

# THE ORDER OF HOLY CHRISMATION



with the Divine Liturgy  
Sunday before Theophany  
The Circumcision of our Lord  
Our Holy Father Basil the Great  
January 1st, 2023

## PREPARATORY NOTES

*It is fitting for Holy Chrismation to be celebrated in the church and, if possible, with Divine Liturgy. The Priest who celebrates the Mystery and the Sponsors present at it prepare by fasting, for the holiness and majesty of the Mystery demands this.*

*It is assumed that the person was given a Christian name at Baptism. If not, the one to be chrismated may take a Christian name he or she desires.*

*On a small table, the Priest (or Deacon) places a Cross, Gospel, and appurtenances related to the Mystery of Chrismation (vessels containing the Chrism, an anointing brush, and perhaps a sponge and scissors).*

*The candidate should be dressed in plain, white, loose-fitting clothing with head uncovered and bare feet. The clergy are fully vested in white.*



*The deacon intones several special petitions during the Litany of Peace:*

- Deacon:** That by the anointing with this all-holy, saving and perfecting chrism the (newly) enlightened servant(s) of God (*Name[s]*) may be given divine power to conquer and overcome all the hostile deceits of the devil and the assaults of the flesh and the world, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Deacon:** That by the anointing with this most holy chrism and by the power, action, grace and descent of the Holy Spirit, (he-she-they) may become (a) brave and victorious witness(es) of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Deacon:** That by the anointing with this most holy chrism, (he-she-they) may be firm, strong and steadfast in true faith, love and hope all the days of (his-her-their) (life-lives), let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Deacon:** That by the anointing with this most holy chrism, (he-she-they) may be given the grace to profess the Name of Christ our God before all people without fear of shame, and to be always ready to accept suffering for His sake with love, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Deacon:** That by the anointing with this most holy chrism, (he-she-they) may grow in all virtues and grow in the commandments of Christ our God, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**
- Deacon:** That by the anointing with this most holy chrism, and the power, action, grace and descent of the Holy Spirit, (he-she-they) may grow to complete maturity in the fullness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **R.**

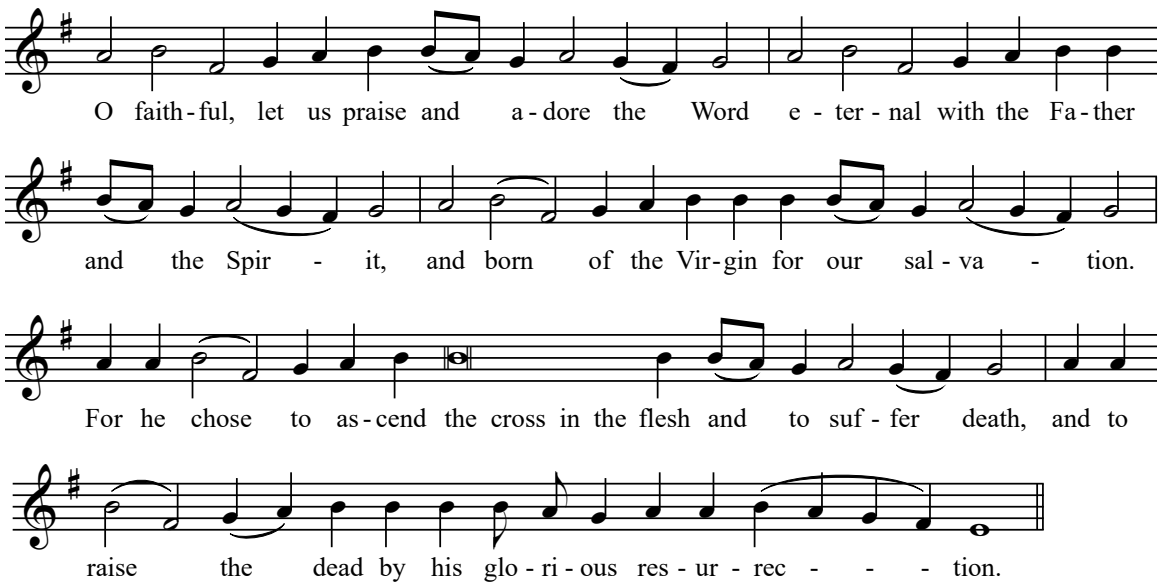
**Divine Liturgy Propers, January 1, 2023**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

**THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

Coming eight days after the birth of Christ, this feast commemorates his naming and his becoming a member of the Covenant of Moses.

