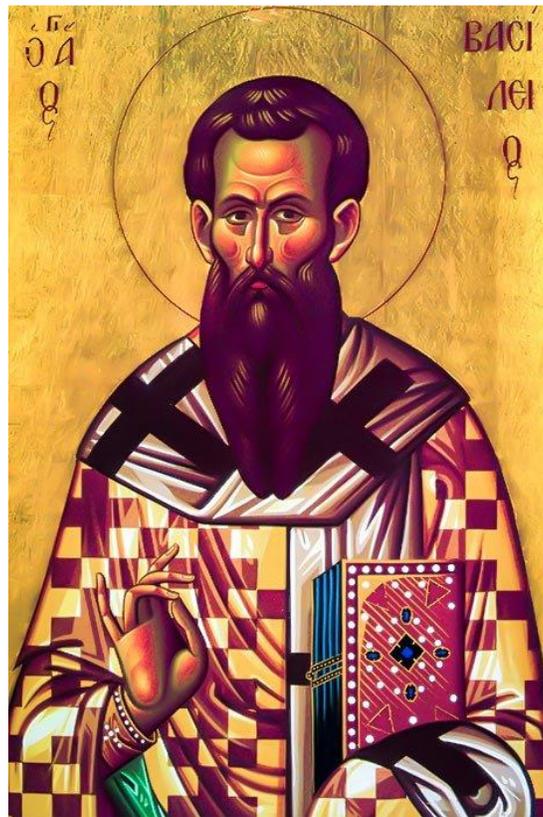




ST BASIL THE GREAT
ORTHODOX CHURCH



THE LITTLE COMPLINE
WITH THE AKATHIST CANON OF
ST. BASIL THE GREAT
READER'S SERVICE

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers,
Oh Lord Jesus Christ, Have mercy upon us and
save us. Amen.

O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of
Truth, Who art everywhere and fillest all things;
Treasury of Good Things, and Giver of Life -
come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every
impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have
mercy on us. *(Thrice)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages
of ages. Amen.*

O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord,
cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our
transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our
infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. *(Thrice)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages
of ages. Amen.*

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy
Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Choir: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (Twelve Times)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages
of ages. Amen.*

A metanoia is made after each verse below.

Choir: O Come, let us worship and fall down
before God our King.

O Come, let us worship and fall down before
Christ, our King and our God.

O Come, let us worship and fall down before
Christ Himself, our King and our God.

PSALM 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy
great mercy;

According to the multitude of Thy tender
mercies, blot out mine iniquity.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and
cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge mine iniquity, and my sin is
ever before me.

Against Thee only have I sinned and done evil in
Thy sight.

That Thou mightest be justified in Thy words
and prevail when Thou art judged.

For behold, I was shaped in iniquity, and in sin
did my mother conceive me.

For behold, Thou hast loved truth; the unclear
and hidden things of Thy wisdom Thou hast
made clear to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall
be clean; Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be
whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness; the
bones which Thou hast broken shall rejoice.

Turn away Thy face from my sins, and blot out
all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a
right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take
not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and
steady me with a guiding spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, and the impious shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.

O Lord, open Thou my lips, and my mouth shall declare Thy praise.

For hadst Thou desired sacrifice, I would have given it Thee; Thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

Sacrifices to God are a contrite spirit; a contrite and humble heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in Thy good will unto Zion, that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offerings.

Then shall they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

PSALM 69

O God, be attentive unto helping me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be shamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and brought to shame that desire evils against me. Let them be turned back straightway in shame that say unto me: Well done! Well done! Let them be glad and rejoice in Thee all that seek after Thee, O God, and let them that love Thy salvation say continually: The Lord be magnified. But as for me, I am poor and needy; O God, come unto mine aid. My helper and my deliverer art Thou, O Lord; make no long tarrying.

PSALM 142

O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear unto my supplication in Thy truth; hearken unto me in Thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath humbled my life down to the earth. He hath sat me in darkness as those that have been long dead, and my spirit within me is become despondent; within me my heart is troubled. I remembered days of old, I meditated on all Thy works, I pondered on the creations of Thy hands. I stretched forth my hands unto Thee; my soul thirsteth after Thee like a waterless land. Quickly hear me, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away. Turn not Thy face away from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Thy mercy in the morning; for in Thee have I put my hope. Cause me to know, O Lord, the way wherein I should walk; for unto Thee have I lifted up my soul. Rescue me from mine enemies, O Lord; unto Thee have I fled for refuge. Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God. Thy good Spirit shall lead me in the land of uprightness; for Thy Name's sake, O Lord, shalt Thou quicken me. In Thy righteousness shalt Thou bring my soul out of affliction, and in Thy mercy shalt Thou utterly destroy mine enemies. And Thou shalt cut off all them that afflict my soul, for I am Thy servant.

