

"Lord I Call..." – Tone 8

Reader: In the Eighth Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!/
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Soprano Alto

Lord, I call up - on You, hear — me. Hear me, O Lord!

Tenor Bass

Lord, I call up - on You, — hear — me; re - ceive the voice of my prayer

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Reader: (Reads from Service Book)

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may confess Your name.

v. (9) The righteous shall wait patiently for me until You shall reward me.

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Tone 8

(for the Circumcision)

Idiomela

The Savior was willing to be wrapped in swaddling clothes for the sake of mankind.

He was eight days old on His mother's side

but eternal on the side of His Father.

He did not disdain the circumcision of His flesh.

O faithful, let us cry to Him://

"You are our God; have mercy on us!"

The Sav-ior was willing to be wrapped in swaddling clothes for the sake of man-kind.

He was eight days old on His moth-er's side but eternal on the side of His Fa - ther.

He did not disdain the cir - cum - ci - sion of His flesh.

O faithful, let us cry to Him: "You are our God; have mer - cy on us!"

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

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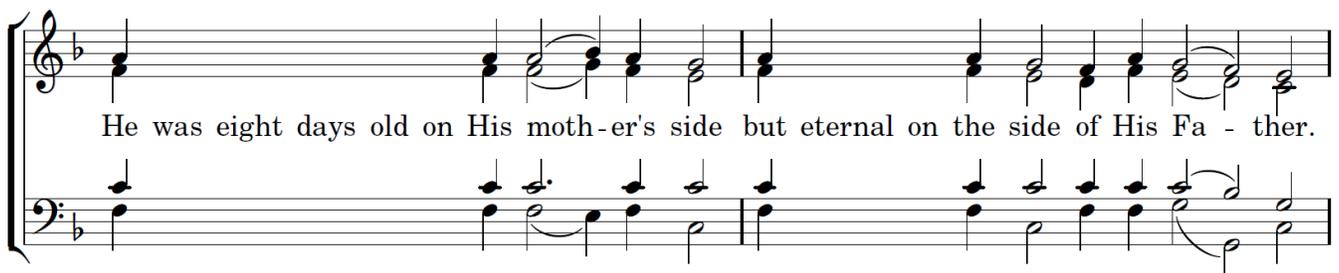
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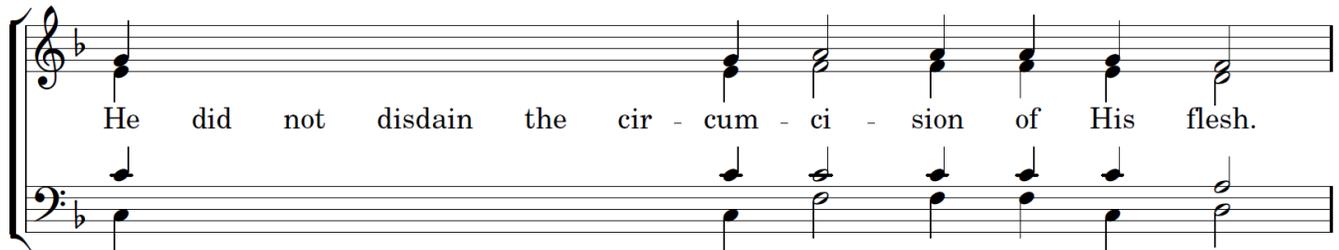
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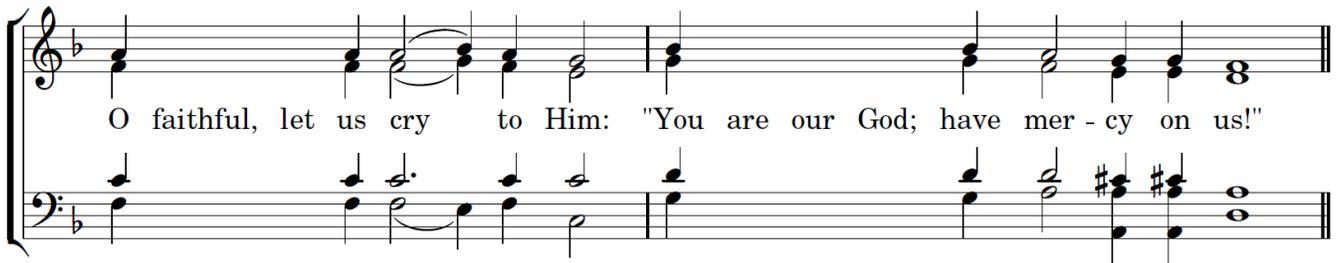
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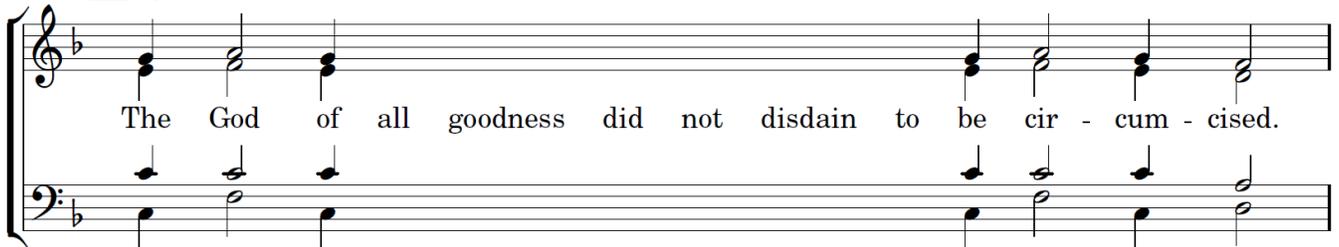
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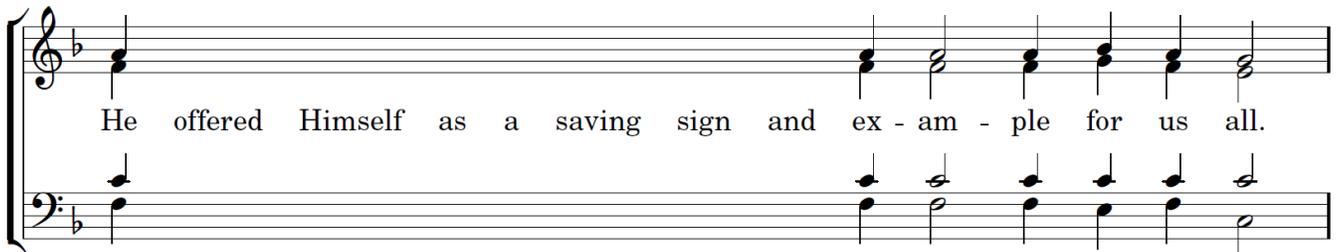
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v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

