Byzantine Chant Tone 4
Special melody: Thou who wast called from on high
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January 1st
Basil the Great
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) O Father Basil, thou name-sake of the Kingdom,
when by god-ly knowledge and divine philo-so-phy
thou as a shep-herd didst tend the flock, the holy na-tion
and roy-al priest-hood of Christ, the Lord of all,
then He, as the King of kings, the Son, Who is per-ceived
to be in truth co-be-gin-ning-less and co-e-ter-nal
with God the Fa-ther, vouch-safed the di-a-dem
of the ce-les-tial King-dom un-to thee
and a-dorned thee there-with in great maj-es-ty.

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Do thou therefore entreat Him to enlighten and to save our souls.

2) Being adorned with the vestments of a hierarch,

thou didst preach the Gospel of the Kingdom joyfully,

and thou, O Basil, didst overflow with streams of teachings of Orthodoxy that watered all the Church.

We, enlightened by them, now confess and glorify One Godhead in the Omnipotent and Timeless Father,

and in the Only begotten Word of God,
and in the Holy Spirit: very God in Three Persons while yet indivisible.

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3) Thou hast been joined to the holy choirs of Heaven, O our Father Basil, and thou dost abide with them, whose way of life thou didst emulate by thy resplendent and incorruptible purity of life; for, while in the bodily, thou didst live with those on earth.
as though thou wert incorporeal. Hence, make entreaty

with Christ our God to deliver and preserve

from the benighting gloom of ignorance and from perils and woes them that take delight

in thy God-inspired teachings, and illuminate and save our souls.