THE LITTLE DOXOLOGY

- ✠ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men.
- ✠ We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee; we give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory.
- ✠ O Lord, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty; O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit.

✘ O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; Thou Who takest away the sins of the world.

✘ Receive our prayer, Thou Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, and have mercy on us.

✘ For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord, O Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

✘ Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy Name forever; yea, forever and ever.

✘ Lord, Thou hast been our refuge in all generations. I said: Be merciful unto me; heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

✘ Lord, I have fled unto Thee: teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God.

✘ For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light.

✘ O continue Thy loving-kindness unto them that know Thee.

✘ Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin.

✘ Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified be Thy Name forever. Amen.

✘ Let Thy mercy, O Lord: be upon us, as we do put our hope in Thee.

✘ Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes.

✘ Blessed art Thou, O Master; make me to understand Thy statutes.

✘ Blessed art Thou, O Holy One; enlighten me with Thy statutes.

✘ Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. O despise not the works of Thy hands.

✘ To Thee belongeth worship, to Thee belongeth praise, to Thee belongeth glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all ages, Light of Light, True God of True God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in One Holy catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

THEOTOKION

It is truly meet to bless Thee, O Theotokos, ever-blessed and most pure, and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, Thou who without corruption gavest birth to God the Word, and art Truly Theotokos we magnify Thee!

FIRST STASIS

Kontakion I

O chosen minister of the King of heaven and great hierarch of the Church of Christ, who didst shine forth throughout the whole world in the confession of the right Faith, and art possessed of great boldness before the Holy Trinity! From all misfortunes shield us who cry out to thee with compunction: Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Ikos I

The Creator of the angels, Who from the ages chose thee beforehand to be a great luminary of His Church, O all-blessed father Basil, revealed thee to be angelic in thy manner of life; for having struggled in the wilderness with feats of asceticism and great contemplation of God, thou didst hasten to the heights of virtue. Wherefore, O thou who hast acquired glory in the heavens, accept from us, the lowly ones who dare to praise thee, these words of praise:

- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, namesake of kingship;
- ✘ Rejoice, great hierarch of Christ!
- ✘ Rejoice, unshakable pillar of the Church;
- ✘ Rejoice, all-honorable scion of a holy family!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who from thy youth didst serve the King of heaven with all diligence;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who with all earthly wisdom, and even more with that of heaven didst enrich thy mind!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who with thy friend Gregory the Theologian didst excel in philosophy;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who with all-wise words didst convert Euplus, thy teacher, to Christ!
- ✘ Rejoice, all-wondrous preserver of purity and chastity;
- ✘ Rejoice, faithful guide to salvation!

- ✘ Rejoice, refuter of soul-destroying heresies;
- ✘ Rejoice, divinely wise teacher of the whole world!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion II

Seeing the Church of Christ assailed by the storm of the heresy of Arius, and submitting to the call of God, O venerable father, thou didst come forth from the wilderness thou didst love, to the city of Caesarea, where thou didst receive the grace of the priesthood and wast ordained archbishop, proclaiming aloud tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth, and teaching the faithful all the days of thy life to chant as is meet unto the Creator of all: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos II

Enlightening the understanding of the faithful with the knowledge of God, O Basil, holy hierarch of Christ, thou didst make clear the nature of things, and didst teach them to recognize the invisible God in the creations of His hands. Wherefore, illumined by thy divinely wise teachings, we cry out thus:

- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst enlighten the faithful with the knowledge of God Who created all things in six days;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst teach them to praise His wondrous works as is meet!
- ✘ Rejoice, palace of wisdom, all-adorned;
- ✘ Rejoice, treasure chest filled to overflowing with theology!
- ✘ Rejoice, for thou hast taught us to see the mysteries of the wisdom of God in all the world;

