The Circumcision in the Flesh of Christ & the Feast of St. Basil the Great

Stichera on the Praises

January 1st

1) He that without division or change

as God of God and as the Word was ineffably

begetten of God the Father, is circumcised in the flesh,

while abiding changeless in Divinity.

Submitting unto the Law, He that far doth transcend the Law,

deliveth all men from the curse coming through the Law

and instead doth grant them the blessing from Heaven's heights.

Wherefore, with all thanks-giving we acclaim, praise, and glorify

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and im ploring Him to grant His Great Mer cy to our souls.

2) Thou with the shin ing light of thy words
didst stop the vain ly gap ing mouths of the her et ics,
when thou, as a son of God by ad op tion through the rebirth
of di vine Ba ptis m, boldly didst con fess
and pre ch Him Who ver i ly is by na ture the Son of God
be fore the a g es, God the Word, one in es sen ce and
co be ginning less with the Fa ther, O right e ous one.
Hence, in that Kingdom in the heights hast thou made thy dwelling-place,
reigning with Christ, Who alone is by nature King over all that is, and Who in His goodness doth abundantly dispense His Great Mercy to the world.

3) Thou as a sacred hierarch of God wentest within the sacred temple in Heaven's heights,
while wearing as holy robes discipline and vision of God,
wherein godly wisdom hath its origins;
since thou now dost serve as priest at the altar above, O Saint,

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Wholly devoted unto thy God,
in all ways consecrated unto Him from thy youth,
ilumined with wisdom higher than wisdom, thou madest clear

to all men the knowledge of the things that be.
Expounding with clarity, thou didst wisely describe the depth

of that good order in creation, which thou didst set

as the groundwork for teaching knowledge yet more divine.

Lauding thee, the divinely speaking teacher of godliness,

we therefore call thee the bright-beaming luminary of all the Church, while praising Christ Jesus,

Who bestoweth His Great Mercy and peace upon the world.