stan - tial in the one God - - - head.

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



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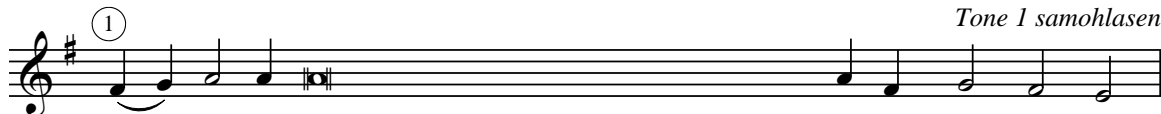


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*The Litija Litany is found on page 116.*

### 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



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...

**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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*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

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.*