

March 22nd
Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) O laud - ed Bas - il, a - dorned in priest - ly vest - ments,

like an An - gel serv - ing God, thou mad - est sac - ri - fice

to Him made man - i - fest in the flesh for our sal - va - tion;

and hav - ing served in thy sa - cred min - is - try,

thou thy - self wast sac - ri - ficed like an un - blem - ished lamb

and thou wast made a pure sac - ri - fice and hast been of - fered

now on the al - tar of God which is on high.

Hence, with our voic - es we all call thee blest,

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The musical score consists of six staves of music in G clef, common time, with lyrics in English. The lyrics are divided into two sections, each with a title and several lines of text. The titles are indicated by large letters above the staff: 'G', 'E', 'D', 'G', 'E', and 'D'. The lyrics are as follows:

G

as in glad - ness and joy we cry un - to thee:
 Nev - er cease to en - treat _____ Christ

E

that our souls be saved, O Saint of God.

D

2) When flayed a - live____ by a most un - right - eous judg - ment,

G

thou didst brave - ly bear the pains by look - ing pa - tient - ly

D

to that e - ter - nal in - her - i - tance which is with - out pain

E

and to the priz - es____ laid up for them that strive.

G

Tem - pered in the fire, thou didst be - come an i - ron sword

D

forged in the Heav - ens and hew - ing down the foe's bat - tal - ions.

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E

Wherefore, O glo-ri-ous Bas-il blest of God,

D

the tongue of ev-ry pi-ous man this day

G

doth re-vere thee with joy, while be-seech-ing thee

E

that thou of - fer en - treat - - - y

for thy flock un - to the God of all.

E

3) Be-ing made fair with di-vine wounds, thou wast tak-en

G

from one cit-y to an-oth-er as a pris-on-er,

E

bind-ing the ty-rant with might-y bonds, but right-ly guid-ing

E

the God-ward paths of thy feet in pi-e-ty;

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The musical score consists of six staves of music in G clef, with lyrics underneath each staff. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are in English, referring to the life and death of Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra.

Staff 1 (G clef):

G and when thou wast come to Cae - sa - re - a at the last,

Staff 2 (G clef):

E thou didst re - ceive there thy bless - ed end, O sa - cred Mar - tyr,

Staff 3 (E clef):

E and to the heav - en - ly cit - y didst as - cend,

Staff 4 (D clef):

D O all - wise Bas - il, wear - ing crowns of light.

Staff 5 (G clef):

Now thou stand - est be - fore God, the King of all.

Staff 6 (G clef):

G Do thou there - fore en - treat _____ Him

Staff 7 (E clef):

E to en - light - en and to save our souls.