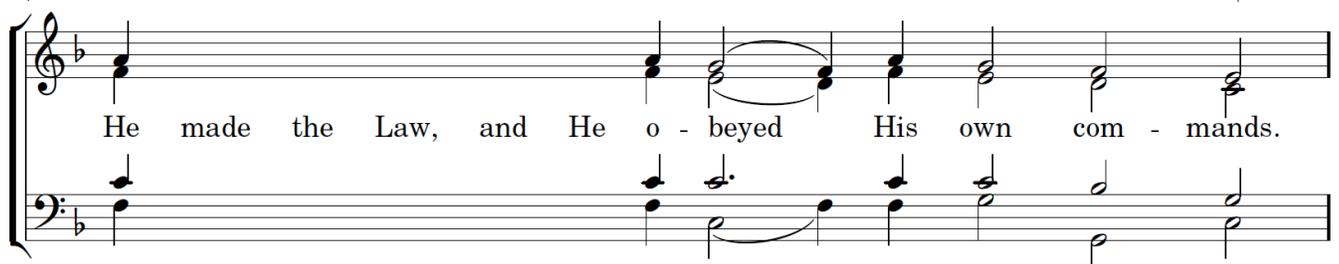
The God of all goodness did not disdain to be circumcised.
 He offered Himself as a saving sign and example for us all.
 He made the Law, and He obeyed His own commands.
 He fulfilled the words of the Prophets concerning Himself.
 He holds the world in His hands, yet is bound in swaddling clothes.//
 Let us glorify Him!



