January 1 (Weekday): Feast of the Circumcision; St. Basil

At Matins:

At God is the Lord..., we sing the troparion of the Circumcision (2x), Glory... troparion of the Hierarch, Both now and ever... troparion of the Circumcision.

After the 1st Matins Psalter reading and the Small Litany, these sessional hymns:

Tone 5, Special Melody, "The Word Who with the Father..."
Let us all praise Basil as the royal adornment of the Church, an inexhaustible treasury of doctrines; for thereby he hath taught us to worship the Holy Trinity, which is united in essence but distinguished as to hypostasis.

Glory...;Tone 1, Special Melody, "Thy tomb, O Savior..."
O all-wise Basil, as thou standest before the Trinity, pray that we who hymn thee and honor thy memory may receive grace, mercy and the washing away of our transgressions on the day of judgement, that with mouth and heart we may glorify Him Who alone loveth mankind.

Both now...; Same melody
The Creator of all and Master of the world, thou He is on high with the Father and the Spirit, is circumcised on earth as a babe eight days of age. Truly divine and wondrous are Thy works! For Thou, O Master, Who art the Fulfillment of the law, wast circumcised for our sake.

After the 2nd Matins Psalter reading and the Small Litany, these sessional hymns:

Tone 8, Special Melody, "Of the Wisdom..."
Thou didst divinely draw forth the mystic riches of ineffable wisdom, and upon all hast poured forth the waters of Orthodoxy which divinely gladden the hearts of the faithful and fittingly drown the commands of the infidels. Wherefore, in both thou hast been shown to be an invincible champion of the Trinity by the sweat of thy works of piety, O holy hierarch Basil. Entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of transgressions unto those who with love celebrate thy holy memory.

Glory...; Tone 3, Special Melody, "Of the divine Faith..."
To the whole world hast thou given to drink thy doctrines, the collected dogmas of piety, as though they were water; for the Wellspring of life truly resided within thee, O Basil. As thou hast acquired boldness, O divinely inspired one, beseech Him to grant us great mercy.

Both now...; In Tone 4
He Who is invisible in essence is now become visible in the flesh; the uncreated Word now taketh form, born of the pure Virgin. Wherefore, following the law for the sake of us men, He is circumcised as a babe eight days of age. Let us therefore worship Him as our Savior.

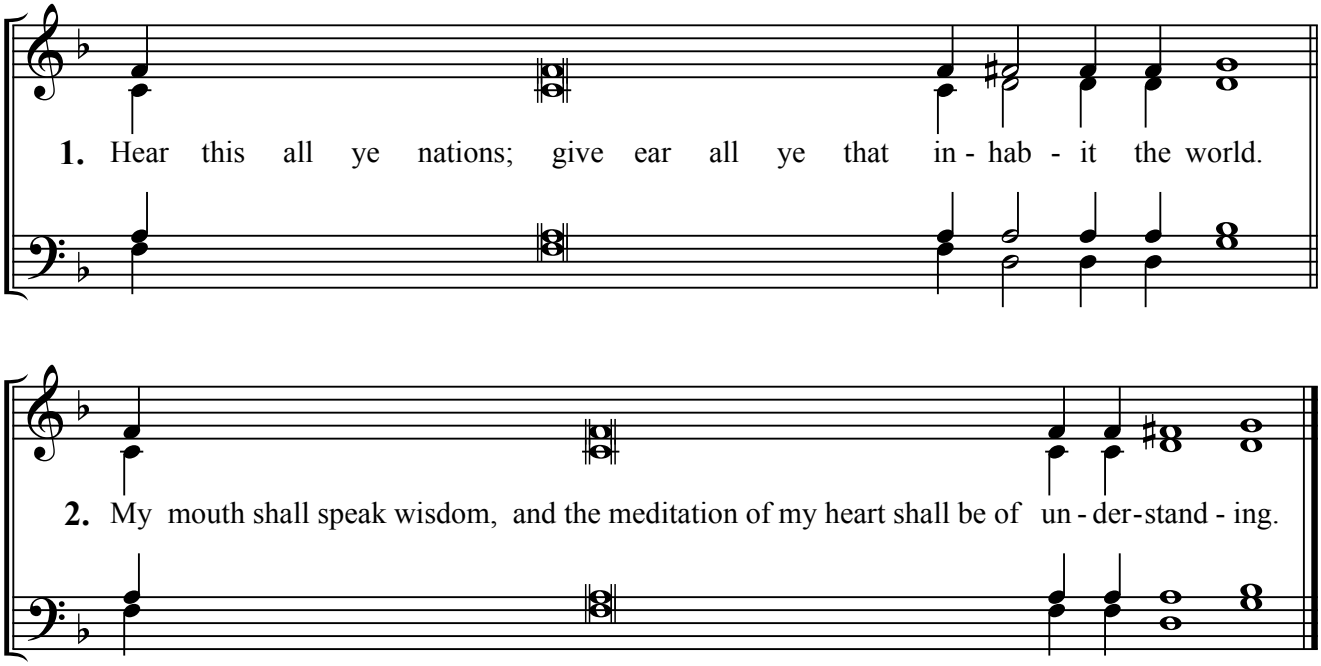
We sing the Polyeleos "Praise ye the name of the Lord...", followed by the Magnification of the Hierarch with its selected psalm verses.

