

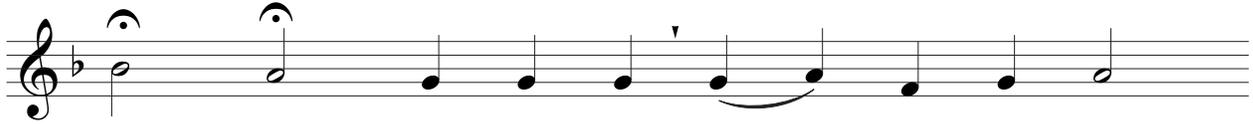
January 1st

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

Adapted by Rassem El Massih



1) He that with - out di - vi - sion or change
2) *Thou with the shin - ing light of thy words*
3) Thou as a sa - cred hier - arch of God
4) Whol - ly de - vot - ed un - to thy God,



as God of God and as the Word was in - ef - fa - bly
didst stop the vain - ly gap - ing mouths of the her - e - tics,
went - est with - in the sa - cred tem - ple in Heav - en's heights,
in all ways con - se - crat - ed un - to Him from thy youth,



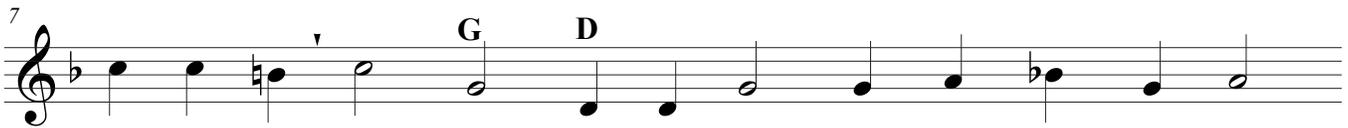
be - got - ten of God the Fa - ther, is cir - cum -
when thou, as a son of God by a - dop - tion
while wear - ing as ho - ly robes dis - ci - pline and
il - lu - mined - with wis - dom high - er than wis - dom,



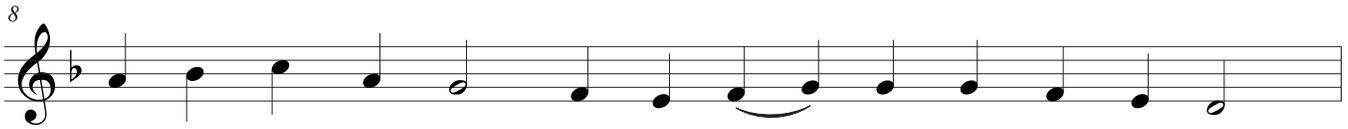
- cised in the flesh, while a - bid - ing change - less in Di - vin - i - ty.
through the re - birth of di - vine Bap - tis - m, bold - ly didst con - fess
vi - sion of God, where - in god - ly wis - dom hath its or - i - gins;
thou mad - est clear to all men the knowl - edge of the things that be.



Sub - mit - ting un - to the Law, He that far doth tran - scend the Law,
and preach Him Who ver - i - ly is by na - ture the Son of God
since thou now dost serve as priest at thē al - tar a - bove, O Saint,
Ex - pound - ing with clar - i - ty, thou didst wise - ly de - scribe the depth



de - liv' - reth all men from the curse com - ing through the Law
be - fore thē ag - es, God the Word, one in es - sence and
 and ev - er stand - est in the pres - ence and sight of God
 of that good or - der in cre - a - tion, which thou didst set



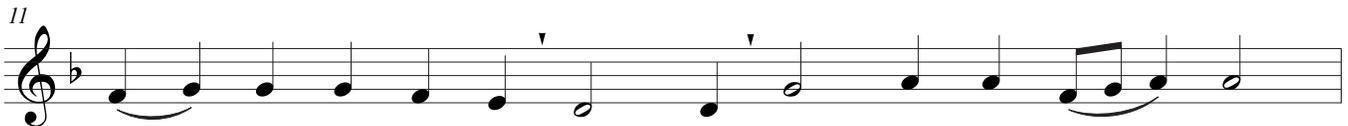
and in - stead doth grant them the bless - ing from Heav - en's heights.
co - be - gin - ning - less with the Fa - ther, O right - eous one.
 and ac - com - plish - est there a spir - i - tual min - is - try,
 as the ground-work for teach - ing knowl - edge yet more di - vine.



Where - fore, with all thanks - giv - ing we ac - claim, praise, and glo - ri - fy
Hence, in that King - dom in the heights hast thou made thy dwell - ing - place,
 cease thou not to re - mem - ber them that keep thine all - hon' - ra - ble
 Laud - ing thee, the di - vine - ly speak - ing teach - er of god - li - ness,



His con - de - scen - sion, which tru - ly tran - scend - eth
reign - ing with Christ, Who a - lone is by na - ture
 and sa - cred mem' - ry, O Bas - il, who art most
 we there - fore call thee the bright - beam - ing lu - mi -



good - nes of an - y kind; while ev - er en - treat - ing
King o - ver all that is, and Who in His good - ness
 blest and com - pas - sion - ate, while pray - ing to Christ God,
 - nar - y of all the Church, while prais - ing Christ Je - sus,



and im - plor - ing Him to grant His Great Mer - cy to our souls.
doth a - bun - dant - ly dis - pence His Great Mer - cy to the world.
 Who doth gra - cious - ly be - stow His Great Mer - cy on the world.
 Who be - stow - eth His Great Mer - cy and peace up - on the world.