

**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***

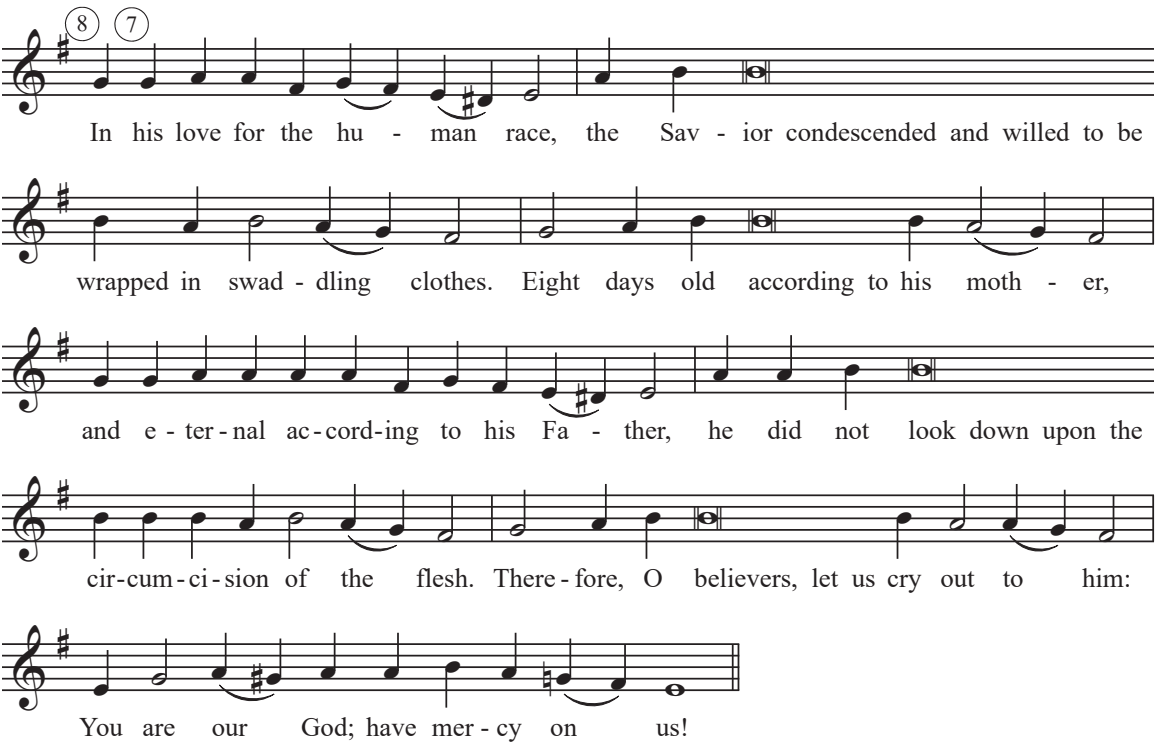
*Lamplighting Psalms Tone 8, p. 102*

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**



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-spiredeach-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*

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

**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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 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 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.

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.

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

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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