January 1: Holy Hierarch Basil
Magnification

Kievan Chant

English Text: "The Unabbreviated Horologion", R-monk Laurence,
Holy Trinity Monastery, Jordanville, NY, 1992.

Selected Psalms



Additional Psalm verses can be found in the Menaion.

After the Polyeleos and Magnification, the small litany and these sessional hymns:

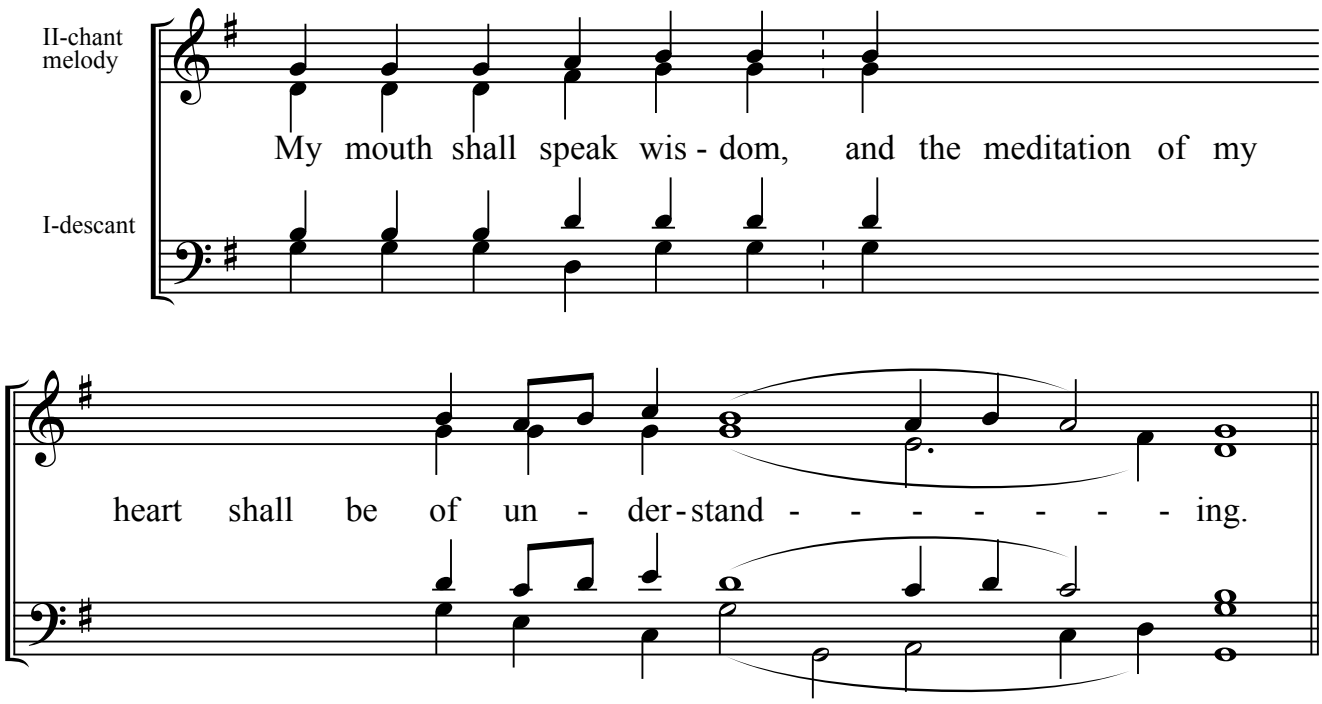
Tone 8, Special Melody, "Of the Wisdom..."
By the power of thy divine words thou didst cast down dark heresies; thou didst drown all the insolence of Eunomius, for thou didst preach that the Spirit is God, and thou didst slay the enemy with the work of thy hands; and thou didst drive away all the ministry of Sabellius and didst set a naught all the reasonings of Nestorius. O holy hierarch Basil, entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of transgressions unto those who with love celebrate thy holy memory.

