

April 12th

Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Shin - ing bright - er than the sun, thy joy - ous feast - day is
ris - en up on the faith - ful with bril - liant light; and
with di - vine rays of fire, O all - bless - ed Bas - il,
it il - lu - mi - nat - eth cre - a - tion and doth drive a - way
the mist of suf - frings and all de - mon - ic gloom. For
this, we call thee bless - ed and each year we hon - or the
mem - o - ry of thy ho - ly and blest re - pose,
glo - ri - fy - ing the Sav - ior Christ.

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2) With the ar - row of thy words didst thou most griev - ous - ly

wound the ranks of the sons of in - iq - ui - ty; and

G E

there - fore the heav - ens' clouds all gave forth a great voice,

and the choirs of bod - i - less An - gels clapped their hands with joy

at the en - dur - ance thy con - tests had dis - played; with

them, O bless - ed Bas - il, we ex - ult and faith - ful - ly

G E

hon - or thee as a light un - to all the world

and our fer - vent am - bas - sa - dor.

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3) Hav - ing wise - ly bar - tered things on earth for things that are
heav - en - ly, and the fleet - ing for those that last, the
glo - ry that per - ish - eth for im - mor - tal glo - ry,
thou for all thine ex - iles and man - y tri - als hard to bear
hast gained the King - dom of God, which pass - eth speech; where -
in, as thou re - joic - est with thē in - cor - po - re - al
com - pa - nies, pray, O Bas - il, for all of us,
who ex - tol thee with faith and love.