

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

TONE 4

29th Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday before Theophany/Circumcision of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ/St Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

“Lord I Call...” Tone 4

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!

**Reader reads the rest of Psalm 140 and Psalm 141 on pgs 31 & 32 in the pew book, then:
STICHERA**

v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your Name! Tone 4
We glorify Your Resurrection on the third day, O Christ God,
by always honoring Your life-creating Cross;
by it, You have renewed the corrupted nature of man,
O almighty One.
By it, You have renewed our entrance to heaven,//
for You are good and the Lover of man.

v. (9) The righteous will surround me, for You will deal bountifully with me.
You loosed the Tree's verdict of disobedience, O Savior,
by being voluntarily nailed to the tree of the Cross.
By descending to hell, O almighty God,
You broke the bonds of death.
Therefore, we adore Your Resurrection from the dead, singing in joy://
“Glory to You, O all powerful Lord!”

v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!
You smashed the gates of hell, O Lord,
and by Your death You demolished the kingdom of death.
You delivered the race of men from corruption,//
granting the world life, incorruption and great mercy.

v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
Come, O people,
let us sing of the Savior's Resurrection on the third day!
By it, we have been freed from the unbreakable bonds of hell.
By it, we have received life and incorruption.
Save us by Your Resurrection!//
O Life-creating and almighty Savior, glory to You!

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You. **Tone 8** (for the Circumcision)*

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!"

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) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

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!

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

Tone 4 Your very name means "the royal one,"
and 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!

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,
and 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!

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

You dwell with the hosts of heaven,
for 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!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 8** (for St Basil, by Anatolios)*

You became a Lover of wisdom, O righteous Father,
preferring life with God above all earthly delights.
Contemplating death, you abandoned all your wealth.
You stripped away fleshy lusts through rigorous abstinence,
and studied God's Law, subjecting your flesh to the Spirit.
You were rich in virtues and a conqueror of passions,
casting away the world, the flesh and the devil.
Now you stand before the throne of Christ.//
Entreat Him to grant us great mercy!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Tone 4** (Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The Prophet David was a father of the Lord
through you, O Virgin.
He foretold in songs the One Who worked wonder in you:
“At Your right hand stood the Queen,”
Your Mother, the mediatrix of life,
since God was freely born of her without a father.
He wanted to renew His fallen image, made corrupt in passion,
so He took the lost sheep upon His shoulder
and brought it to His Father,
joining it to the heavenly pow'rs.//
Christ, Who has great and rich mercy, has saved the world, O Theotokos.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Reading is from Genesis. [17:1-2, 4^b- 7, 3^a, 9-12^a, 14]

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 will be the father of a multitude of nations. And your name will not be Abram, but your name will 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 will 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.'

The Reading is from Proverbs. [8:22-30]

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 will 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.

The Reading is from the Wisdom of Solomon. [Proverbs 10:31-32 & Selection]

The mouth of a just man distils wisdom; the lips of men know graces. The mouth of the wise meditates wisdom; justice delivers them from death. When a just man dies hope is not lost; for a just son is born for life, and among his good things he will pluck the fruit of justice. There is light at all times for the just, and they will find grace and glory from the Lord. The tongue of the wise knows what is good, and wisdom will 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 will 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 will not toil, and one who keeps vigil because of her will be without care. For she goes about seeking those who are worthy of her, and shows herself favourably to those on her paths. Wickedness will 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; justice 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, '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 justice, 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.'

APOSTICHA

Tone 4 By ascending the Cross, O Lord,

You have annulled our ancestral curse.

By descending to hell, You have freed the eternal prisoners,

granting incorruption to the human race.//

Therefore in songs we glorify Your life-creating and saving Resurrection.

V. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

By hanging upon the tree, O only powerful Lord,
You shook all of creation.

By being laid in the tomb You have raised those who dwelt in the tombs,
granting life and incorruption to the human race.//
Therefore in songs we glorify Your rising on the third day.

V. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

The lawless people, O Christ,
handed You over to Pilate, condemned to be crucified,
thus proving themselves ungrateful before their Benefactor.
But voluntarily You endured burial,
rising by Your own power on the third day as God,//
granting us life everlasting and great mercy.

V. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

With tears the women reached Your tomb,
searching for You, but not finding You.
They wept with wailing and lamented:
“Woe to us! Our Savior, King of all,
how were You stolen?
What place can hold Your life-bearing body?”
An Angel replied to them:
“Do not weep, but go and proclaim that the Lord is risen,//
granting us joy as the only compassionate One!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6** *(for St. Basil)**

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

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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!

TROPARIA

Tone 4 **Troparion** (*Resurrection*)

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

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

Tone 1 **Troparion** (*St. Basil*)

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

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

Tone 1 **Troparion** (*Circumcision*)

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 man!