

**Circumcision of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ;
Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great**

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.

Troparion, Tone 1: (page 29)

You are seated on high on a fiery throne,* with Your Father who is without beginning and Your divine Spirit.* Yet You willed, O Jesus, to be born of a virgin maiden, Your Mother,* as a man, You were circumcised on the eighth day.* Glory to Your all-gracious will,* glory to Your providence,* glory to Your condescension, O You who alone love mankind.

Troparion, Tone 1:

Your message has spread through all the earth:* it accepted the word with which you taught in a manner befitting God.* You explained the nature of things and ordered human conduct.* O namesake of the royal priesthood, venerable Father Basil,* pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 4:

You have appeared as a firm foundation for the Church,* maintaining its authority as a sure refuge for mortals,* sealing it by your doctrine,* O venerable Basil,* revealer of heaven.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3:

The Lord of all submits to circumcision* and in His love cuts off the failings of mortals;* today He gives the world salvation.* While in the highest there rejoices* Basil the hierarch of the Creator and bearer of Light,* and the divine initiate of Christ.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6: (page 33)

Save Your people, O Lord,* and bless Your inheritance. **(not repeated)**

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Prokeimenon, Tone 1:

My mouth shall speak wisdom,* and the meditation of heart, understanding. **(no verse)**

Alleluia, (Melody of Christmas Carol 'Vo Vyfleyemi' – 'In Bethlehem'): **(page 33)**

verse: Give heed, O Shepherd of Israel,* You who lead Joseph like sheep.

verse: The mouth of the righteous shall declaim wisdom,* and his tongue shall speak justice.

Hymn to the Mother of God: (page 57)

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices:* the angelic ranks and all the human race.* Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast,* from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child;* and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne,* and He made it wider than all the heavens.* In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices.* Glory be to you.

Communion Verse: (page 67)

Praise the Lord from the heavens,* praise Him in the highest.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance,* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia. **(3X)**