

Blessing of the St Basil Cake

(Vasilopita)

Troparion of the Circumcision

Tone 1

People:

O Jesus, You were enthroned above with the Eternal Father, /
and with the Divine Spirit. /
You were also born on Earth, /
from the unwedded handmaid, Your Mother. /
Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day old Child. /
Glory to Your most gracious counsel. //
Glory to Your dispensation. //
Glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind.

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

Troparion of St Basil

Tone 1

People:

O holy father Basil of the royal priesthood, /
Your proclamation has gone out over all the Earth; /
which was divinely taught by hearing your voice. /
You explained the nature of creation, /
and uplifted the manners of mankind. //
Entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Creator and Lord of all and King of the ages, You are great in mercy and rich in goodness, You accepted the gifts of the Magi in Bethlehem, You are the Bread of Life who descended from Heaven, You appoint the seasons and times by Your authority and hold our life in Your hands. Hear us who entreat You on this auspicious day of our entrance into the New Year of Your goodness, and bless this cake, which is offered to Your glory and in honor of our Father among the Saints, Basil the Great, Archbishop of Cæsarea in Cappadocia. O Bountiful Lord, look down from Your holy Heaven and send down Your heavenly gifts on both those who have prepared these gifts and those who are to partake of them, for we have put our hope in You, our God who lives forever. Bless this Church and our travels, make our life abound in Your good things, and guide our steps towards the doing of Your Divine commandments, for man shall not live by bread alone. Through the intercessions of Your all-pure Mother, of our Father among the Saints, Basil the Great, and of all Your saints who from the beginning of time have pleased You.

People: Amen.