

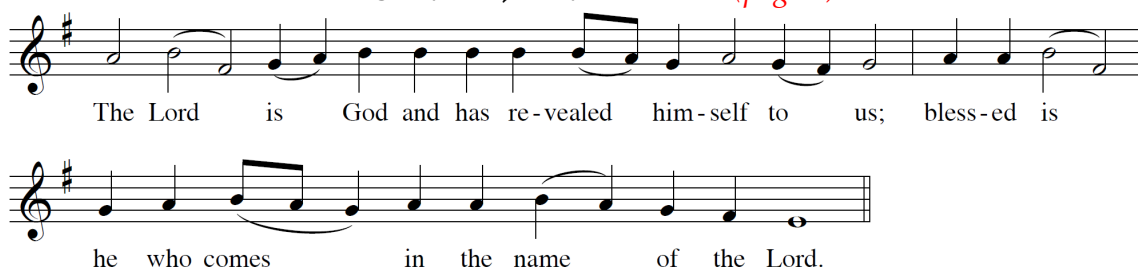
Matins Propers for January 1st, 2023
Sunday before Theophany. Circumcision of our Lord.
Holy Father Basil the Great.
in the Fifth Tone with the Eighth Resurrection Gospel

Hexapsalmos

*The reader chants only **Psalm 37** on page 2 followed by "Glory..." on page 6.*

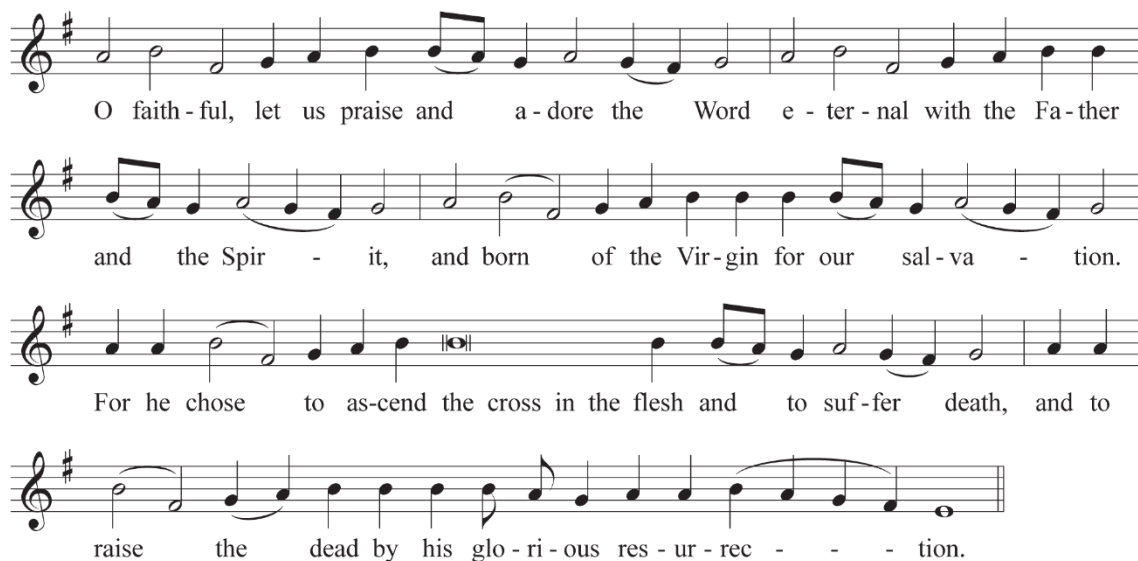
Matins continues with the Litany of Peace on page 7.

The Lord is God – Tone 5 (page 9)



Troparia (page 9)

Troparion of the Resurrection- Tone 5:

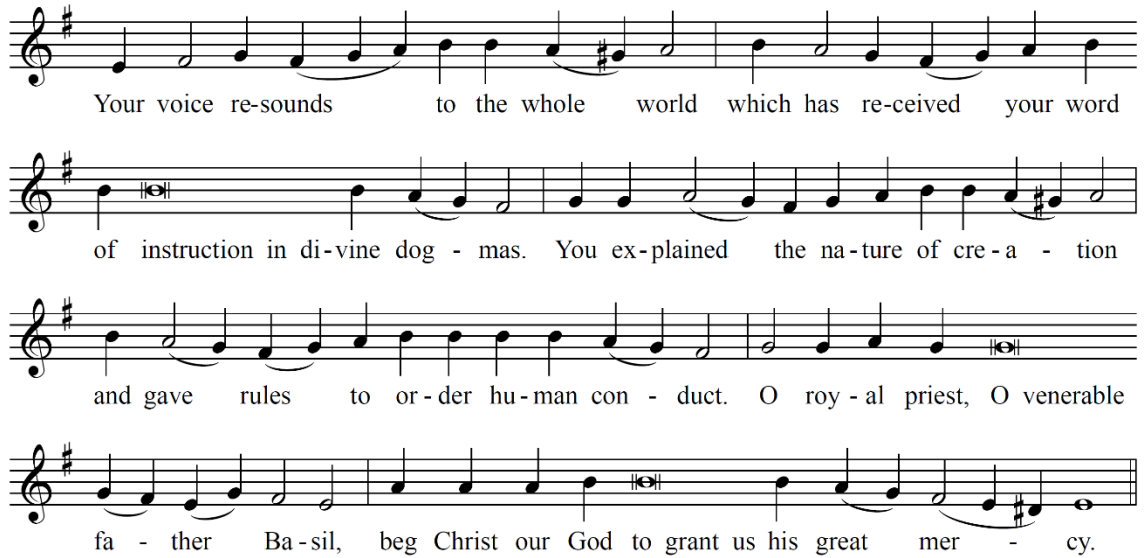


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Cantor:



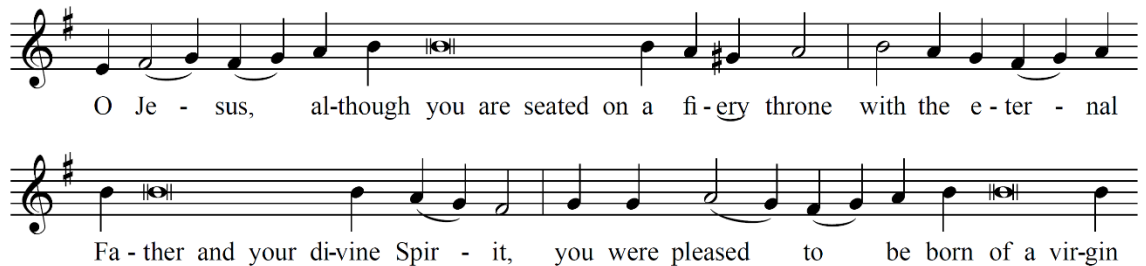
Troparion of Our Holy Father Basil - *Tone 1*:

