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Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Sunday before the Theophany; St. Basil the Great, archbishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (379); Basil of Ancyra (ca. 362).

FIRST ANTIPHON

*Tell ye all of His wondrous works. **Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!*

Say to God, "How wondrous are Thy works! (R.:)

Glory... Now and ever... (R.:)

SECOND ANTIPHON

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad. O sing unto the Lord a new song.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who wast circumcised in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee, "Alleluia"! [NOTE NEW MELODY]

Out of Zion cometh the excellence of His beauty. (R.:)

Glory... Now and ever... (Only begotten Son and Word of God ...)

THIRD ANTIPHON

I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever. With my mouth will I tell of Thy truth. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity.

TROPARION OF THE CIRCUMCISION (see below).

THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto Thee, “Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

TROPARION OF THE CIRCUMCISION (Tone 1): O most compassionate Lord, while being God according to Thine essence, Thou didst take human likeness without undergoing change; and having fulfilled the Law, Thou didst accept willingly circumcision in the flesh, that Thou mightest annul the shadowy signs, and remove the veil of our passions. Glory to Thy goodness! Glory to Thy compassion! Glory to Thine ineffable condescension, O Word!

TROPARION OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT (Tone 1): Thy proclamation hath gone out into all the earth, which was divinely taught by hearing thy voice expounding the nature of creatures and ennobling the manners of men. O holy father of a royal priesthood, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

Glory... TROPARION OF SAINT ANTHONY (Tone 4, Russian): Like the zealous Elijah thou didst become, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways. A dweller in the wilderness, thou didst steady the world by prayer. O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

Now and ever ... KONTAKION OF THE CIRCUMCISION (Tone 3): The Master of all endureth humiliation and is circumcised for the iniquities of mankind; for He is good, and granteth salvation to the world. And in the highest the High Priest of the Creator, clothed with light, the divine initiate of Christ, Basil, rejoiceth.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

LIVING: Joseph (Rose's father), Bishop John (Abdallah), Abie (Abraham), Victoria (Frank's mother), Diane, Sula, Bill, Norm, Fran, Dolores (Sipos), Leatrice (Totin), Ed, Dolores (Bingham), Angelica, Karyn, Brian, Justin, Sara, Jeaneen, Lorine, Ignatius and Amy, Jonathan and Joanna.

DEPARTED: Fred (Dollie's uncle), Bob (Diane's father), George (Botsis), Michael, priest James, Gabriel, Eduard, Lance, Nancy, Peter, Michael, William, James, Mary Ann, Michael.

TODAY'S APOSTLE READING

Prokeimenon: *My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. Hear this, all ye people.*

The Reading is from Saint Paul's Epistle to the Colossians
(Col 2:8-12)

Brethren, see to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, Who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; and you were buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, Who raised Him from the dead.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

The Reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Luke
(Luke 2:20-21, 40-52)

And it came to pass that the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him. Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing Him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. After three days they found Him in the temple,

sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. And when they saw Him they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why hast Thou treated us so? Behold, Thy father and I have been looking for Thee anxiously." And Jesus said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

NOTES ON TODAY'S LITURGY

- Since we are today celebrating the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil, we sing the following Megalynarion instead of "It is truly meet ...":

(Tone 1): In thee, O full of grace, all creation rejoiceth: the assembly of angels, and the human race as well. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins from whom God was incarnate and became a little child, our God before the ages. He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb more spacious than the heavens. In thee, O full of grace, all creation rejoiceth. Glory to thee!

- **After communion:** Instead of "We have seen the true Light ...", sing the Troparion of the Circumcision (Tone 1): *O most compassionate Lord, while being God after Thine essence, Thou didst take human likeness without undergoing change; and having fulfilled the Law, Thou didst accept willingly circumcision in the flesh, that Thou mightest annul the shadowy signs, and remove the veil of our passions. Glory to Thy goodness! Glory to Thy compassion! Glory to Thine ineffable condescension, O Word!*