

**First Sunday of the Great Fast -The Sunday of Orthodoxy
(Commemoration of Holy Images)**

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

Troparion, Tone 4: (page 29)

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered!* Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone 2:

We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord,* and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.* Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh* to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy.* In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You:* by coming to save the world, our Savior, You filled all things with joy.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 8:

The uncircumscribed Word of the Father* became circumscribed when He took flesh of you, O Mother of God,* and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory,* He suffused it with the beauty of God.* Therefore, confessing our salvation* in deed and word,* we portray it in images.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4: (page 33)

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name for ever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

Alleluia, Tone 4: (page 33)

verse: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

verse: They called on the Lord, and He heard them.

Hymn to the Mother of God: Instead of “It is truly right...” (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.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous. Alleluia. **(3X)**

Psalm 34: (page 77, after “Blessed be the name of the Lord...”)

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;* His praise shall ever be on my lips.

My soul shall be praised in the Lord;* let the meek hear and be glad.

Extol the Lord with me;* together let us exalt his name.

While I was looking for the Lord, He heard me;* He delivered me from all my troubles.

Draw near to him and be filled with light,* your faces will not blush with shame.

This poor man called out and the Lord heard him,* and from all his distress He rescued him.

The angel of the Lord will stand guard over those who fear Him,* and will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;* blest are they who hope in Him.

Fear the Lord, all you, his holy ones;* for nothing is lacking to those who fear him.

The rich have become poor and hungry;* but those who seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing.

Come children and listen to me;* I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is there that does not want to live?* Who is there that does not enjoy seeing the good days?

Then keep your tongue from evil,* and your lips from deceitful speech.

Turn away from evil and do good;* seek peace, and pursue it.

The face of the Lord is set against evildoers;* He will blot out their remembrance from the earth.

The righteous cried out and the Lord heard them,* and from out of their troubles He delivered them.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted,* and He will save those whose spirits are low.

Many are the troubles of the righteous,* but out of them all the Lord will deliver them.

The Lord watches over all their bones;* not one of them shall be broken.

Bitter is the death of sinners;* and those who hate the righteous are in the wrong.

The Lord will deliver the souls of His servants;* all who trust in Him shall not go wrong.