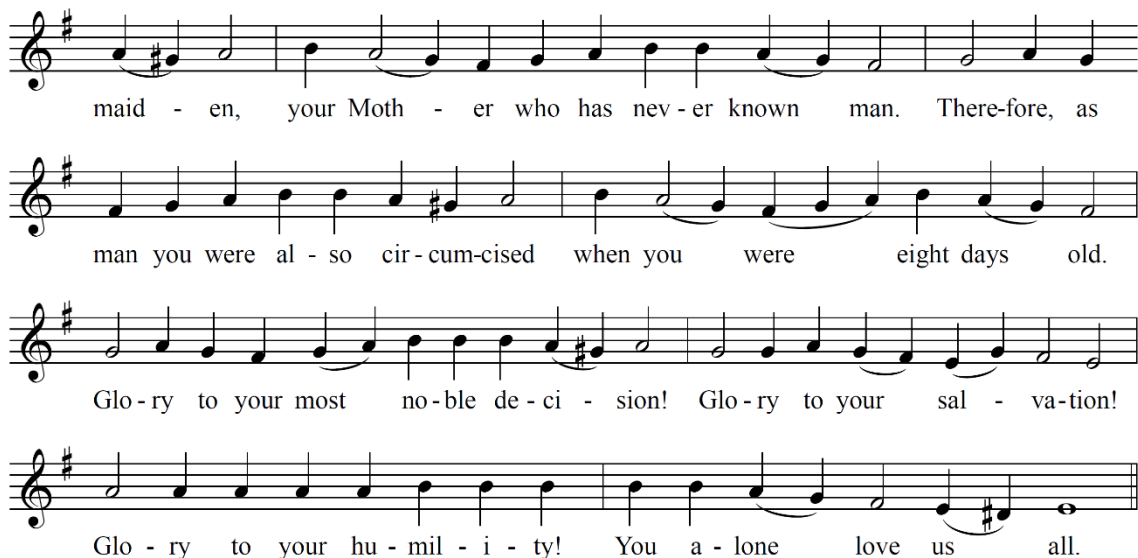


Cantor:



Troparion of the Circumcision - *Tone 1*:





Matins continues with the Kathismata (page 11).

Kathismata (page 11)

People: Lord, have mercy (*three times*)
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Reader: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Psalms selected for the Feast: **Psalm 14**

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue; He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbor, who holds the godless in disdain, but honors those who fear the Lord; he who keep his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm forever.

Psalm 111

Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands. His posterity will be mighty upon the earth; the children of the upright are blessed. Riches and wealth are in his house; his justice stands firm forever. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honor. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered forever. Evil news he will not fear; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; he will

see the downfall of his foes. Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm forever. His head will be raised in glory. The wicked man sees and is angry, grinds his teeth and fades away; the desire of the wicked leads to doom.

Psalm 131

Lord, remember David and all his humility, how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the God of Jacob. "I will not enter the house where I live nor go to the bed where I rest. I will give no sleep to my eyes to my eyelids I will give no slumber till I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Strong One of Jacob." At Ephrata* we heard of the ark; we found it in the plains of Yearim. "Let us go to the place of his dwelling; let us go to kneel at his footstool." Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark. Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice. For the sake of David your servant do not reject your anointed. The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word: "A son, the fruit of your body, will I set upon your throne. If they keep my covenant in truth and my laws that I have taught them, their sons also shall rule on your throne from age to age." For the Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling: "This is my resting-place forever, here have I chosen to live. I will greatly bless her produce, I will fill her poor with bread. I will clothe her priests with salvation and your saints will rejoice. There David's stock will flower; I will prepare a lamp for my anointed. I will cover his enemies with shame but on him my crown will shine."

People: Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Glory to you, O God! (*three times*)

Matins continues with the small litany on page 11.

Sessional Hymn (*page 11*)

The 2nd Hymn of the 1st set of Sessional Hymns (Tone 5):

You were count-ed a - mong the dead, O Lord, e - ven though you put to

death the Prince of death. You were placed in a grave al-though you

emp - tied the graves. On earth, the sol - diers guard - ed the tomb,
but be - low, you raised the dead who from all eter - ni - ty had fal - len a - sleep.
There - fore, O Lord, the al - mighty and incom - pre - hen - si - ble One, glo - ry to you!

Matins continues with Polyeleos on page 13 and then the Festal Exaltation.

Festal Exaltation (page 15)

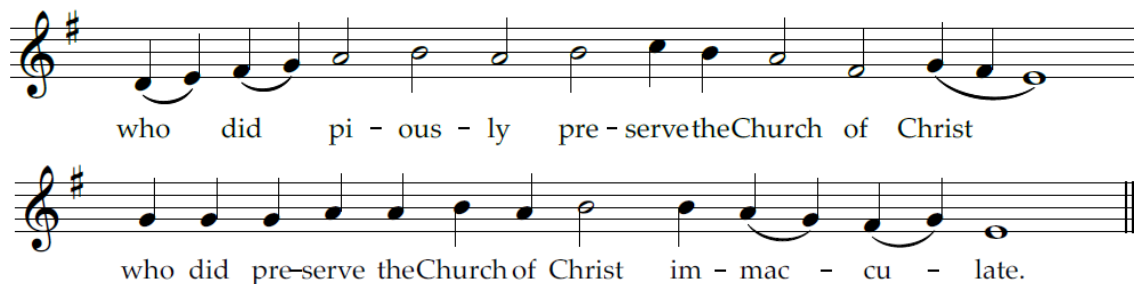
We ex - tol you, O Christ, Giv - er of life,
and we hon - or the cir cumci - sion of Your all - pure flesh,
which You deigned to end - ure in ac - cor - dance with the law.

The exaltation is repeated after each verse:

Verse: O God, judge them who do me injustice; war against them who war against me.

Verse: Take hold of weapon and shield, and arise to my help.

We ex - tol you, O Ba - sil, ho - ly hier - arch of Christ,



The exaltation is repeated after each verse:

Verse: Hear this, all you nations; give ear, all you who inhabit the world.

Verse: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

Verse: Glory... now and ever...

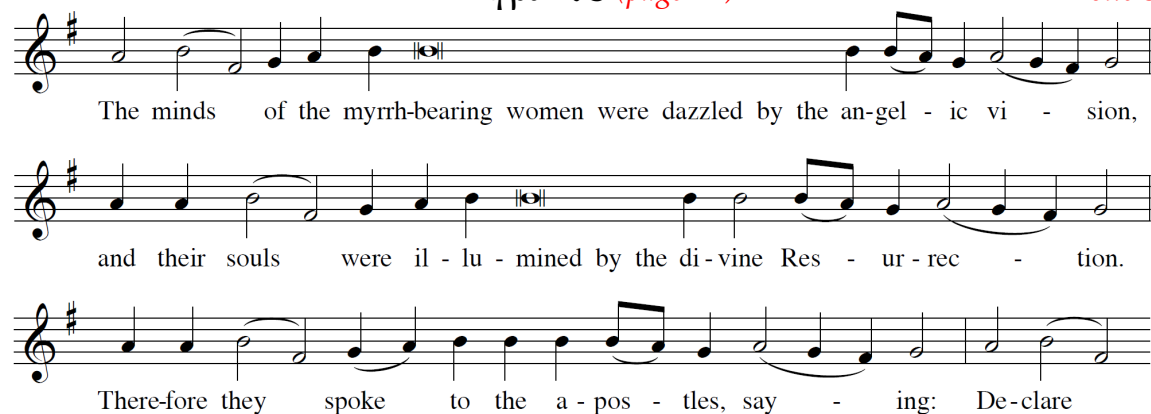
Three times:

