

January 1st
Basil the Great
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4
 Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

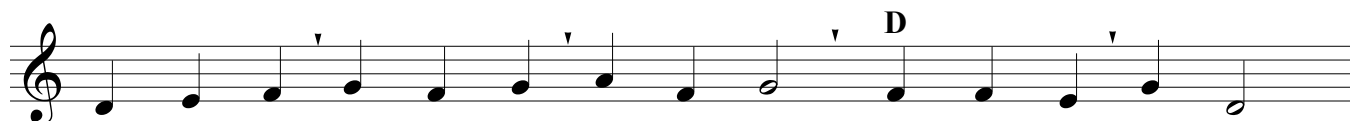
Adapted by Rassem El Massih



1) O Fa - ther Bas - il, thou name - sake of the King - dom,
 2) *Be - ing a - dorned with the vest - ments of a hier - arch,*
 3) Thou hast been joined to the ho - ly choirs of Heav - en,



when by god - ly knowl - edge and di - vine phi - los - o - phy
thou didst preach the Gos - pel of the King - dom joy - ful - ly,
 O our Fa - ther Bas - il, and thou dost a - bide with them,



thou as a shep - herd didst tend the flock, the ho - ly na - tion
and thou, O Bas - il, didst o - ver - flow with streams of teach - ings
 whose way of life thou didst em - u - late by thy re - splen - dent



and roy - al priest - hood of Christ, the Lord of all,
of Or - tho - dox - y — that wa - tered all the Church.
 and in - cor - rupt - i - ble pu - ri - ty of life;



then He, as the King of kings, the Son, Who is per - ceived
We, en - light - ened by them, now con - fess and glo - ri - fy
 for, while in the bod - y, thou didst live with those on earth



to be in truth co - be - gin - ning - less and co - e - ter - nal
One God - head in thē Om - nip - o - tent and Time - less Fa - ther,
 as though thou wert in - cor - po - re - al. Hence, make en - treat - y

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with God the Fa - ther, vouch - safed the di - a - dem
and in thē On - ly be - got - ten Word of God,
 with Christ our God to de - liv - er and pre - serve

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of the ce - les - tial King - dom un - to thee
and in the Ho - ly Spir - it: ver - y God
 from the be - night - ing gloom of ig - no - rance

and a - dorned thee there - with in great maj - es - ty.
in Three Per - sons while yet in - di - vis - i - ble.
 and from per - ils and woes them that take de - light

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Do thou there - fore en - treat Him
Do thou there - fore en - treat Him
 in thy God - in - spired teach - ings,

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to en - light - en and to save our souls.
to en - light - en and to save our souls.
 and il - lu - mi - nate and save our souls.