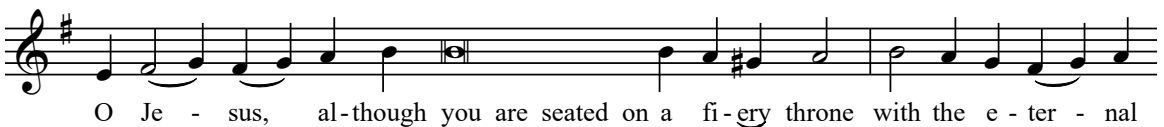
**OUR HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT, ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA**, who is called “great” in learning and wisdom. He taught meditation on the Scriptures and manual work in obedience and fraternal love to his monks, and established a way of life for them in the Rules he wrote. He taught the faithful by his excellent writings and shone forth by his pastoral care for the poor and sick. (379)

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5:**



O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e - ter - nal with the Fa-ther  
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal - va - tion.  
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf - fer death, and to  
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

**Troparion of the Circumcision - Tone 1:**



O Je - sus, al-though you are seated on a fi-ery throne with the e - ter - nal

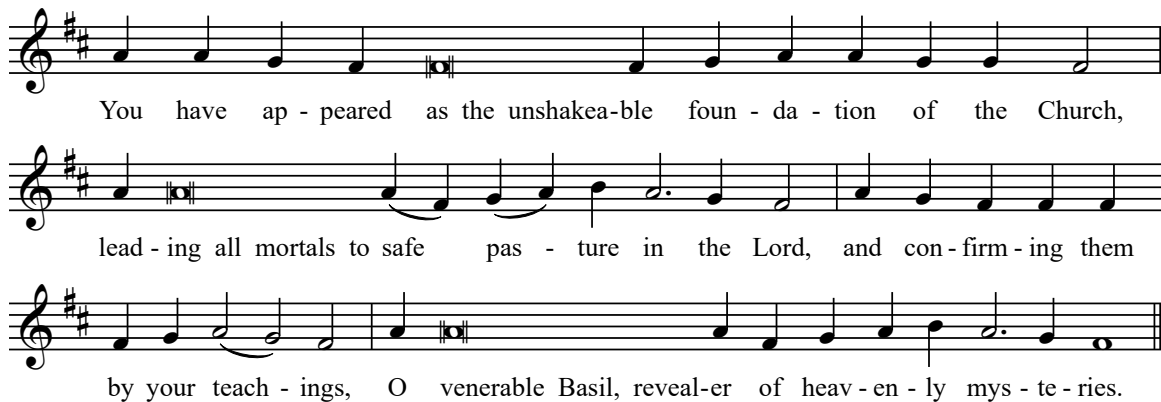
Fa - ther and your di-vine Spir - it, you were pleased to be born of a vir-gin  
maid - en, your Moth - er who has nev - er known man. There - fore,  
as man you were al - so cir-cum-cised when you were eight days old.  
Glo - ry to your most no-ble de - ci - sion! Glo - ry to your sal - va-tion!  
Glo - ry to your hu - mil - i - ty! You a - lone love us all.