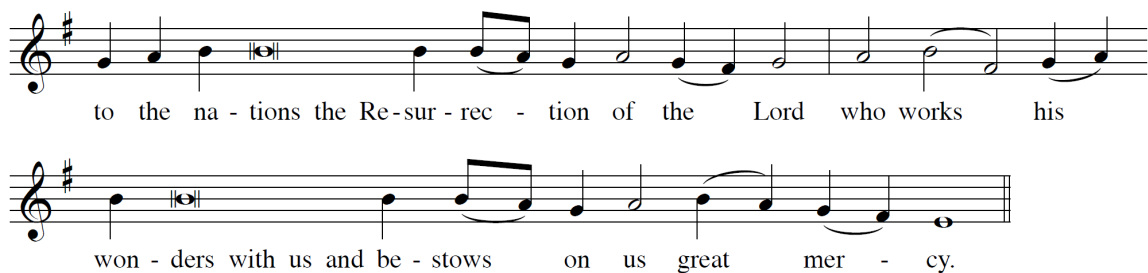


Hosts of Angels is omitted and Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 22.

Ἡρακλε (page 22)

Tone 5





Sessional Hymn (page 22)

After the Hypakoe, the Sessional Hymns of the Saint:

Tone 5

Let us all extol Basil as the royal adornment of the Church, * the rich treasury of teachings. * Through them he taught us to honor the holy Trinity, * united in essence and distinct in persons.

Several other Sessional Hymns are omitted.

Tone 8 Glory...

The grace of your God-inspired words and the mystical depths of your teachings * were a ladder of divine ascent for us. * O Father, having become the trumpet of the Spirit, you proclaimed the divine dogmas. * Therefore, you now dwell in the divine kingdom, * having received the reward of your efforts, O holy Bishop Basil. * Intercede with Christ our God to grant forgiveness of sins * to those who lovingly celebrate your holy memory.

Tone 8 Now and ever...

The Lord and Creator of all, having received his holy body from your most chaste womb, * revealed you to be the protectress of the human race, O Immaculate One. * Therefore, we hasten to you, O Lady; * we ask forgiveness of our sins, * salvation from eternal punishment, * and deliverance from every wrath of the evil prince of this world. * Because of this we call to you: * Intercede with your Son and God to grant remission of sins* to all those who with faith worship him born of you.

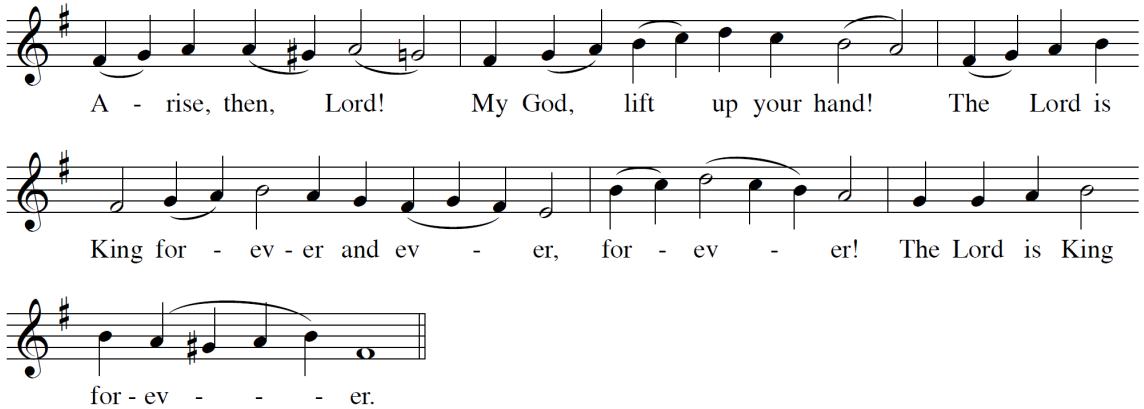
Stepenna (page 23)

The Stepenna (Gradual Hymns) are omitted.

Matins continues with the Prokeimenon (page 22).

Prokeimenon (page 23)

Psalm 9:12a, 33a, 8a, 2



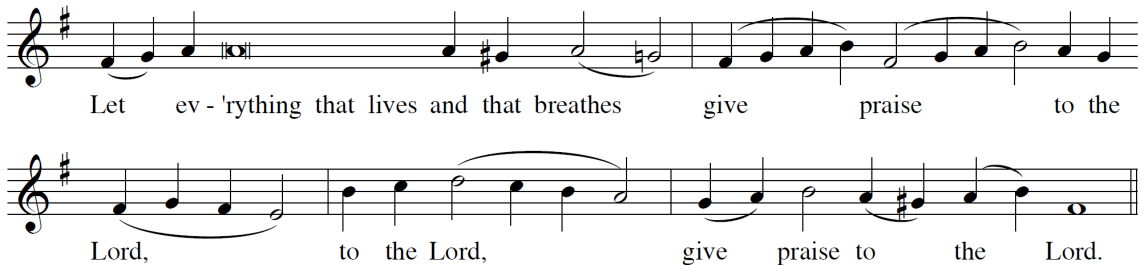
A - rise, then, Lord! My God, lift up your hand! The Lord is
King for - ev - er and ev - er, for - ev - er! The Lord is King
for - ev - - - er.

Deacon: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will recall all your wonders.

Matins continues with the Preparation for the Gospel on page 23.

Let everything that lives... (page 23)

Tone 5



Let ev - 'rything that lives and that breathes give praise to the
Lord, to the Lord, give praise to the Lord.

The Preparation for the Gospel continues with "That we may be deemed..." on page 24.

The Eighth Resurrection Gospel is read (John 20: 11-18).

Matins continues with the Hymn of the Resurrection on page 25.

After Psalm 50 (p. 27), the usual Sunday stichera on p. 29

The Canon (page 34)

The faithful come forward to venerate the Gospel Book on the tetrapod and to be anointed with the oil which was blessed at Vespers for the Feast.

Odes 1-4 & the Canon of the Resurrection are omitted.

ODE 5

Canon of the Feast

Irmos: O Lord, Bestower of light and Creator of the ages: guide us in the light of Your commandments, for we know none other God than You.

Refrain: Glory to you our God, glory to you!

Having issued forth ineffably from the Virgin Mother, O Lord, you did not decline to clothe Yourself in human guise as a babe, and in accordance with the law fulfilled the law.

Refrain: Glory to you our God, glory to you!

Israel, in that she loves the shadow of the law, has become like the night, engendering Christ, Who has appeared, shining forth from her, as the Light of the world.

Canon of the Hierarch

The Irmos is not sung

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

Today the Church doth truly introduce a twofold feast: that of the Master Who has appeared on earth as a babe, and the memorial of His wise and thrice-blessed servant.