- ✘ Rejoice, for thou hast instructed us to see the majesty of God even in the least things!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst describe the beauty of the primal light;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst point out the mighty power of the first words of God in the universe!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst liken earthly glory to the grass which quickly withereth away;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst show that we are to see Christ, the Sun of righteousness, in the magnificence of the luminaries of the skies!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who by the industriousness of a little creature didst turn the people away from slothfulness;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst order man, the king of all creatures, to gain the rule over the passions!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion III

Strengthened by the power of the Most High, O holy father Basil, thou didst contend against Julian, the apostate from God, and didst beseech the Lord and His All-Pure Mother to set at nought his plots against the Christians, that all might chant with thanksgiving to the one God: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos III

Possessing great zeal for God Almighty, and taking His word in thy hand as a sword, thou didst swiftly cut down the tares of the pagan ungodliness of Julian, and didst make the faithful steadfast in piety. "Teach us also, O venerable

father, to serve the one God alone with a pure life, for we cry out to thee thus:

- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst manfully denounce the prideful Julian for his apostasy from God;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst set at nought his Christ-hating plots!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst wound him with tearful prayer, as with a spear;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst announce beforehand his speedy destruction!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst free the people of God from idolatry, like as Moses of old did Israel;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst uproot the tares of ungodliness!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who hast abundantly provided the faithful with the food of divine words;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who hast watered men's hearts with streams of grace!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who hast admonished us to hold fast the tablets of the commandments of Christ;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who with thy manner of life didst confirm the teaching of thy mouth!
- ✘ Rejoice, good and faithful servant;
- ✘ Rejoice, diligent workman of the vineyard of Christ!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

SECOND STASIS

Kontakion IV

By the power of the Spirit Who abode within thee, O saint of God, thou didst still the tempest of the rage of the Emperor Valens, who was stuck fast in the Arian heresy, and didst give peace to the Holy Church; and in thy holy labors and fervent supplications unto God thou didst chant to Him, rejoicing: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos IV

Hearing that thou, O hierarch of God, didst stand firm in the Truth, and that all the faithful heeded thy voice, the impious Valens desired to turn thee away from the right Faith; and for this cause he sent to thee his governor, Modestus, and later came himself to Ceesaria. But thou, O God-bearing father, wast undaunted by either the wrath of the emperor or the threats of his dread general. And glorifying this thy steadfast confession, we cry out to thee:

- ✘ Rejoice, invincible champion of the right Faith;
- ✘ Rejoice, shepherd who wast ready to lay down thy life for the faithful!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst show forth the steadfast confession of Peter;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst manifest Elijah's zeal for the glory of the Holy Trinity!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst allay the rage of the impious emperor with the divine magnificence of thy sacred service;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst shut the mouth of the heretical general with thy divinely wise words!
- ✘ Rejoice, for thou wast not daunted by threats of banishment and tortures;
- ✘ Rejoice, for thou didst even desire to receive death for Christ!

- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst endure persecution for the Faith;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who after many tribulations didst enter into the joy of the Lord!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst fearlessly proclaim the Truth of Christ in the face of kings and rulers;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who by a steadfast confession didst show thyself to be a faithful servant of the King of heaven!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion V

Thou wast shown to be a divinely guided star, O Basil, holy hierarch of Christ, illumining the dark night of tribulations with the all-radiant beams of lovingkindness, dispelling the gloom of misfortunes, and pointing out the straight path to the kingdom of heaven unto all who navigate the stormy sea of life, that, rejoicing, they may all chant unto the God Who saveth: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos V

They who saw thee to be a solicitous father, O holy hierarch of God, diligently sought help of thee amid perils and sorrows; and thou didst treat them all with lovingkindness, in thyself providing them with a model of true faith. O all-good father, be thou a speedy helper for us also, who are tempest-tossed by sins and tribulations, but who cry out to thee with love:

- ✘ Rejoice, beacon of love shining forth from Christ;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst imitate the heavenly Father in lovingkindness!