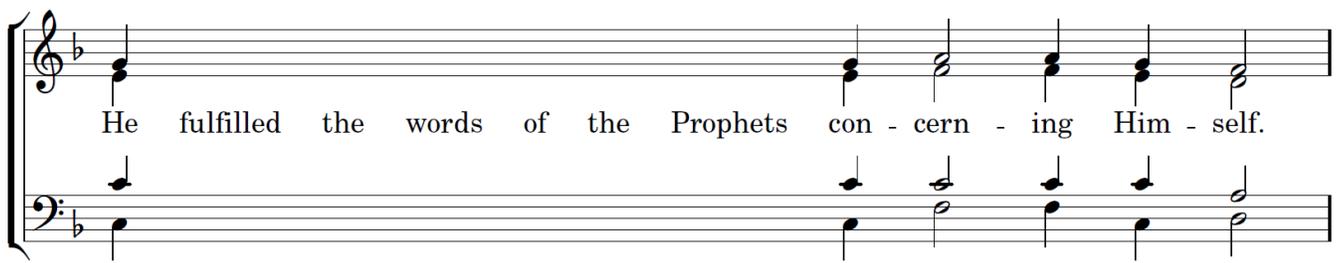
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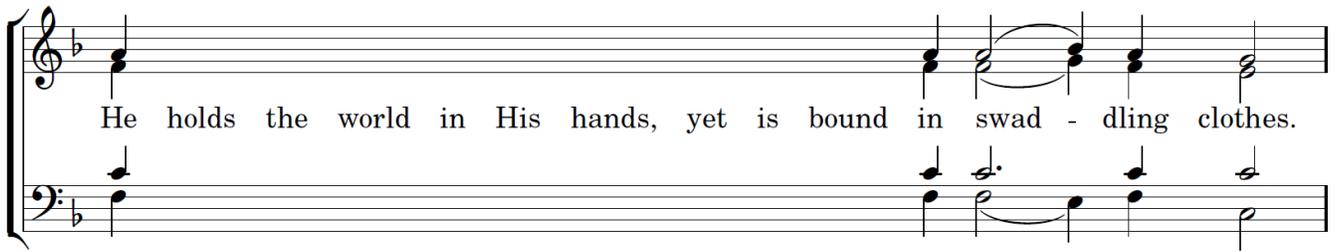
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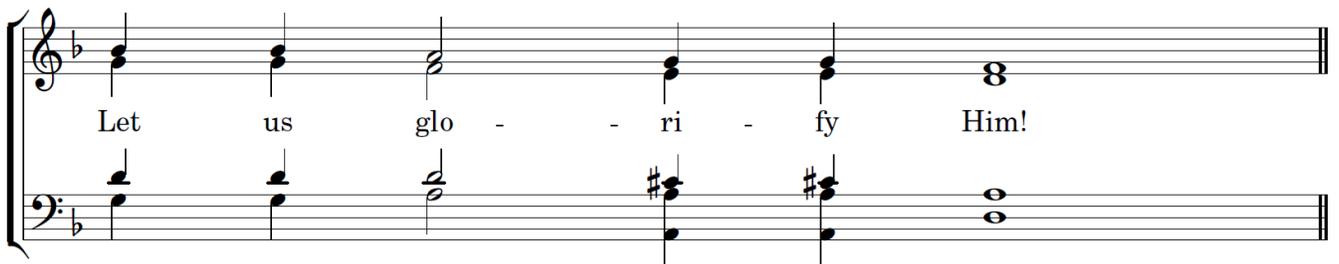
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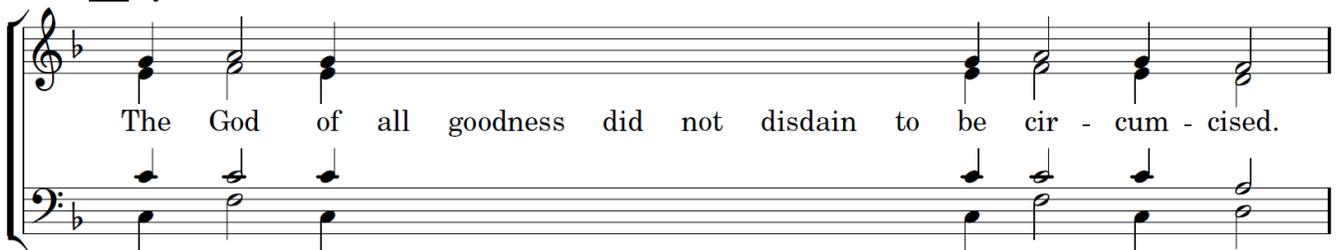
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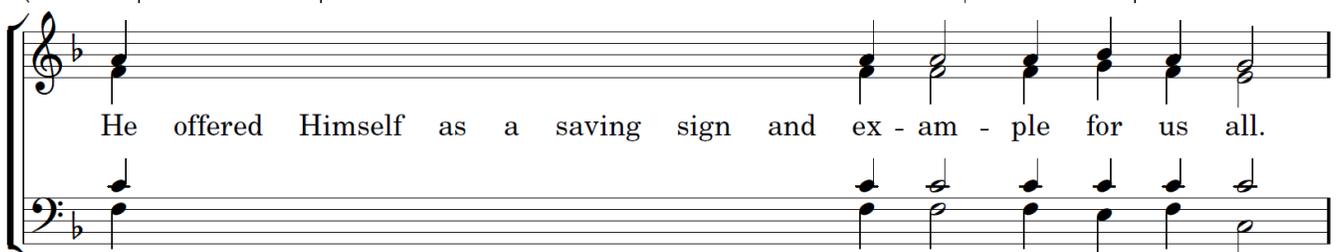
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v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