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

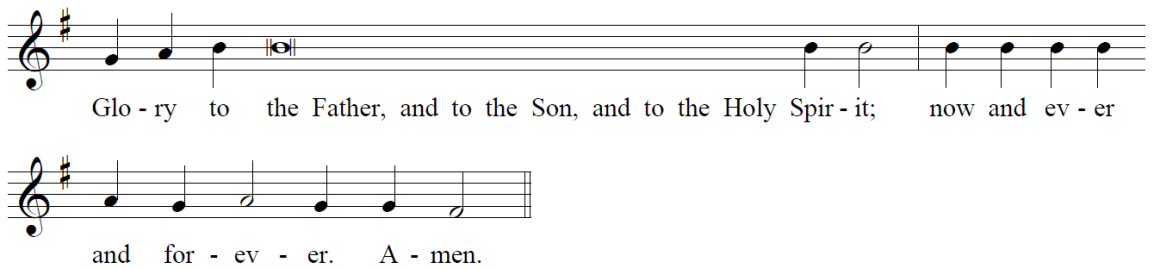
Christ, the Light unapproachable, resting in you, O venerable one, has shown you to be a radiant lamp unto the world; wherefore, we hymn your memory, O Basil.

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

The Genesis described by Moses on Sinai amid great darkness have you described for all, speaking from the storehouses of divine wisdom, O all -blessed Basil.

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

Neither Moses the law-giver, nor Joseph, the chief of pharaoh's granaries, who lived before the law, were like unto you; for you, O Basil, showed yourself to break the flesh of God.



Theotokion: **T**o you, who gave birth to Christ, the Creator of all, do we cry: Rejoice, O pure one! Rejoice, O you who have shone forth upon us the Light! Rejoice, O you who contained the uncontainable God!

Katavasia of Theophany



Katavasia II: **W**ashed clean of the poison of the dark and vile enemy by the cleansing of the Spirit, we have set out upon the new path which leads to joy inaccessible, which only they attain whom God has reconciled with Himself.

ODE 6

Canon of the Feast

Irmos: The great abyss of sin encompasses me, and, emulating the prophet, I cry to you: Lead me up from corruption, O Lord!

Refrain: Glory to you our God, glory to you!

The law has come to an end since Christ, Who is the Fulfiller of the law, has become a babe, receiving circumcision: He has annulled the curse of the law.

Refrain: Glory to you our God, glory to you!

The keeping of the Sabbath, circumcision and the arrogance of the Jews ceased at the behest of Christ Who has appeared, and the springtime of grace has shone forth.

Canon of the Hierarch

The Irmos is not sung

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

You abundantly fed the souls of the poor tormented by starvation, O Basil, and filled the hearts of the hungry with all divine gladness.

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

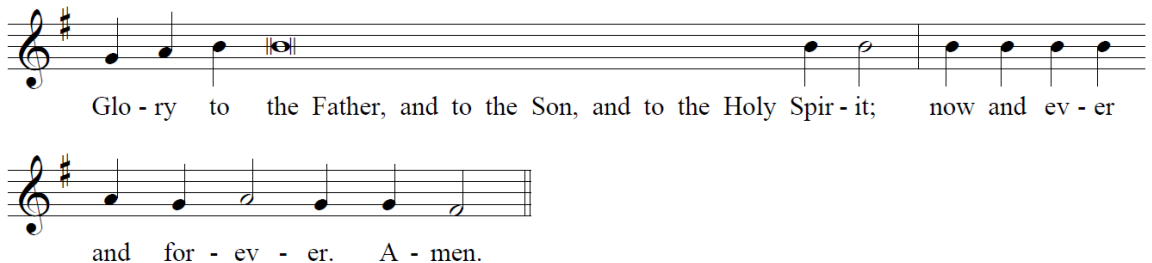
You richly fed the hungry with heavenly food; for your discourse is angelic bread, O Basil, of which you became an excellent issuer of grain.

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

O Basil, like a bee you industriously gathered honey from the flowers of all the virtues, and as a wise man you are blessed therein.

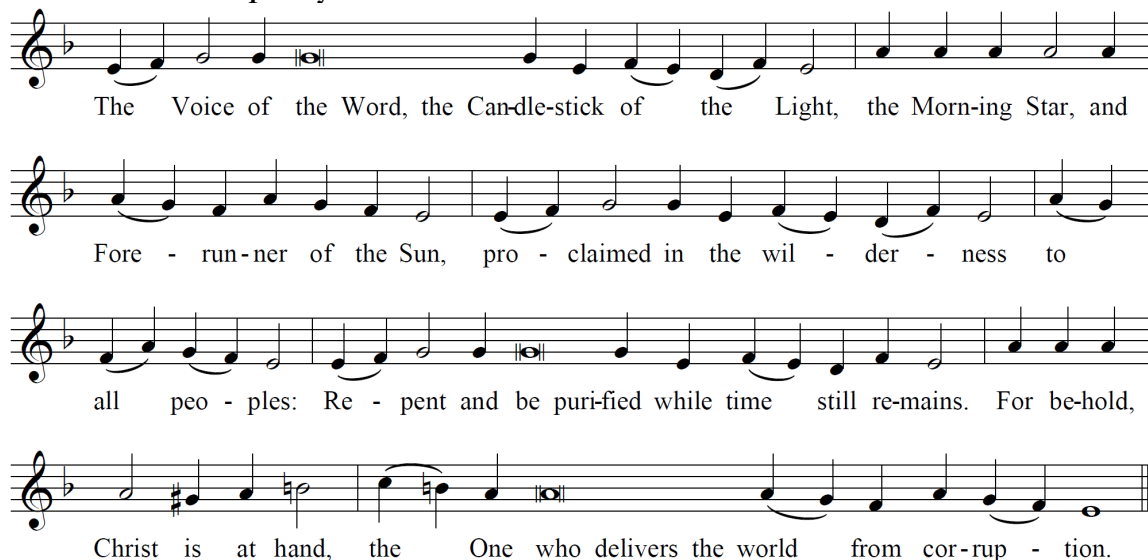
Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

You yearned to depart this world and to live with God; wherefore, forsaking things inconstant and corrupt, O most blessed Basil, as a wise man you have acquired things which are abiding.



Theotokion: Save your servants from misfortunes, O Theotokos, for we flee to you after God, as to an impregnable rampart and intercession.

Katavasia of Theophany



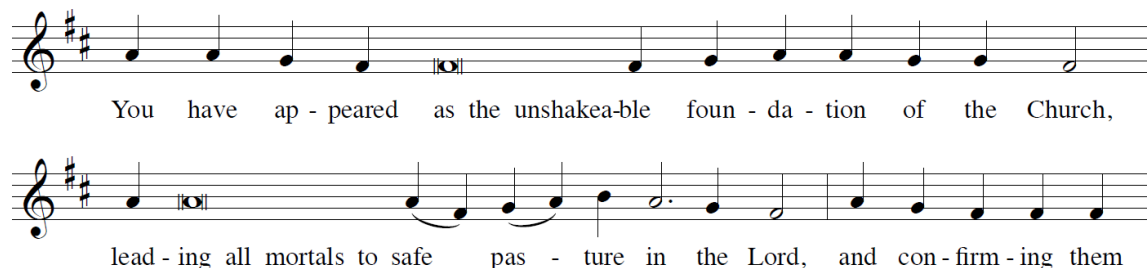
The Voice of the Word, the Candle-stick of the Light, the Morn-ing Star, and
Fore - run-ner of the Sun, pro - claimed in the wil - der - ness to
all peo - ples: Re - pent and be puri-fied while time still re-mains. For be-hold,
Christ is at hand, the One who delivers the world from cor-rup - tion.

