**APRIL 12**

***The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (served on Thursday)***

**St Basil the Confessor**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 8**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Thy name!*

**Tone 8 Idiomelon** *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

I have forsaken the splendor of virtues

by my own will through my first sin.

But by Thy condescension, O Word of God,

I am now clothed in that splendor again.

Thou didst not despise me,

even though I was wounded by evil passions,

and thieves had left me wounded on the road.

Thou didst keep me safe by Thy mighty strength;//

Thou hast granted me Thy protection, O merciful Lord.

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.*

(Repeat: “I have forsaken the splendor …”)

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.*

**Tone 8** *(for the Martyrs)*

O Martyrs of the Lord,

ye sanctify every place and heal every ill.

Now therefore, intercede with Him,//

that He may deliver our souls from every wile and snare of the Enemy!

*v. (7) Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.*

**Tone 1** *(from the Triodion, by Joseph) (O all-praised martyrs)*

Thou didst destroy the curse of Adam

by Thy crucifixion, O Lord.

Destroy my bonds, O Word, so that I may offer Thee a sacrifice of praise

in joy and faith during this acceptable time of fasting,//

which Thou hast revealed for the salvation of all!

*v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

When Moses shone with the grace of fasting,

he beheld the glory of God.

Emulate him, my humble soul, in prayer and abstinence,

and serve Him Who graciously stretched out His hands on the Cross!//

Do this to receive divine enjoyment!

*v. (5) For Thy name’s sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

**Tone 6** *(from the Triodion, by Theodore)*

Venerating Thy life-creating Cross,

granted us by Thy boundless goodness,

with enlightened souls we always sing Thy praise, O Christ.

Enable us to complete the course of the fast with joy,

in wholeness of heart,

so that we may sing the praises of Thy passion,//

by which Thou hast saved us!

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord.*

**Tone 8** *(for St Basil) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

Thy memorial, O Bishop Basil,

is celebrated with brilliant praise,

and the assemblies of the Orthodox faithful rejoice.

Thou wast a righteous one,

and ever embodied and honored the pure beauty of chastity//

and the virtues of meekness and peace.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “Thy memorial, O Bishop Basil …”)

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Patiently imitating the divine Paul in thy banishment, O Hierarch Basil,

thou didst end thy life in poverty and sorrows,

yet thou didst go from place to place, richly comforted.

Now having received from God thine abode in a place of eternal gladness //

thou dost dwell in the land of delight and peace.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

As a hierarch received by God,

thou dost gaze on the unfading spiritual abode,

for thou wast granted to behold the things of heaven.

Thou wast clothed in the robes of Truth

and girded with righteousness, O most blessed one,//

face to face beholding the splendid beauty of the wise ones!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8**  *(Cross-Theotokion) (O most glorious wonder)*

When the Theotokos, saw the God and Man Who ineffably shone forth

from her,

lifted upon the Cross,

she cried out, lamenting:

“What is this sight that my eyes behold, O Master?

Thou, Who holdest all creation and gavest life to all,//

art nailed to the Tree and put to death.”

**Tone 7** **Prokeimenon**

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!  *(Ps 98/99:5)*

*v: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps 98/99:1)*

**Reading from Genesis (18:20-33)**

**Tone 6 Prokeimenon**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! *(Ps 99/100:1*

*v: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into is presence with rejoicing!*

*(Ps 99/100:2)*

**Reading from Proverbs (16:17-17:17)**

***(and the rest of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts)***

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