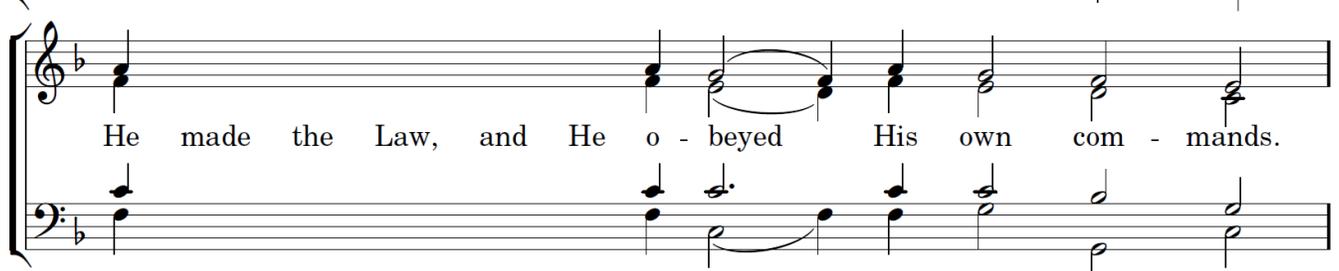
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v. (4) In the Fourth Tone, From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 4

(for St. Basil the Great)

(Called from on high)

Your very name means "the royal one."
 You led Christ's royal people in wisdom and knowledge.
 The King of kings and the Lord of all,
 the Son, of one essence with the Father,
 adorned you with the crown of His Kingdom.//
 Pray to Him, O Father Basil, to enlighten and save our souls!

Your very name means the royal one.

You led Christ's royal people in wisdom and knowledge.

The King of kings and the Lord of all, the Son, of one essence with the Father,

adorned you with the crown of His King - - dom.

Pray to Him, O Father Basil, to enlighten and save our souls!

v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

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 You led Christ's royal people in wisdom and knowledge.
 The King of kings and the Lord of all,
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The King of kings and the Lord of all, the Son, of one essence with the Fa - ther,

adorned you with the crown of His King - - dom.

Pray to Him, O Father Basil, to enlighten and save our souls!

v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Robed in the vestments of a bishop,
 you preached the Gospel of the Kingdom with gladness.
 You poured out streams of true teaching for the Church,
 illumined by your words, we have learned how to glorify one Godhead:
 Father Almighty, Divine Word, and Holy Spirit,
 three Persons undivided.//
 Pray to Him, O Father Basil, to enlighten and save our souls!