Katavasia II: With a most blessed voice the Father made manifest His Beloved Whom He had begotten from the womb. Verily, He saith, this, the splendid Son, of the same nature as Myself, has come forth from the human race. He is My living Word, Who by My providence is become a man.

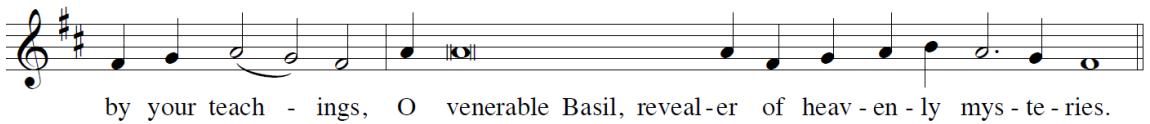
Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 34 and then the Kontakion & Ikos of the Saint (p. 35).

Kontakion & Ikos (page 35)

Kontakion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 4:



You have ap - peared as the unshakea-ble foun - da - tion of the Church,
lead - ing all mortals to safe pas - ture in the Lord, and con - firm - ing them



Ikos O great Basil, chalice of purity, voice of wisdom, and master of learning, enlighten all of us with a spiritual brightness. Let us come and stand in the house of God, warmly admiring and delighting in the marvels that bring us joy. Enlightened by the splendor of his life and warmed by the purity of his breath, let us imitate his faith, zeal, and humility. By these he became the abode of the Divinity. Joyously let us praise him: O heaven-sent and venerable Father Basil.

ODE 7

Canon of the Feast

Irmos: When the golden image was worshipped on the plain of Dura, Your three youths spurned the ungodly command, and, cast into the midst of the fire, bedewed, they sang: Blessed are You, O God of our fathers!

Refrain: Glory to you our God, glory to you!

Radiant and most splendid is the nativity of Christ, which today has depicted the mystery of the restoration which is to come! For the Savior is circumcised in lawful manner, not as God, but as man, the Fulfillment of the law.

Refrain: Glory to you our God, glory to you!

Fulfilling the law, the Creator of the law today is of His own will circumcised in the flesh, cutting away the winter of sin, granting that all may cry: Blessed are You, O God of our fathers!

Canon of the Hierarch

The Irmos is not sung

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

The Son is the image of the Father, and the Spirit is the image of the Son; and you, O Basil, are the pure reflection of the Spirit and the abode of the whole Trinity. Blessed is your memory, and those who glorify it are themselves glorified!

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

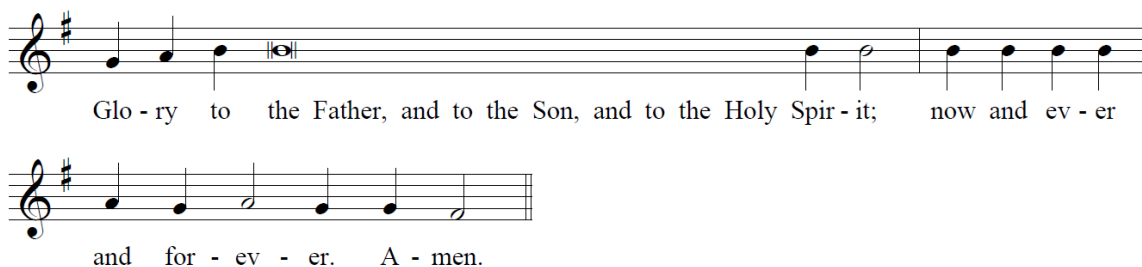
O the single inspiration of mind of the sacred two! For, united in divine desire, Basil was in Gregory, and Gregory in Basil, like a single soul, inseparable, in two bodies. Entreat Christ now in behalf of your flock.

Refrain: Holy Father Basil the Great, pray to God for us!

The father of orphans and defender of widows, the riches of the poor, the consolation of the sick, the guidance of the wealthy, the staff of old age and instruction of youth, and a rule of virtue for monastics were you shown to be, O Basil.

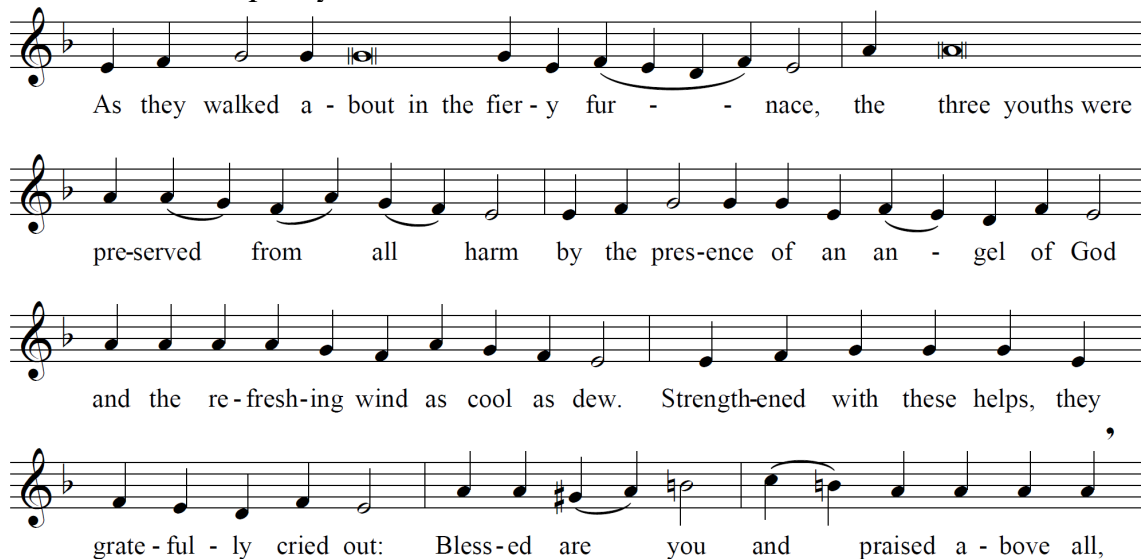
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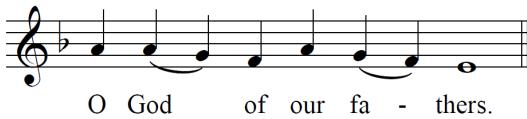
Having purified your mind of all filthy defilement, O Basil, you examined spiritual things with the Spirit Whom you desired; wherefore, hymning the Trinity, with boldness you have cried out: Blessed are You, O God of our fathers!



Theotokion: On Mount Sinai Moses foresaw as a bush which burned with fire you who received, without being consumed, the unbearable Effulgence of the ineffable Essence, Who united Himself to the coarseness of the flesh, He being One of the holy Hypostases.