Glory... in the same melody:
The grace of thy divine discourses and the mystic heights of thy dogmas have become for us a ladder of divine ascent; for having acquired the clarion of the Spirit, O father, thou didst thereby proclaim divine doctrines. Wherefore, thou hast made thine abode in a place of verdure, receiving the reward for thy struggles. O venerable hierarch Basil, entreat Christ God, that He grant remission of transgressions unto those who with love celebrate thy holy memory.

Both now... Tone 1, Special Melody, "Thy tomb, O Savior..."
The Creator of all and Master of the world, though He is on high with the Father and the Spirit, is circumcised on earth as a babe eight days of age. Truly divine and wondrous are Thy works! For Thou, O Master, Who art the Fulfillment of the law, was circumcised for our sake.

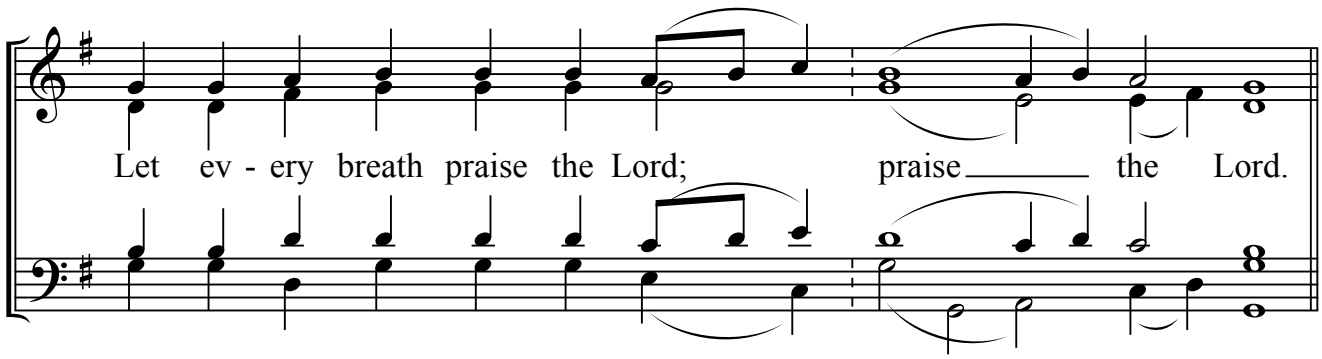
Then, the Hymn of Ascents, "From my youth..."

The Prokeimenon, Tone 4 - Znamenny



Stichos: Hear this, all ye nations; give ear all ye that inhabit the world.