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Father Almighty, Divine Word, and Ho - ly Spir - it, three Persons un - di - vid - ed.

Pray to Him, O Father Basil, to enlighten and save our souls!

v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

You dwell with the hosts of heaven;
 you imitated their way of life on earth.
 You lived with mankind like an earthly angel.
 Now pray for us, who delight in your theology!
 May Christ our God save us from the darkness of unbelief!
 May He enlighten and save our souls!

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Now pray for us, who delight in your the - ol - o - gy!

May Christ our God save us from the dark - ness of un - be - lief!

May He enlighten and save our souls!

In the Eighth Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 8 *(for St Basil, by Anatolius)*

You became a Lover of wisdom, O righteous father!
 You preferred life with God above all earthly delights.
 Contemplating death, you abandoned all your wealth.

You stripped away fleshy lusts through rigorous abstinence.
You studied God's Law and subjected your flesh to the Spirit.
You were rich in virtues and a conqueror of passions.
You cast the world, the flesh and the devil away.
Now you stand before the throne of Christ.//
Entreat Him to grant us great mercy!

You be - came a Lover of wisdom, O righteous fa - ther!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords, with a long note on the word 'father!' that spans across the end of the system. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment.

You preferred life with God above all earth - ly de - lights.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has chords corresponding to the lyrics, with a long note on 'de - lights'.

Contemplating death, you a - ban - doned all your wealth.

The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has chords corresponding to the lyrics, with a long note on 'wealth'.

You stripped away fleshy lusts through rigorous ab - sti - nence.

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has chords corresponding to the lyrics, with a long note on 'ab - sti - nence'.

You studied God's Law and subjected your flesh to the Spir - it.

The fifth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has chords corresponding to the lyrics, with a long note on 'Spir - it'.

You were rich in virtues and a con - quer - or of pas - sions.

The sixth system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has chords corresponding to the lyrics, with a long note on 'pas - sions'.

You cast the world, the flesh and the dev - il a - way.

Now you stand before the throne of Christ. Entreat Him to grant us great mer - cy!

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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O faithful, let us cry to Him: "You are our God; have mer - cy on us!"

Priest: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: O Gladsome Light ... (p. 16)

Prokeimenon of the Day, three readings

Prokemenon for Wednesday (Tuesday evening)

Priest: Wisdom. The prokimenon in the *First* tone. Your mercy, O Lord, shall follow me * all the days of my life.

People: Your mercy, O Lord, shall follow me * all the days of my life.

Your mercy, O Lord, shall fol - low me all the days _____ of my life.

Priest: The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing: he makes me to lie down in a green pasture.

People: Your mercy, O Lord, shall follow me * all the days of my life.

Your mercy, O Lord, shall fol - low me all the days _____ of my life.

Priest: Your mercy, O Lord, shall follow me ...

People: ... all the days of my life.

all the days _____ of my life.

Old Testament Readings

Composite 1 (Genesis 17:1-2, 4, 5-7, 8, 9-10, 11-12, 14]

Proverbs 8:22-30

Proverbs 10:31-11:12 *

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First book of Moses called Genesis. (*Composite 1 – Genesis 17:1-2, 4b-7, 3a, 9-12a, 14*)

Priest: Let us attend!

The Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am your God. Be well pleasing before me and be blameless. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you greatly; and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. And your name shall not be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, because I have established you as father of many nations. And I will increase you very greatly, and I will establish you for nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and between your seed after you for their generations as an eternal covenant, and I will be their God". And Abraham fell on his face and worshipped the Lord. And God said to Abraham, "You are to keep my covenant, you and your seed after you to their generations. And this is the covenant which you are to keep between me and between your seed after you to their generations. Every male among you shall be circumcised; and you shall be circumcised in the foreskin of your flesh, and it shall be for a sign of the covenant between me and you. And every male child among you shall be circumcised at eight days for your generations. And an uncircumcised male that is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin on the eighth day, that soul shall be wiped out from its race; because it has rejected my covenant".