Katavasia of Theophany





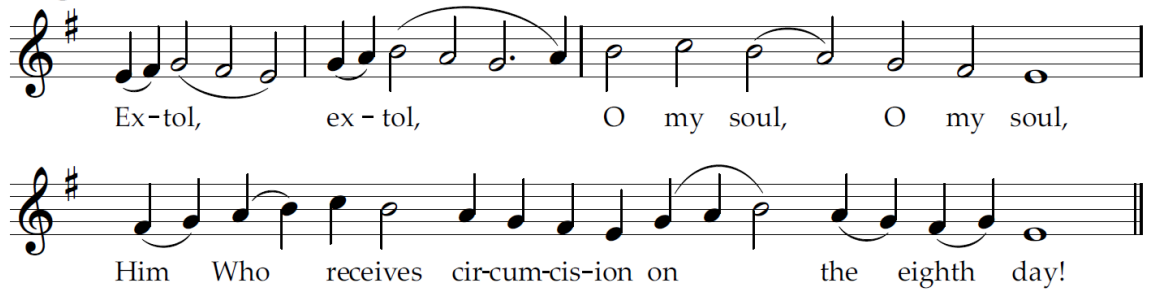
Katavasia II: He Who cooled the lofty flame that encircled the pious youths in the furnace, has burnt the heads of the dragons in the waters; and with the dew of the Spirit He washes away all the unbearable gloom of sin.

Ode 8 is omitted and Matins continues with "Let us greatly extol..."

The Cantic of the Theotokos is not sung and the Canon continues with Ode 9.

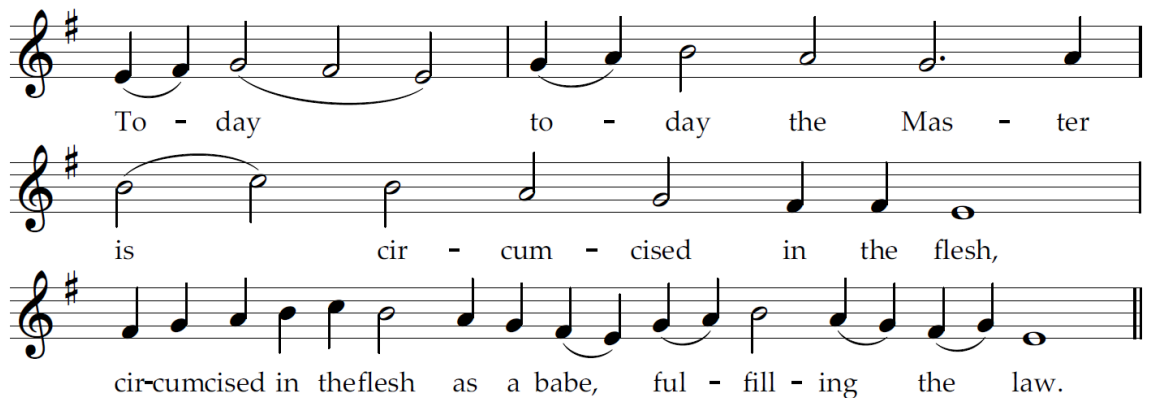
Ode 9

Magnification

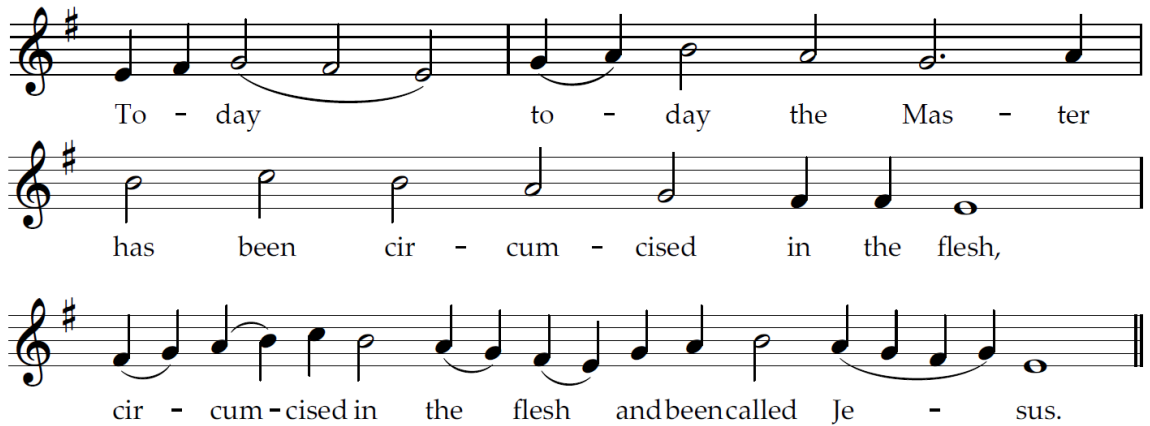


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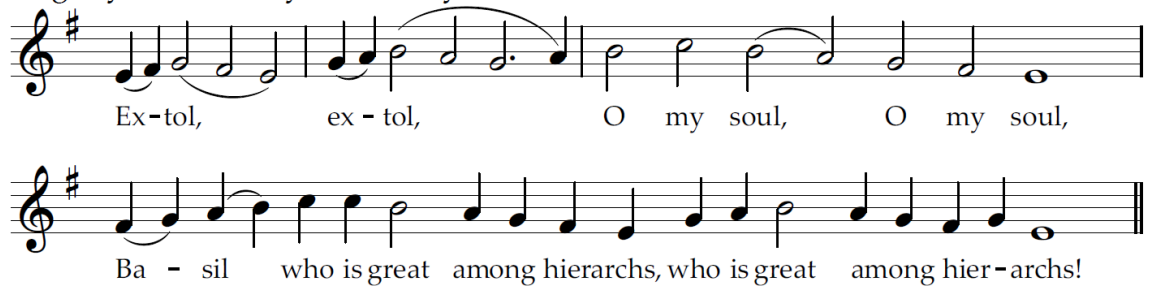
We magnify you, O blessed and most pure Theotokos, * who through your virginal womb ineffably made God incarnate, * the Luminary Who shone forth before the sun ** and has come to us in the flesh.



Transcending the bounds of all human nature, Christ was supernaturally born of the Virgin; and as He commanded the writing of the law, He is circumcised and shown to be the Fulfiller of the law.



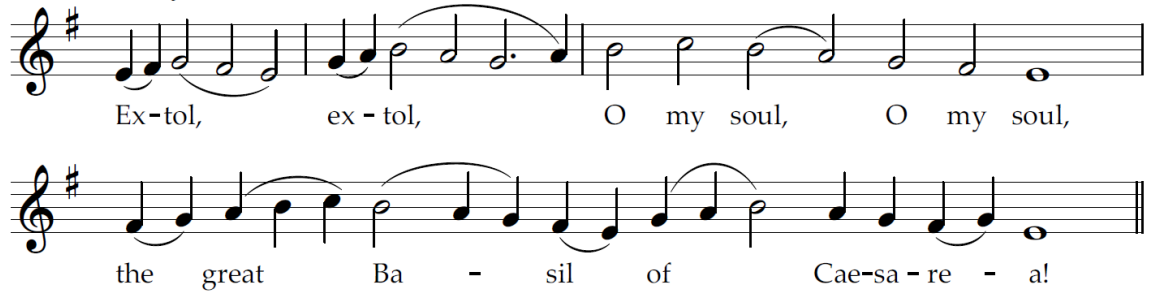
Come, and in holiness let us celebrate the glorious names of Christ the Master; for in godly manner He has been named Jesus today. And with them let us also magnify the memory of the holy hierarch.