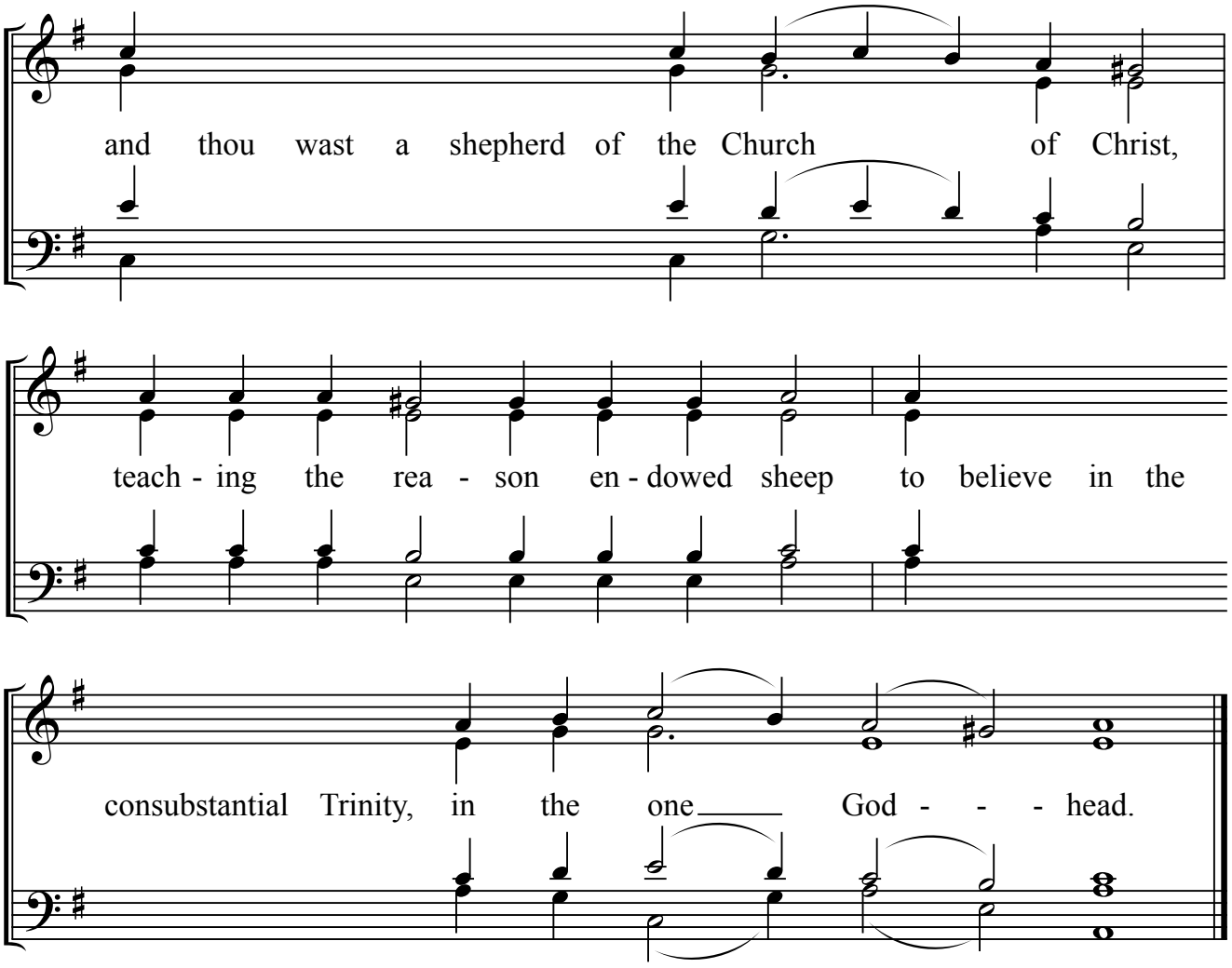
The Gospel sequence as usual.



After the Gospel, Psalm 50.

Hymns after Psalm 50

blot out the mul - ti - tude of our trans - gres - - - sions.
Have mer - cy on me, O God, according to Thy great mer - - cy,
and according to the multitude of Thy com - pas - - - - - sions,
blot out my trans - gres - - - - sions.
Grace was poured forth from thy lips, O venerable fa - ther,



And the Litany: "Save, O God...", *followed by the canons of the Feast.*