- ✘ Rejoice, rich treasure of those who have none;
- ✘ Rejoice, sure refuge amid necessities!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst feed the starving, as did Joseph of old;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who in Cesaria didst found many hostels for the homeless and the poor!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who, like the good Samaritan, didst bind up the sores of lepers with thine own hands;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst heal the ailing Modestus, thy persecutor, and didst save him from being slain by the people!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst defend a poor widow from the malice of the governor,
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst ask of God forgiveness of sins for a sinful woman!
- ✘ Rejoice, father of orphans and consolation of the suffering;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who dost bring those perishing in sins to their senses and set them aright!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion VI

Thou wast shown to be a preacher of the Truth of Christ to the whole world, O holy hierarch father Basil, who dost pierce sinful hearts with the grace-filled power of thy words, as with a sharp sword, and movest them to repentance, that all may chant to the Holy Trinity with a pure heart: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos VI

Thou didst shine forth in the firmament of the Church, O father Basil, like a great and radiant luminary enlightening the whole world with the understanding of the true Faith, and driving away the darkness of the sinful passions, from which do thou also free us who cry out to thee thus:

- ✘ Rejoice, faithful servant of the Holy Trinity;
- ✘ Rejoice, divinely illumined elucidator of the mysteries of the Faith!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst loudly proclaim that the Son is consubstantial and the Spirit equally enthroned with the Father;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst make clear to the faithful the truth of the pre-eternal Light which shone forth from pre-eternal Light!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst confess the Lord Savior to be God incarnate and the Creator of all the ages;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst disclose the mystery of the two natures and one hypostasis in Christ God!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who with the kingly power of thy words didst command the rich to throw open their granaries;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who by thy teaching didst turn many away from ill-gotten gains!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who like thunder didst smite soul-destroying drunkenness by thy words;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst uproot hard-heartedness and envy from the hearts of men!
- ✘ Rejoice, zealous instructor in temperance;
- ✘ Rejoice, tireless preacher of repentance!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

THIRD STASIS

Kontakion VII

Desiring to protect the faithful from the assemblies of the Arians, O Basil, saint of God, thou didst adorn everything in the church, and didst wisely set down the compunctionate rite of the divine Liturgy. Many prayers poured forth from thy mouth like sweet-smelling myrrh, and thereby we ask forgiveness of sins for ourselves and our brethren who have fallen asleep, and we glorify the All-Holy Trinity, crying: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos VII

The faithful saw in thee a new Aaron, O holy father Basil, when with divine majesty thou didst serve the bloodless Sacrifice, adorned with the gifts of the Spirit as with vestments glittering with precious stones. Intercede now for the Church at the altar on high, and be thou continually mindful also of us, who cry out to thee with compunction:

- ✠ Rejoice, hierarch of God, who didst receive the abundant grace of the priesthood, as did Aaron;
- ✠ Rejoice, thou who didst acquire great boldness in prayer for the people!
- ✠ Rejoice, wise performer of the mysteries of God,
- ✠ Rejoice, thou who didst adorn well the rites of the Church!
- ✠ Rejoice, thou who didst learn the service of the Liturgy from Christ Himself, as had the Apostle James;
- ✠ Rejoice, man of prayer enlightened by the Spirit of God!
- ✠ Rejoice, thou who during the service was illumined with a heavenly light, as some perceived;

- ✠ Rejoice, thou who wast surrounded by angels, as by certain all-radiant men!
- ✠ Rejoice, for by thy first prayer do we prepare ourselves to partake of the Mysteries of Christ;
- ✠ Rejoice, for with thy words on the evening of Pentecost do we send up our petitions on bended knee!
- ✠ Rejoice, glory and adornment of the hierarchal throne of Caesarea;
- ✠ Rejoice, for to the priests of the whole Church dost thou impart from God gracious strength in their ministry!
- ✠ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion VIII

An awesome and all-glorious vision was revealed to the venerable Ephraim the Syrian concerning thee, O holy hierarch Basil: for one day God showed thee to him as a pillar of fire extending up to the heights of heaven; and later, when he had come to Caesarea, the venerable one beheld thee teaching with a tongue of fire, and with compunction he cried out to God: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos VIII

Thou wast wholly aflame with the heavenly light of seraphic love, O God-bearing Basil; for thy words were as bolts of lightning, burning up heresies, but enlightening the souls of the faithful with flames of faith and love. Wherefore, by thy supplications, O father, grant that we may have if only the least spark of thy love, for we cry out such things as these:

- ✠ Rejoice, pillar of fire reducing heresies to ashes;