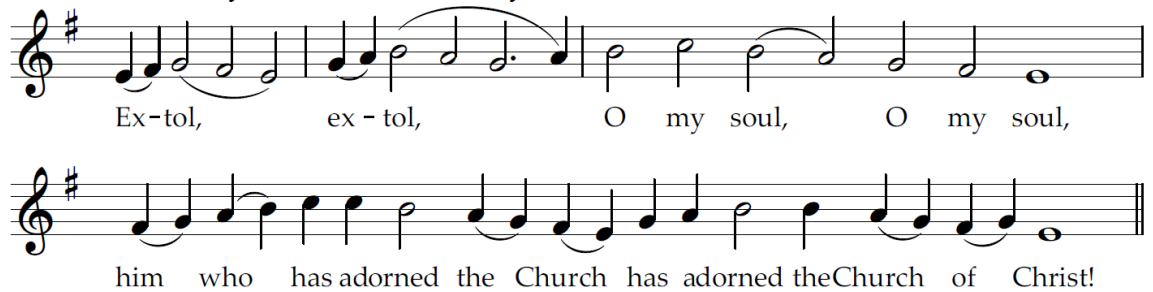
O Basil, like a sheep faithful to Christ, the Chief Shepherd, you followed His life-bearing steps; for you exposed your soul to the tyrant, O most blessed father, valiantly braving danger for the sake of the Church.



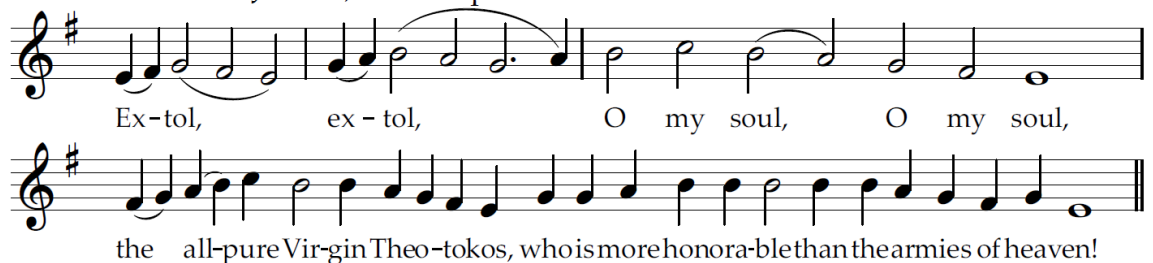
Beholding the most sacred unity of the Church of Christ, which was adorned by your episcopate, O wise one, the tyrannical destroyer of all fell as though struck by a bolt of thunder; for he was unable to endure the radiance of the Spirit which was within you, O Basil.



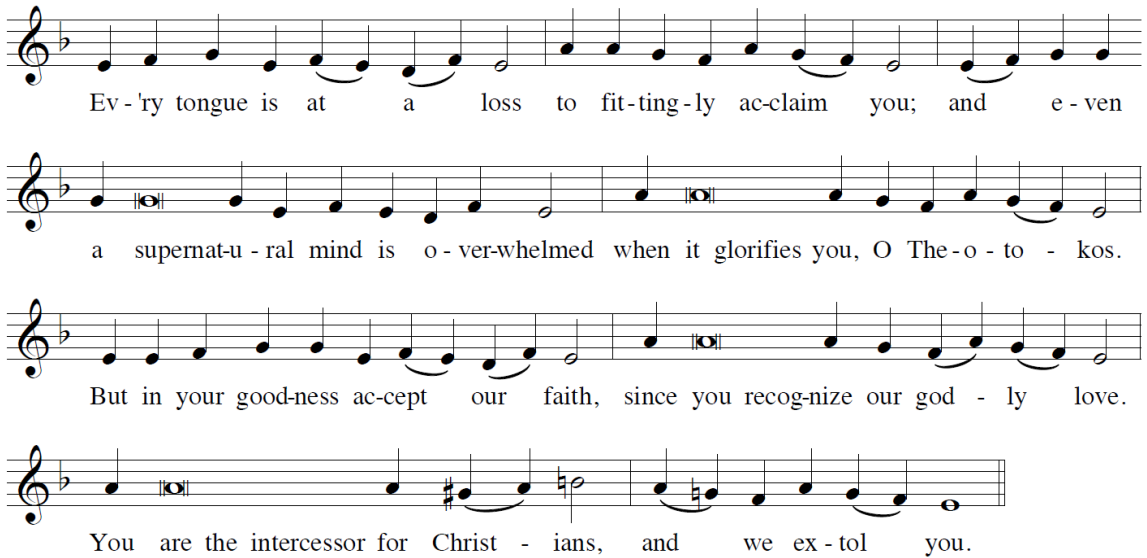
O Basil, you were made worthy of an apostolic see, a place in the choir of the athletes of Christ, the tabernacle of the patriarchs, the delight of the righteous and the joy of the prophets; for you were a servant of the Theotokos and an initiate of the mysteries of the Trinity.



The Lord Who alone covers the chambers with waters, Who restrains the sea and dries up the depths, and Who received flesh of you, O pure one, hastens from Bethlehem to the Jordan, to be baptized in the flesh.



Katavasia



Ev-ry tongue is at a loss to fit-ting-ly ac-claim you; and e-ven
a supernat-u-ral mind is o-ver-whelmed when it glorifies you, O The-o-to - kos.
But in your good-ness ac-cept our faith, since you recog-nize our god - ly love.
You are the intercessor for Christ - ians, and we ex-tol you.

*"It is truly proper..." is not sung on Sundays.
Matins continues with the Small Litany on page 39.*

Holy is the Lord our God (page 40)

Tone 5



Ho - ly is the Lord our God! Ho - - - ly is the Lord our
God; the Lord our God! Ho - ly is the Lord our God!

Hymn of Light (page 40)

When Mary saw two angels inside the grave, she was seized with fright. She did not recognize Christ but thought that he was the gardener; she said to him: Sir, where have you placed the body of Jesus? She knew from his voice that he was the Savior, and she obeyed him when he said: Touch me not, for I am going to my Father. Tell this to my disciples.

Glory...

With the desire for wisdom, you have circumcised the covering of your soul, O Father, * and your miracles made you a true sun for the world. * You enlightened the minds of the faithful, O godly minded Basil, * divinely inspired servant of the holy Trinity and friend of the Mother of God.