**Troparion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 1:**

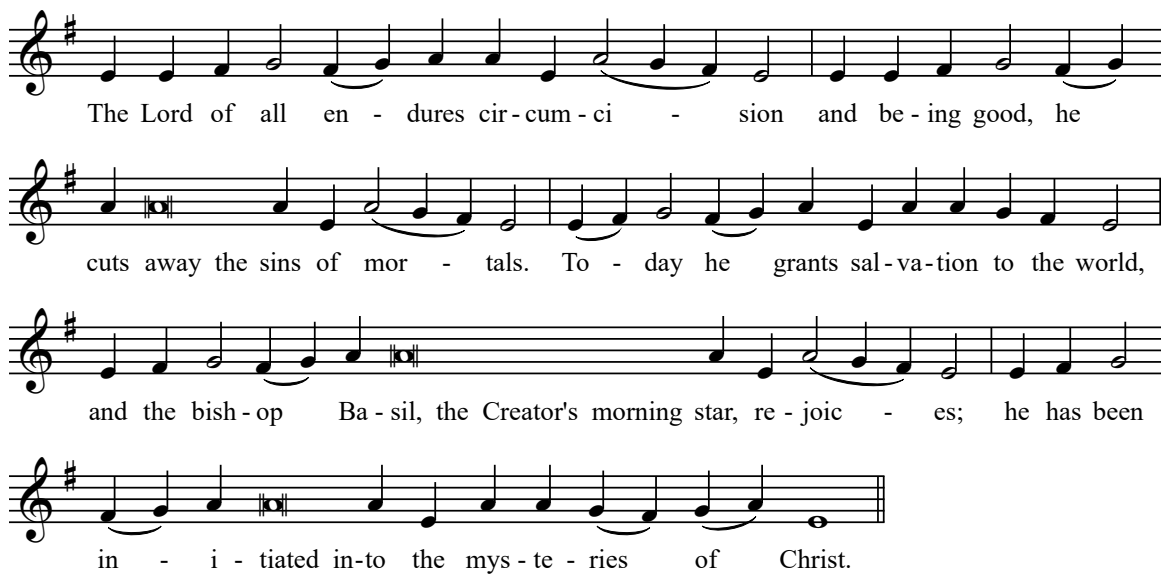
Your voice re - sounds to the whole world which has re - ceived your word  
of instruction in di-vine dog - mas. You ex-plained the na-ture of cre - a - tion  
and gave rules to or - der hu-man con - duct. O roy - al priest, O venerable  
fa - ther Ba - sil, beg Christ our God to grant us his great mer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



**Kontakion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 4:**



**Kontakion of the Circumcision - Tone 3:**



## Chrismation

*During the Kontakia, the priest, deacon, candidate, and sponsors gather before the tetrapod. After the Kontakia, a lighted candle may be given to the candidate, or to the sponsor, and the priest says the prayer of holy chrismation:*

**Priest:** Blessed are You, Lord, God, Ruler of all, Source of all good things, Sun of Righteousness. You have raised up a light of salvation for those in darkness, through the manifestation of Your only-begotten Son and our God. Though we are unworthy, You have given us a blessed cleansing in holy water and a divine sanctification through holy anointing. Now, to Your newly enlightened servant(s), You have been pleased to give new birth by water and the Spirit, for the forgiveness of (his-her-their) sins, whether committed willingly or unwillingly. Therefore, O Master and gracious King of all, grant (him-her-them) also the seal of the gift of Your holy, almighty and adorable Spirit, and the communion of the holy Body and precious Blood of Your Christ. Keep (him-her-them) in Your holiness, strengthen (him-her-them) in the true faith, and deliver (him-her-them) from the evil one and all his deceitful ways. Keep (him-her-them) in purity and righteousness by a fear of You that brings salvation, that (he-she-they) may please You in (his-her-their) every word and deed and become (a) (son(s)-(and)-daughter(s)) and (an) heir(s) of Your heavenly kingdom.

For You are our God, a God of mercy and salvation, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever.

**Response:** Amen.

*After this prayer, the priest anoints the previously baptized person(s) with holy chrism, making the sign of the cross on the forehead, eyes, nostrils, mouth, ears, breast, hands and feet, saying:*

**Priest:** The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*After the Chrismation<sup>1</sup>:*

### **Small Litany**

*During the Small Litany, the priest quietly prays the Prayer of the Trisagion.*

**Deacon:** Again and again, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Response:** Lord, have mercy

**Deacon:** Protect us, save us, have mercy on us, and preserve us, O God, by your grace.

**Response:** Lord, have mercy

**Deacon:** Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary with all the saints, let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

**Response:** To You, Lord.

**Celebrant:** For you are holy, our God, and we give glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever

**Deacon:** And forever.

**Response:** Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Order of Holy Baptism & Holy Chrismation.* (Parma, 1994), 81.



*Then the Priest places his epitachelion on the newly chrismated person or sponsor and leads them in a circular procession three times around the tetrapod. The newly chrismated person or the sponsor carries the candle.*

*And all sing three times:*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "All you who have been bap-tized in-to Christ Have been clothed with Christ. Al-le-lu - - - ia! Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, now and ever and for - ev - er. A - men. Have been clothed with Christ. Al-le-lu - - - ia!" The score includes musical notations such as repeat signs, a double bar line, and a final cadence. There are also performance markings: "fine" and "recitando" above the staff, and "da capo al fine" above the staff.