- ✘ Rejoice, warming fire of true faith and love unfeigned!
- ✘ Rejoice, stern denouncer of the falsehood of the heresy of Arius;
- ✘ Rejoice, ardent zealot of the Truth of Christ!
- ✘ Rejoice, for thou didst put to shame the prideful Eunomius, who blasphemed the Son of God;
- ✘ Rejoice, for thou didst dispute the blasphemy of Macedonius against the Holy Spirit!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst set at nought the vain belief of Nestorius;
- ✘ Rejoice, earnest defender of the honor of the All-Holy Mother of God!
- ✘ Rejoice, pastor illumined by the heavenly effulgence of love;
- ✘ Rejoice, teacher of the Faith, who didst proclaim words, bearing lightning!
- ✘ Rejoice, divinely planted olive tree, which produced many saints for the Church;
- ✘ Rejoice, vine which bore divinely wise champions of Orthodoxy!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion IX

The whole assembly of the heretics was unable to withstand the power of the grace which abode within thee, O holy father; for by the power of thy prayer thou didst wrest from the snares of the enemy a certain youth who had fallen under the authority of Satan, and didst return him, penitent, unto Christ, chanting with thanksgiving to God our Savior: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos IX

Many heretics who were conquered by thy divinely inspired rhetoric and beheld the all-glorious miracle wrought upon the youth, united themselves to the Church, O holy hierarch Basil, Vouchsafe that we also may become faithful and obedient children thereof, who cry out to thee thus:

- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst enlighten all the ends of the earth with heavenly doctrine;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst overcome the dark powers of hell with the grace of Christ!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst free the youth from the snares of Satan;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst nourish him with the Body and Blood of Christ!
- ✘ Rejoice, for thou didst not let a soul redeemed by the blood of Christ perish;
- ✘ Rejoice, for thou didst beseech Christ to forgive young man who had fallen into the pernicious sin!
- ✘ Rejoice, for thou didst amaze the people with this all-glorious wonder;
- ✘ Rejoice, for by the conversion of the lost one thou didst cause the angels to rejoice!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who teachest us to ask protection of the Lord of the angels;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who by thy supplication dost cause our guardian angels to draw nigh unto us!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who bringest deliverance from the assaults of the enemy;
- ✘ Rejoice, speedy defender in time of temptations!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

FOURTH STASIS

Kontakion X

Desiring to save His reason-endowed creatures, the Creator showed thee to be a steadfast defender of the faithful, O father Basil, and a preserver of His Church, that through thee the light of Orthodoxy might be revealed to the whole world, and all the faithful may chant with thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos X

Thou wast shown to be a bulwark of the Church and a strong wall of defense for the faithful, O Basil great among hierarchs, when in the city of Nicaea the doors of the church were opened by the power of thy prayer, and thou didst thereby reveal the Truth of the right Faith, and didst shut the mouths of those who blaspheme the name of Christ. For us who confess the Lord and Savior in Orthodox manner do thou open the doors of the lovingkindness of God by thine aid, O father, that we may cry out to thee thus:

- ✘ Rejoice, earthly angel, preserver of the Church of Christ;
- ✘ Rejoice, defender of the faithful chosen beforehand by God!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who by thy prayer didst open the doors of the Church, as of old Elijah opened the heavens;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst return to the faithful the holy church which had been confiscated by heretics!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who protectest the faithful from heresies,
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst preserve the Church of Christ unharmed by false doctrines!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst magnify the all-great name of Christ in the heavens and His wonders on earth;

- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst establish Orthodoxy throughout the world!
- ✘ Rejoice, for through thee was the pride of the ungodly cast down;
- ✘ Rejoice, for through thee was the humility of the faithful exalted!
- ✘ Rejoice, for through thee was the Holy Faith glorified;
- ✘ Rejoice, for through thee was the Church of Christ wonderfully adorned!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion XI

It is fitting rather that hymnody be offered thee from the heavens than from the earth, O all-wondrous Basil; for thou wast the revelation of the heavens upon the earth, and didst transport the minds of the faithful to heaven by thy divinely wise teachings. And now, with mercy thou lookest down from heaven upon us, and to all of us givest superabundant grace from Christ God, the Bestower of compassions, to Whom with the angels in the heavens thou dost continually chant: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos XI

O radiant beacon, thou wast wholly illumined with many gifts of God and with the virtues, O Basil, saint of God. Therewith enlighten us also, instruct us in virtue, and guide us to the kingdom of heaven, who cry to thee thus:

- ✘ Rejoice, never waning radiance and all-lustrous ornament of the Church of Christ;
- ✘ Rejoice, for to the Christians of all ages thou grantest strengthening in the right Faith!

- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst perfect the talents entrusted thee by God;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst glean from earthly wisdom all things profitable for salvation!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst impart miraculous healing to the son of the emperor, unto the glory of the right Faith;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst perceive the chaste life of the priest Anastasius and his wife!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst meekly forgive those who offended thee;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who by humility and patience didst set at nought the slanders made against thee!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who for monks didst confirm the rule of the perfect life;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst gather many monks in monasteries!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst bequeath rules, canons and the doctrines of salvation to be the heritage of the Church;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who in thy divinely wise writings didst bestow a priceless treasure for the edification of Christians!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion XII

Christ God gave thee great grace, O holy hierarch father Basil, not only to bring the lost to repentance, but to convert many infidels to Christ; for when thou wast already sick unto death, and drewest nigh unto thy blessed end, thou didst enlighten with holy baptism thy Jewish doctor, his wife and children, and with them didst chant the hymn of thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity: Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia!

Ikos XII

All the faithful sing great praises unto thee, O great hierarch Basil; for thou didst labor greatly on earth, to the end of thy life, for the glory of the right Faith, hast entered into the Holy of holies in the heavens and as a faithful servant of God standest before the Holy Trinity, where do thou pray continually for us thy children, O all-good father, who cry out to thee thus with faith and love:

- ✘ Rejoice, royal priesthood, all-praised Basil;
- ✘ Rejoice, all adorned dwelling place of the Holy Trinity!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst glorify the King of heaven with the working of miracles;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst not leave off thy zeal for the glory of the Faith even during thy fatal illness!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst ask God to prolong thy life miraculously for the sake of the conversion of one who did not believe;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who, rising from thy death bed, didst with thine own hands enlighten him with baptism!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst vanquish the power of heresy by thine efforts and wisdom;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who didst ask victory over enemies for right-believing kings!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who in thy labors didst share in the ways of the apostles;
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who with the holy hierarchs Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom art glorified with equal honor, according to thy command!
- ✘ Rejoice, thou who hast shone forth in the incorruption of thy relics and been crowned with glory in the heavens;
- ✘ Rejoice, great and fervent helper given us by God!
- ✘ Rejoice, O Basil, great and holy hierarch, universal lamp of Orthodoxy!

Choir: Rejoice, O Holy Father Basil.

Kontakion XIII

O Basil, all-holy and great hierarch of Christ, beacon of Orthodoxy and bulwark of the faithful! Look down from heaven upon this praise offered thee by us, and by thy supplications protect us against misfortunes and the passions, preserve us in the right Faith, and vouchsafe to us the kingdom of heaven, that with thee and all the saints we may chant forever to the Holy Trinity: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (Thrice)

Ikos I and Kontakion I are repeated.

Kontakion of St. Basil

TONE 4

Thou wast an unshaken foundation of the Church and didst give to all mortals an inviolate lordship which thou didst seal with thy doctrine, O righteous Basil, revealer of the mysteries of heaven.

Trisagion Prayers

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. O Lord, cleanse us from our sins. O Master, pardon our transgressions. O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Choir: Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (40 times)

Evening Prayer

Reader: O Christ our God, Who art worshipped and glorified at all times at every hour both in heaven and on earth; Who art long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and compassion; Who lovest the just man and showest mercy upon the sinner; and Who callest all men to repentance through the promise of blessings to come; receive, O Lord, at this very hour our supplications, and direct our lives in the way of Thy commandments: sanctify our souls, purify our bodies, set our minds aright, cleanse our thoughts; deliver us from all affliction, trouble, and distress; compass us about with Thy holy angels, that, guided and guarded by them, we may attain unto the unity of the Faith, and to the knowledge of Thine unapproachable glory; for Thou art blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

Choir: Lord, have mercy. (*Thrice*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement Thou gavest birth to God the Word. True Theotokos we magnify Thee.

Lord, have mercy. (Twelve Times)

Most holy Theotokos, save us.