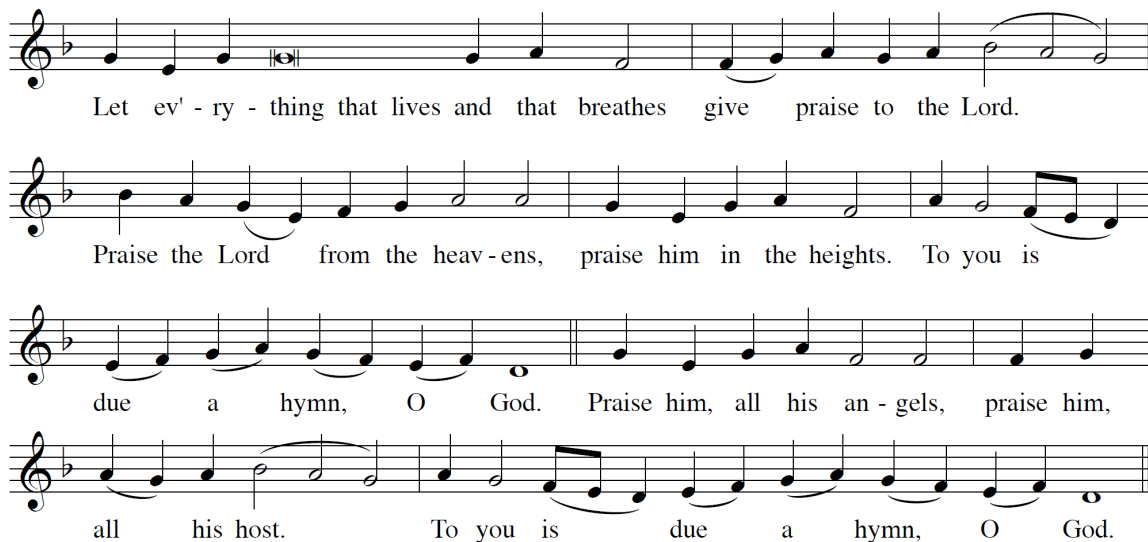
Now and ever...

Fulfilling the Law, * the eternal Creator is circumcised in the flesh as a child of eight days. * As God He holds all things fast by a boundless strength; * as an infant He is wrapped in swaddling clothes * and is nourished with milk like a mortal.

Matins continues with the Psalms of Praise.

Psalms of Praise (page 41)

Tone 5



Let ev' - ry - thing that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the heights. To you is

due a hymn, O God. Praise him, all his an - gels, praise him,

all his host. To you is due a hymn, O God.

The Psalms of Praise continue with "Praise him, sun and moon..." on page 38.

Stichera (page 43)

The first two stichera of the Saint (all the rest are omitted):

In place of "Arise, O Lord...":

Cantor (*Tone 5*): My lips will speak words of wisdom;
Understanding will be the theme of my heart.

The One who was ineffably begotten of the Father * as the Word and God of God, abiding in the changeless Godhead, * now endures circumcision in the flesh. * He who is above the Law, now comes under the Law* and delivers all from its curse and gives his blessing from above. * Therefore, let us joyously praise his most gracious condescension * and gratefully extol Him. * Let us entreat Him to grant our souls his great mercy.

In place of “I will praise you...”:

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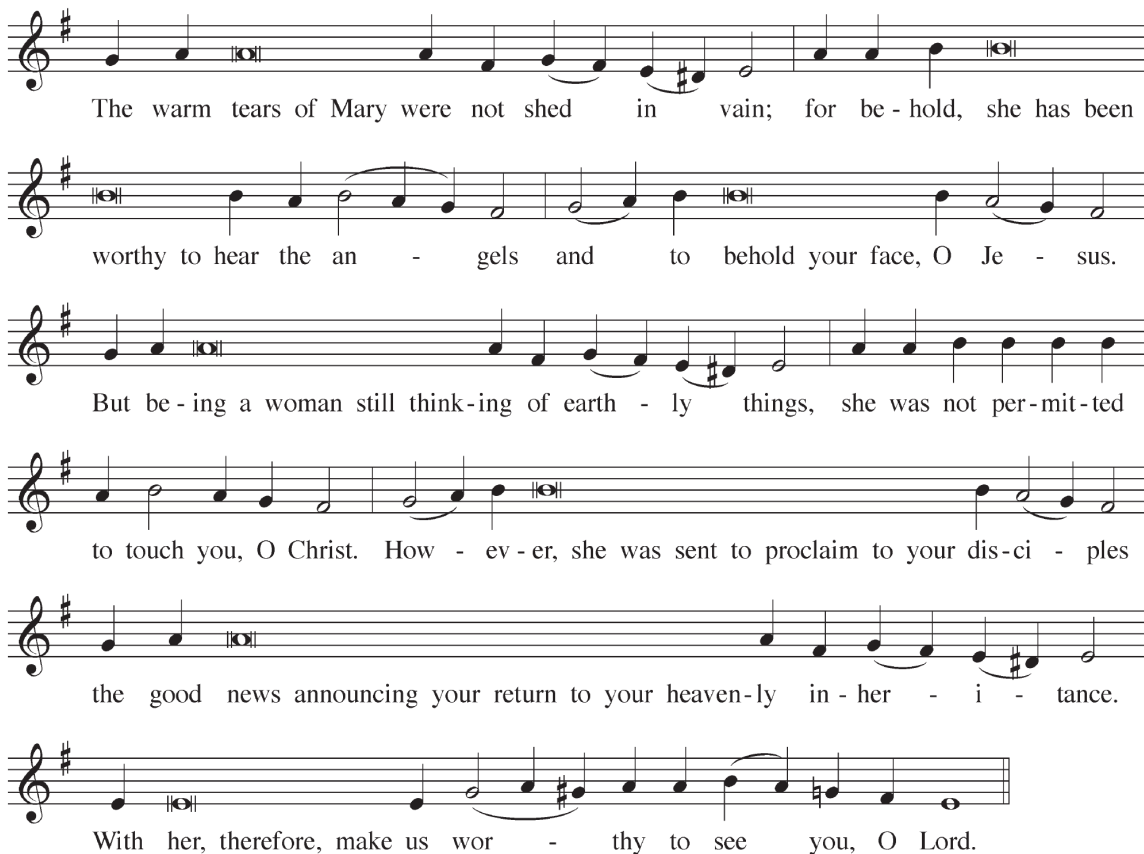
O Basil, by your rebirth in divine baptism, * you became a son of God. * You professed the Eternal Son and Word of God * to be consubstantial and coeternal with the Father. * With the wisdom of your words, * you sealed the mouths of the heretics. * Therefore, you entered the heavenly kingdom, * truly reigning with Christ, the sole ruler by nature, * who bountifully gives his great mercy to the world.

Cantor (*Tone 8*):



Eighth Gospel Stanza

Tone 8



The warm tears of Mary were not shed in vain; for be - hold, she has been
worthy to hear the an - gels and to behold your face, O Je - sus.
But be - ing a woman still think - ing of earth - ly things, she was not per - mit - ted
to touch you, O Christ. How - ev - er, she was sent to proclaim to your dis - ci - ples
the good news announcing your return to your heaven - ly in - her - i - tance.
With her, therefore, make us wor - thy to see you, O Lord.

Matins continues with the "Now and ever..." & the Theotokion for normal Sundays on page 44.

The Great Doxology is sung (page 45) followed by the Sunday Troparia (p. 48).

Matins then continues with the Litany of Supplication on page 52

and the Prayer over Bowed Heads on page 54,

followed by the Dismissal on page 58.