

Thursday, January 14, 2021
The Circumcision of our Lord
St. Basil the Great
Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Saints commemorated today: Martyr Basil of Ancyra; St. Emilia, mother of St. Basil the Great (IV); St. Gregory of Nazianzus; Ven. Theodosius, of Tryglia, abbot; New Martyr Peter of Tripolis.

Tropar of the Circumcision

(Tone 1) You, Who sit upon a fiery throne in the highest, together with the heavenly Father and Your Divine Spirit, condescended to be born on earth of a Virgin Maiden, Your Mother, O Jesus. For this reason, You were circumcised on the eighth day as man. Glory to Your all-gracious Will, glory to Your dispensation, glory to Your condescension, O Only Lover-of-Mankind.

Tropar to St. Basil the Great

(Tone 1) Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth which has received your word, taught in a God-pleasing manner. You expounded the nature of created things and ennobled human customs. Venerable Father Basil, of Royal Priesthood, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Glory...

Kondak of the Circumcision

(Tone 3) Today, the Lord of all endures circumcision, and in His Goodness, has circumcised the sins of mortals and grants salvation

to the world; and Basil the hierarch and torchbearer of the Creator, the divine mystic of Christ, rejoices in the highest.

Both now and ever...

Kondak to St. Basil the Great

(Tone 4) You were revealed as an unshakable foundation of the Church granting all men a lordship which cannot be taken away, sealing it with your precepts, O Venerable Basil, revealer of heavenly things.

Prokeimen

Reader, (Tone 6): O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: O Lord, to You will I call. O my God, be not silent unto me.

Reader: *A 2nd Prokeimen in the 1st tone*, My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart, understanding.

Epistle Readings

Colossians 2:8-12 (*Circumcision*) – Brethren: Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him

in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (*St. Basil*) – Brethren, for such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Alleluia Verses

Verse 1: Attend, Shepherd of Israel, for You lead Joseph like a sheep.

Verse 2: The mouth of the righteous shall proclaim wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgement.

Gospel Readings

Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 (*Circumcision*) – Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Luke 6:17-23 (*St. Basil*) – And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you

poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

**Wording Change
Instead of "It is Right In Truth"**

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!

Communion Verses

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

The righteous man shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.