1) O lauded Basil, adorned in priestly vestments,
like an Angel serving God, thou madest sacrifice
to Him made manifest in the flesh for our salvation;
and having served in thy sacred ministry,
thou thyself wast sacrificed like an unblemished lamb
and thou wast made a pure sacrifice and hast been offered
now on the altar of God which is on high.

Hence, with our voices we all call thee blest,

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as in gladness and joy we cry unto thee:

Never cease to entreat Christ

that our souls be saved, O Saint of God.

2) When flayed alive by a most unrighteous judgment,

thou didst bravely bear the pains by looking patiently

to that eternal inheritance which is without pain

and to the prizes laid up for them that strive.

Tempered in the fire, thou didst become an iron sword

forged in the Heavens and hewing down the foe's battalions.
Wherefore, O glorious Basil, blest of God,
the tongue of every pious man this day
doeth reverence thee with joy, while beseeching thee
that thou offerst entreaty
for thy flock unto the God of all.

3) Being made fair with divine wounds, thou wast taken
from one city to another as a prisoner,
bounding the tyrant with mighty bonds, but rightly guiding
the Godward paths of thy feet in piety;
and when thou wast come to Caesa re a at the last,
thou didst receive there thy blessed end, O sacred Martyr,
and to the heavenly city didst ascend,
O all-wise Basil, wearing crowns of light.

Now thou standest before God, the King of all.

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