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Al-le-lu - - - ia!

*The Priest and Deacon enter the altar.*

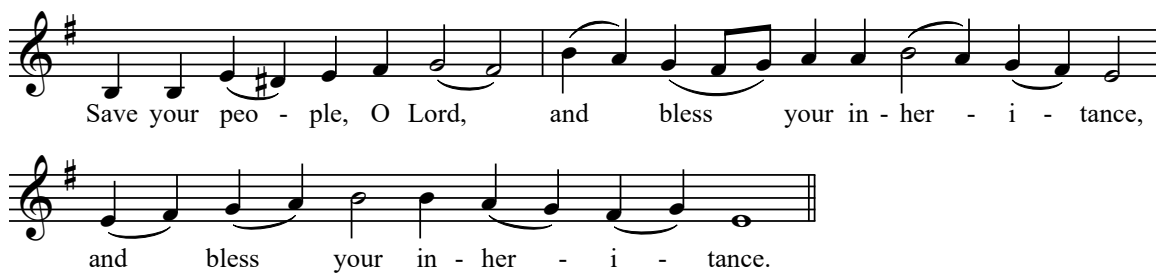
**Deacon:** Let us be attentive!

**Priest:** +Peace be to all.

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Be attentive!

*The faithful sing the Prokeimenon. The reader chants the verse*

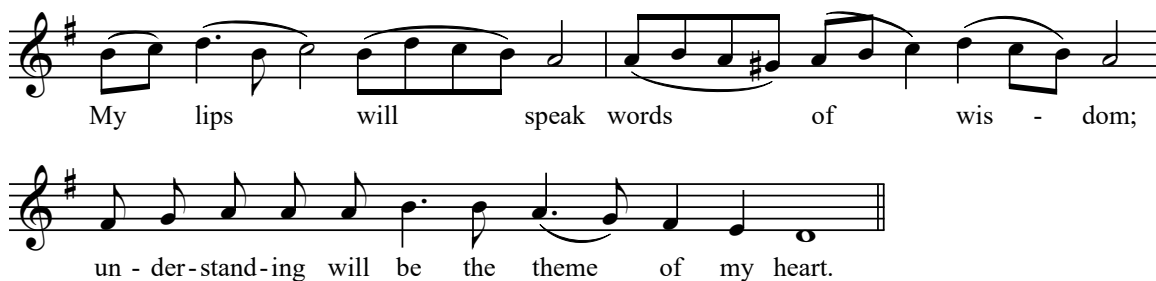
**Prokeimenon of the Sunday before Theophany - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):**



**Verse:** To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

*Then, immediately after the verse:*

**Prokeimenon of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4):**



**Alleluia of the Sunday before Theophany - Tone 8 (Psalm 79:2; 36:30):**



**Verse:** Shepherd of Israel, hear us; you who lead Joseph's flock.

**Verse:** The mouth of the just will utter wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.

*The Deacon intones a special petition during the Litany of Fervent Supplication:*

**Deacon:** We also pray for the newly enlightened servant(s) of God (*Name(s)*), that (he-she-they) be protected in the pure profession of faith, in all holiness and in the fulfillment of the commandments of Christ all the days of (his-her-they) life.

**Response:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated; music for the responses can be found on pages 96-103 of the people's book for the Divine Liturgies.*

*Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”:*

**Magnification:** *(music found on pages 98 / 102)*

In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angels in their ranks and the human race. Sanctified Temple and Rational Paradise, Boast of Virgins from whom our God took flesh and became a child while remaining God from before all time. He made your womb a throne, setting it apart, a room more spacious than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

*For the Circumcision, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):*

*melody: Divnaja novina*

Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the high - est.

*Refrain:*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the verse, and the second staff contains the melody for the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*And for a Hierarch, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):*

*melody: Divnaja novina*

The just man will be re - mem - bered, re - mem-bered for ev - er;

*Refrain:*

e - vil news he will not fear, he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the verse, the second staff contains the melody for the refrain, and the third staff contains the melody for the final line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*At Holy Communion, the newly-enlightened and their sponsors are the first to receive after the priest and deacon.*