

January 1st

The Circumcision in the Flesh of Christ & the Feast of St. Basil the Great  
Stichera on the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: Rejoice

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1) He that without division or change  
as God of God and as the Word was ineffably  
begotten of God the Father, is circumcised in the flesh,  
while abiding changeless in Divinity.  
Submitting unto the Law, He that far doth transcend the Law,  
delivereth all men from the curse coming through the Law  
and instead doth grant them the blessing from Heaven's heights.  
Wherefore, with all thanksgiving we acclaim, praise, and glorify

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His con - de - scen - sion, which tru - ly tran - scend - eth  
 good - ness of an - y kind; while ev - er en - treat - ing  
 and im - plor - ing Him to grant\_ His Great Mer - cy to our souls.

2) Thou with the shin - ing light\_ of thy words  
 didst stop the vain - ly gap - ing mouths of the her - e - tics,  
 when thou, as a son of God\_ by a - dop - tion through the re - birth  
 of di - vine Bap - tis - m, bold - ly didst con - fess  
 and preach Him Who ver - i - ly is by na - ture the Son of God  
 be - fore thē ag - es, God the Word, one in es - sence and  
 co - be - gin - ning - less with the Fa - ther, O right - eous one.

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Hence, in\_ that King-dom in the heights hast thou made thy dwell-ing-place,  
reign - ing with Christ, Who a - lone\_\_\_\_\_ is by na - ture  
King\_ o - ver all that is, and Who in His good - ness  
doth a - bun - dant - ly dis - pence His Great Mer - cy to the world.

3) Thou as a sa - cred hier - arch of God  
went - est with - in the sa - cred tem - ple in Heav - en's heights,  
while wear - ing as ho - ly robes dis - ci - pline and vi - sion of God,  
where - in god - ly wis - dom\_ hath its or - i - gins;  
since thou now dost serve as priest at thē al - tar a - bove, O Saint,

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and ev - er stand - est in the pres - ence and sight of God  
 and ac - com - plish - est there a spir - i - tual min - is - try,  
 cease thou not to re - mem - ber them that keep thine all - hon' - ra - ble  
 and sa - cred mem' - ry, O Bas - il, who art most  
 blest\_\_ and com - pas - sion - ate, while pray - ing to Christ\_\_ God,  
 Who doth gra - cious - ly be - stow\_\_ His Great Mer - cy on the world.

4) Whol - ly de - vot - ed un - to thy God,  
 in all ways con - se - crat - ed un - to Him from thy youth,  
 il - lu - mined with wis - dom high - er than wis - dom, thou\_\_ mad - est clear  
 to all men the knowl - edge\_\_ of the things that be.

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Ex-pound - ing with clar - i - ty, thou didst wise - ly de - scribe the depth  
of that good or - der in cre - a - tion, which thou didst set  
as the ground-work for teach - ing knowl - edge yet more di - vine.  
Laud - ing thee, the di - vine - ly speak - ing teach - er of god - li - ness,  
we there - fore call thee the bright - beam - ing lu - mi -  
- nar - y of all the Church, while prais - ing Christ Je - sus,  
Who be - stow - eth His Great Mer - cy and peace up - on the world.