

Divine Liturgy Variables on January 01
Feasts of Circumcision of Christ & Basil the Great

****Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great****

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

1. Shout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth. Chant ye unto His name, give glory in praise of Him.
2. Say unto God: How awesome are Thy works! In the multitude of Thy power, shall Thine enemies be proved false unto Thee.

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Circumcision of Christ:

Reader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice. Sing unto the Lord; chant unto His Name.
(Refrain)

Reader: Out of Zion is the magnificence of His comeliness. Our God is in heaven and on earth; whatsoever He hath willed, He hath done. *(Refrain)*

Refrain:

Save us, O Son of God, who was cir - cum - cised in the flesh, who
sing to Thee: Al - le - lu - i - a.

All:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

All: *(Refrain)*

All:

Both now and e - ver and un - to a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever. With my mouth will I tell of Thy truth. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity.

APOLYTIKION OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

(**While Gabriel was saying**)

Our human form hast Thou taken on Thyself without change, O greatly-compassionate Master, though being God by nature; fulfilling the Law, Thou willingly receivest circumcision in the flesh, that Thou mightest end the shadow and roll away the veil of our sinful passions. Glory be to Thy goodness unto us. Glory be to Thy compassion. Glory, O Word, to Thine inexpressible condescension. (cadence)

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE CIRCUMCISION

Come let us wor - ship and fall down be - fore Christ. Save us, O

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a series of chords and melodic lines, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Son of God, who was cir - cum-cised in the flesh, who sing to

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows a melodic line with some eighth-note passages. The lyrics are aligned with the notes. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

Thee: Al - le - lu - i - a.

The third system of music concludes the hymn. The treble staff ends with a final chord and a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a final accompaniment.

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APOLYTIKION OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT IN TONE ONE

In all the earth that received thy sayings, thy melody did resound, O righteous father, through which thou didst go about and proclaim, as worthy of God, the nature of creatures, cultivating the character of mankind, O thou of kingly Priesthood, Basil. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

WHEN THOU O LORD...

KONTAKION OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST
IN TONE THREE

(**On this day the Virgin**)

Now the Lord of all that is * doth undergo circumcision, * in His
goodness cutting off * the sins and failings of mortals. * He this
day doth give salvation * unto the whole world; * and the hierarch
and bright daystar * of the Creator * now rejoiceth in the highest, *
Basil the wise and * divine initiate of Christ.

THE EPISTLE

My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. Hear this, all ye people.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul Epistle to the Colossians.
(2:8-12)

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (2:20-21, 40-52)

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously." And Jesus said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother

kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Megalynarion – Tone 3
(St. Basil)



In thee, O full of grace, all cre - a - tion re - joi - ceth, both the ranks of



an - gels and the race of men, O hal - lowed tem - ple and pa - ra - dise en -



dow'd with speech, boast of vir - gins, from whom God was in - car - nate



and be - came a Child, who is our God be - fore the a - ges. For he made thy



womb a throne, and he made thee more spa - cious than the hea - vens. In



thee, O full of grace, all cre - a - tion re - joi - ceth: glo - ry to Thee.

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KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) OF THE FEAST
IN TONE EIGHT

Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.
Alleluia.

After Communion, instead of singing “We have seen the true light”, sing the Apolytikion of the Circumcision in Tone One.

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Following “Blessed be the Name of the Lord”, parishes may offer “The Doxology Service on the First Day of the New Year” (cf. Liturgikon P. 424-427).