

Menaion - January 1

The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, and Memory of our Father among the saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

LITURGY OF ST. BASIL

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Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalms 65, 104.

Verse 1: *Shout to God, all the earth.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Verse 2: *Sing now to His name.* [SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Verse 3: *Describe all His wonderful works.*

[SAAS]

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us. [GOA]

Verse 4: *Say to God, "How fearful are Your works."* [SAAS]

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Glory. Both now.

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Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalms 95, 49, 113.

Verse 1: *Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth greatly rejoice.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were circumcised in the flesh. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 2: *Oh, sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all the earth.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were circumcised in the flesh. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 3: *From Zion in beauty's splendor.*

[SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were circumcised in the flesh. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Verse 4: *Our God: both in heaven and on earth, all things whatsoever He wills, He does.* [SAAS]

Save us, O Son of God, who were circumcised in the flesh. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [HC]

Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. [HC]

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: Save us. [GOA]

Antiphon III. Mode 1. Psalms 88, 44.

Verse 1: *O Lord, I will sing of Your mercies forever.* [SAAS]

Verse 2: *I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth.* [SAAS]

Verse 3: *You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness.* [SAAS]

Apolytikion of the Feast.

Mode 1. *The stone had been secured.*

In essence being God, most-compassionate Master, * You assumed human nature without transmutation. * Fulfilling the Law, of Your own will * You accepted circumcision in the flesh, * to bring an end to the shadow, and to remove the passions that cover us. * Glory to Your benevolence, O Lord; * glory to Your compassion; * glory to Your inexpressible condescension, O Word. [SD]

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2.

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who were circumcised in the flesh. we sing to You, Alleluia. [GOA]

Hymns After the Small Entrance.

Apolytikion.

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For the Saint.

Mode 1.

From Menaion - - -

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy. [SD]

(Apolytikion of the Parish Church)

(The text of the Apolytikion of the local church goes here.)

From Menaion - - -

Kontakion.

Mode 3. *On this day.*

As the Master over all * has undergone circumcision, * so He cuts away the sins * of humankind in His goodness. * On this day, upon the world He bestows salvation. * And on high * does the Creator's hierarch Basil * now rejoice, for he is known as * a most divine and light-bearing mystic of Christ. [SD]

THE TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3) [GOA]

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

The Epistle

For the Feast.

Prokeimenon. Mode 1. Psalm 48.

My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart, understanding. [SAAS]

Verse: *Hear this, all you nations; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world.* [SAAS]

The reading is from Paul's Letter 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 fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fulness 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. [RSV]

Alleluia. Mode pl. 4.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 1: *Give heed, O You who shepherd Israel, O You who lead Joseph like a flock.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 2: *The mouth of the righteous shall meditate on wisdom, and his tongue shall speak of judgment.* [SAAS]

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel

For the Feast.

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

(2:20-21, 40-52)

At that time, 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 have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he 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. [RSV]

Hymn to the Theotokos.

In you, O Lady full of grace, rejoices all creation, the orders of Angels and the human

race together. O hallowed temple and rational Garden of Paradise, the pride of virgins, from you did God become incarnate, and our God who existed before the ages became a child. For He made your womb a throne for himself, and your body He made wider than the heavens. In you, O Lady full of grace, rejoices all creation. Glory to you. [SD]

Communion Hymn. Psalm 148.

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. [SAAS]

Hymn after Holy Communion.

Instead of "We have seen."

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THE DISMISSAL

May He who condescended to be circumcised on the eighth day, for our salvation, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-pure and all-immaculate holy Mother, the power of the precious and life-giving Cross, the protection of the honorable, bodiless powers of heaven, the supplications of the honorable, glorious prophet and forerunner John the Baptist, of the holy, glorious, and praiseworthy apostles, of the holy, glorious, and triumphant martyrs, of our righteous and God-bearing fathers, (local patron saint); of the holy and righteous

ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, our Father among the saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, whose memory we celebrate; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Fasting Rule

Fast Free: All foods allowed.

It is the Twelve Days of Christmas