

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Day of April**  
**Holy Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea.**

**Vespers**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”***

**S**trengthened in the Law of God, /  
Thou didst come to reign over the passions /  
With the sovereignty of thy thoughts, O blessèd one, /  
And in holiness wast thou worthily anointed, /  
To become the ruler of thy rational sheep, O glorious one, ///  
A divine intercessor and the adornment of hierarchs and martyrs.

**T**hou wast separated like a ram from thy flock, O blessèd Basil, /  
For preaching that Christ the King and our God /  
Was sacrificed like an innocent lamb; /  
And the evil emperor had thee unjustly slain /  
And commanded that thou be cast in the sea ///  
Thus bequeathing thee the kingdom of heaven and everlasting glory.

**B**eing beheaded and cast into the sea, O blessèd Basil, /  
Thou didst wondrously set thy course in its waters as thou didst foretell, /  
And arriving whole at thy city of Amase-ia /  
Thou didst present it with thy holy relics /  
As its fervent intercessor, ///  
A river of healings, and the purification of all illness and diseases.

**Glory..., now and ever..., From the Pentecostarion; or this Theotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**C**ontaining within thy womb the uncontainable God, /  
Who, in His love for mankind became a man /  
And accepted from thee the substance of our flesh /  
Thus deifying our nature, /  
Do not disdain me, O all-pure one, in my sorrow. /  
But come quickly and take pity on me ///  
And release me from the harm and enmity of the evil one.

**Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone:**

**S**eeing Thee the Lamb and Shepherd on the tree, /

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The ewe-lamb who gave birth to Thee lamented, /  
And as a mother cried ot to Thee: /  
“O desired Son, how art Thou hung on the Tree of the Cross, /  
O Longsuffering One? /  
How art Thy hands and feet nailed by the transgressors, O Word? /  
How dost Thou shed Thy Blood, O Master?

**The General Troparion of the Hieromartyr, in Tone 4:** *(none given in the Menaion)*

**L**ike the apostles in character, /  
A successor on their throne, O divinely-inspired one /  
Through visions thou didst find thy work /  
Rightly dividing the word of truth. /  
Thou didst suffer for the sake of the faith /  
Even to the shedding of thy blood ///  
O hieromartyr Basil, pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

### **Matins**

#### **The Canon of the Hieromartyr Basil, with 4 Troparia, in Tone 4**

— incomplete as of 1/31/2015

**The Kontakion of St. Basil, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “Thou hast appeared today....”*

**T**hou didst refuse the imperial command, /  
And in reward didst thou receive the kingdom of heaven /  
Wherein thou dost now rejoice, /  
Ever praying for those who keep thy memory, ///  
O hieromartyr Basil.

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