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon. (*Proverbs 8:22-30*)

Priest: Let us attend!

The Lord created me the beginning of his ways for his works. Before time he established me, in the beginning before he made the earth. And before he made the deeps and before the springs of waters came forth, before the mountains were set firm and before all the hills he begets me. The Lord made countries and uninhabited places and the high inhabited parts of the earth under heaven. When he was preparing the heaven I was present with him, and when he marked out his throne on the winds. When he made the clouds on high strong and secured the fountains of the earth under heaven. When he gave his command to the sea — and the waters shall not transgress his order —, and when he was strengthening the foundations of the earth, I was by him arranging all things. I was the one in whom he delighted; while day by day I rejoiced in his presence at every moment.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Proverbs of Solomon. (*Proverbs 10:31-11:12*)

Priest: Let us attend!

The mouth of a righteous man distils wisdom; the lips of men know graces. The mouth of the wise meditates wisdom; righteousness delivers them from death. When a righteous man dies hope is not lost; for a righteous son is born for life, and among his good things he shall pluck the fruit of righteousness. There is light at all times for the righteous, and they shall find grace and glory from the Lord. The tongue of the wise knows what is good, and wisdom shall take its rest in their hearts. The Lord loves holy hearts; while all who are blameless in the way are acceptable to him. The wisdom of the Lord shall enlighten the face of the understanding; for she anticipates those who desire her before they know it, and is easily contemplated by those who love her. One who rises for her at dawn shall not toil, and one who keeps vigil because of her shall be without care. For she goes about seeking those who are worthy of her, and shows herself favorably to those on her paths. Wickedness shall never prevail against wisdom. Because of this I too became a lover of her beauty and became her friend, and I sought her out from my youth, and I sought to take her as my bride, because the Master of all things loved her, for she is an initiate of the knowledge of God and one who chooses his works. Her toils are virtues; she herself teaches sobriety and prudence; righteousness and courage, than which things nothing is more useful in human life. If anyone longs for much experience, she knows how to compare things of old and those that are to come. She knows the twists of words and the explanations of riddles. She foresees signs and wonders and the outcomes of seasons and times. And to all she is a good counsellor. Because immortality is in her, and fame in the fellowship of her words. Therefore I appealed to the Lord and besought him and said from my whole heart, “O God of my Fathers and Lord of mercy, who made all things by your Word, and established humanity by your Wisdom to be sovereign over the creatures that had come into being by you, and to order the world in holiness and righteousness, give me Wisdom who sits by your throne, and do not reject me from among your children, for I am your servant and the son of your maid servant. Send her out from your holy dwelling and from the throne of your glory, that she may be present with me and teach me what is well pleasing before you. And she will guide me with knowledge and guard me with her glory. For all the thoughts of mortals are wretched and their ideas are unstable”.

then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

Aposticha – Tone 1

(for St Basil, by Byzas)

Most blessed Basil,
you served Christ's Church like a busy honeybee.
Armed with divine zeal,
you stung the blasphemers and wounded the heretics.
You stored the souls of the faithful in the hive of heaven.
Now that you rest in the green pastures of God, //
remember all of us, as you stand before the Holy Trinity!

Most bless - ed Ba - sil, you served Christ's Church like a busy hon - ey bee.

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Now that you rest in the green pas - tures of God,

remember all of us, as you stand before the Holy Trin - i - ty!

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

Tone 1

(for St Basil, by Basil the Monk)

Holy Father Basil,
 you acquired the virtues of all the saints:
 the meekness of Moses, the zeal of Elijah,
 the faith of Peter, the theology of John.
 You cry with Paul the Apostle:
 "Who is weak, and I am not weak?
 Who is made to fall, and I do not burn in indignation?"
 Therefore as you dwell with them all in heaven, //
 pray that our souls may be saved!

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the meek-ness of Moses, the zeal of E-li-jah, the faith of Pe-ter, the the-ol - o-gy of John.

You cry with Paul the A - pos - tle: "Who is weak, and I am not weak?