Prayer of Paul The Cenobite To The Most Holy Theotokos

O all-pure and incorruptible Virgin Bride of God, and our Sovereign Lady, who made the Word of God one with mankind by gloriously giving birth to your Son and joining our fallen nature to His divine nature; who are the hope of the despairing and the support of those in distress, the swift defender of those who turn to you and the refuge of all Christians:

Do not turn from me, an unclean sinner, who have destroyed myself with unworthy thoughts, words and deeds, and have been enslaved by forgetfulness to the carnal passions of life; but have compassion on me, O Theotokos, and accept the prayer of a sinner and prodigal, offered from unclean lips.

Exercise your boldness as a mother, and pray to your Son, our Lord and Master, that He will make known to me also His compassionate goodness, and overlooking my countless sins, will turn me to repentance and make me fervent in doing His commandments.

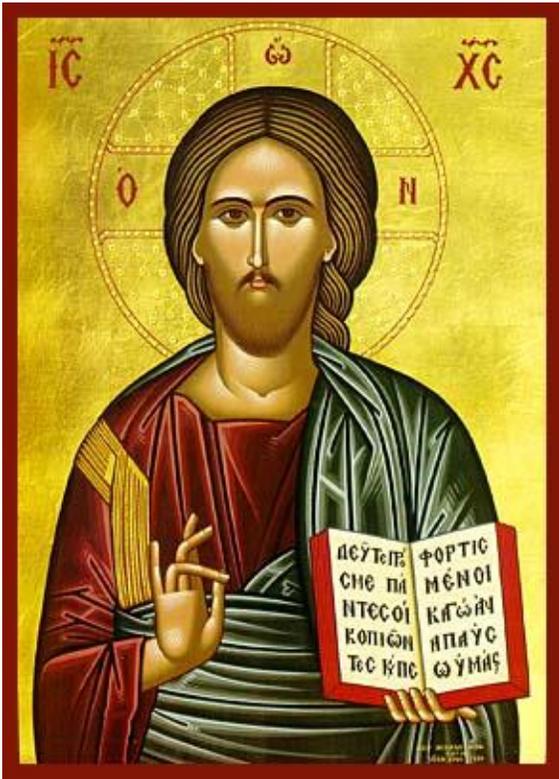
Be with me always in your grace and loving mercy, for you are the fervent helper who turn away the assaults of enemies and guide men toward salvation, caring for my unworthy soul at the hour of death and driving from it the darkness of evil spirits. In the Day of judgment, free me from eternal torment and show me to be an heir of the divine glory of your Son, and our God.

Grant this, O Lady Theotokos, by your prayers and intercessions, through the mercy and lovingkindness of your only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Whom are due all glory, honor and worship, with the Father Who is eternal, and His all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



Prayer of The Monk Antiochus To Our Lord Jesus Christ

And grant rest, O Master, to our souls and bodies as we sleep; preserve us from the gloomy slumber of sin and from the dark passions of the night. Calm the impulses of carnal desires, quench the fiery darts of the evil one which are craftily directed against us. Still the rebellions of the flesh, and put far from us all anxiety and worldly cares. Grant us, O God, a watchful mind, pure thoughts, a sober heart and a quiet rest free from every vision of the devil. Raise us up again at the hour of prayer, strengthened in Your precepts and holding within us steadfastly the thought of Your commandments. Grant that we may sing praises to You through the night and that we may hymn, bless and glorify Your all-honorable and majestic Name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



guardian and protector of my wretched soul and body, forgive me all wherewith I have heretofore saddened thee all the days of my life. And though this day I have sinned, be thou my shelter this night. Keep me from all the wiles of the enemy, that I may not anger God with any sin. Intercede with the Lord for me, that He may confirm me in His fear and show me forth as a worthy servant of His goodness. Amen

The Dismissal

Leader: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. (Thrice)

Leader: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Oh Lord Jesus Christ, Have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

The first person then says:

O exceedingly glorious and ever-virgin Theotokos, bring our petitions before your Son, and our God, and implore Him that through you He will save our souls. Amen.

The second person then says:

O Father, my hope! O Son, my refuge! O Holy Spirit, my protection! O Most Holy Trinity: Glory to You!

The first person then says:

In thee, O Mother of God, I place all my hope; keep me under your protection.

Prayer To Our Guardian Angel

O holy Angel who accompanieth my wretched soul and lowly life, forsake me not, and depart not from me because of my extravagance and wickedness. Give not access to the evil demon to rule with his might this mortal body of mine, but hold me by my wretched, feeble hand; lead me in the path of salvation. Yea, O holy Angel of God,