Who is made to fall, and I do not burn in in - dig - na - tion?"

Therefore as you dwell with them all in heav - en, pray that our souls may be saved!

v: The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.

Tone 2

(for St Basil, by John the Monk)

Basil, you revealed noble truths;
 you studied the nature of created things.
 You understood that all things will pass away;
 that God alone is eternal.
 He is transcendent in essence, the Creator of all.
 As your longing for Him increased,
 you abandoned desire for temporal things.//
 Pray that we may be filled with longing for God!

Ba - sil, you re - vealed no - ble truths; you studied the nature of cre - at - ed things.

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As your longing for Him in - creased, you a - ban - doned desire for tem - po - ral things.

Pray that we may be filled with long - ing for God!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 6

(for St Basil)

Most blessed Basil,
 you were filled with heavenly grace.
 Your theology exposes the errors of false teachers.
 You are the pride of pastors,
 the cornerstone of bishops,
 the example of fathers.
 You possess favor with Christ.//
 Pray that He may save our souls!

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Tone 8 *(for the Circumcision)*

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Let us glo - - ri - fy Him!

Then, St. Symeon's Prayer (p. 25)

(at Great Vespers)

Tone 1

Troparion

(to St Basil)

(Troparion for St. Basil – Tone 1)

Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth,
which was divinely taught by hearing your voice.

You expounded the nature of creatures
and ennobled the manners of men.

Venerable Father of royal priesthood,//
entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

Soprano
Alto

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Tenor
Bass

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*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen.*

Tone 1

Troparion

(of the Feast)

(Troparion for the Feast – Tone 1)

Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your Divine Spirit,
 O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, Your Mother.
 Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day-old Child.
 Glory to Your most gracious counsel;
 glory to Your dispensation://
 glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind!

Soprano
Alto

En - throned_ on high with the Eternal Father and Your

Tenor
Bass

di-vine Spir - it, O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth

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most gra-cious coun - sel; glory to Your dis - pen - sa - tion;

glory to Your condescension, O only Lov - er of man - kind.

Then, the dismissal (p. 26)

(at the Divine Liturgy)

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 4

Kontakion

(to St Basil)

(Kontakion for St. Basil – Tone 4)

You were revealed as the sure foundation of the Church,
granting all mankind a lordship which cannot be taken away,//
sealing it with your precepts, O venerable Basil, revealer of heaven.

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

You were revealed as the sure foun - da - tion of

the Church, granting all mankind a lordship which cannot

be tak - en a - way, sealing it with your precepts,

venerable Basil, revealer of hea - ven.

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 3

Kontakion

(of the Feast)

(Kontakion for the Feast – Tone 3)

The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised,
 thus, as He is good, He excises the sins of mortal men.
 Today He grants the world salvation,
 while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator,//
 rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

The Lord of all accepts to be cir - cum - cised, thus as

He is good, He excises the sins of mortal men. To-day
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 di - vine in - i ti - ate of Christ.

(then, p. 83)

Tone 6

Prokeimenon

(Circumcision)

Priest: Let us attend! † Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, Your inheritance.

Reader: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance, your inheritance!



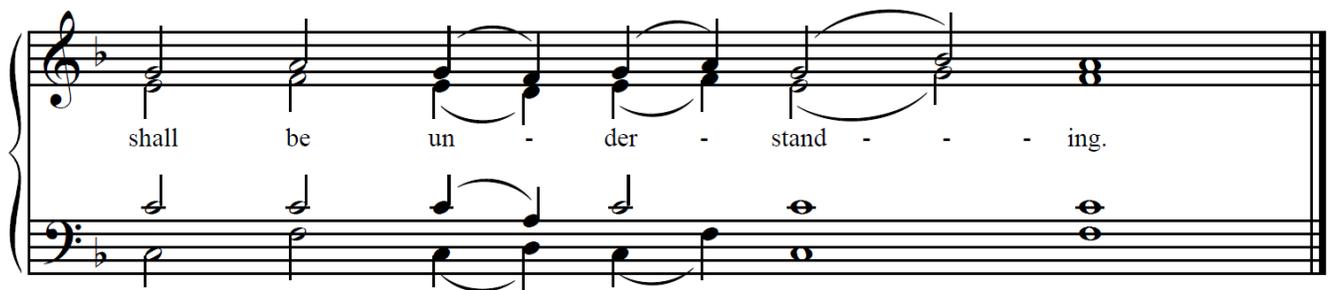
O Lord, save Your people and bless Your in-he-ri-tance, Your in-he-ri-tance.

Reader: In the 1st Tone, My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

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



My mouth shall speak wis - dom, and the me - di - ta - tion of my heart



shall be un - der - stand - - - ing.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (254) Colossians 2:8-12 (*Circumcision*) and (318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (*St Basil*)

Reader: The Reading from the First Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians.

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, be careful not to let anyone rob you through philosophy and vain deceit, according to human tradition and the basic things of the world, and not after Christ. For in him all the fullness of deity dwells bodily, and in him who is the head of all principality and power, you are made full. In him, you were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, by casting off the body of the sins of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him through baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Brothers and sisters, such a high priest was fitting for us: holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners and made higher than the heavens. He does not need, like those former high priests, to offer up sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. Instead, he did this once for all, when he offered himself up. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weaknesses, but the word of the oath which came after the law appoints forever a Son who has been perfected.

The point of what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty on high, a servant of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord has set up, and not man.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 8

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 8th Tone: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Give ear, O shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock!

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Luke**.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: At that time, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things which they had heard and seen, just as it was told them.

When the eight days were fulfilled and the time came for the circumcision of the child, he was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The child was growing, and was becoming strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. His parents went every year to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. Joseph and his mother did not notice it. Supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey and began to look for him among their relatives and acquaintances. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed by his understanding and answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? Behold, your father and I were anxiously looking for you."

He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. After this, he went down with them, and came to Nazareth. He was obedient to them, and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, as well as in favor with God and men.

At that time, Jesus stood on a level place. A number of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those who were troubled by unclean spirits also came, and they were healed. The whole multitude desired to touch him because power came out from him and healed them all.

Jesus looked up to his disciples, and said:

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall exclude and mock you, and throw out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Sermon

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(Instead of "It is truly meet ..." we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace:
the assembly of Angels and the race of men.
O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,
the glory of virgins,
from whom God was incarnate and became a Child –
our God before the ages.
He made your body into a throne,
and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens.
All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace.//
Glory to you!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "All of creation re - joi - ces in you, O Full of Grace,". The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a steady rhythm.

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All of creation re-joices in you, O Full of Grace, — Glo-ry to you!

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest!

The righteous shall be in everlasting re -

mem - brance! He shall not fear — e - vil ti - dings!

1. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments!
2. His descendants shall be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3. Wealth and riches are in his house; and his righteousness endures forever.
4. Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
5. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. He will never be moved.

6. His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. His heart is steady, he will not be afraid, until he sees his desire on his adversaries.
7. He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.
8. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked man comes to nought.

Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia, —

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music, each with a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand, all beamed together. The notes are G4, F4, E4, D4 in the first measure; G4, F4, E4, D4 in the second; G4, F4, E4, D4 in the third; and G4, F4, E4, D4 in the fourth. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains four measures of music, each with a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand, all beamed together. The notes are G3, F3, E3, D3 in the first measure; G3, F3, E3, D3 in the second; G3, F3, E3, D3 in the third; and G3, F3, E3, D3 in the fourth.

Al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music. The first three measures each have a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand, all beamed together. The notes are G4, F4, E4, D4 in the first measure; G4, F4, E4, D4 in the second; and G4, F4, E4, D4 in the third. The fourth measure contains a whole note chord of G4, F4, E4, D4. The lower staff is in bass clef and contains four measures of music. The first three measures each have a half note in the right hand and a half note in the left hand, all beamed together. The notes are G3, F3, E3, D3 in the first measure; G3, F3, E3, D3 in the second; and G3, F3, E3, D3 in the third. The fourth measure contains a whole note chord of G3, F3, E3, D3.