

## The 28<sup>th</sup> Day of February

### Commemoration of our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Companion of Saint Procopius of Decapolis.

#### Vespers

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 4:** *To the melody, “Thou hast given a sign....”*

**D**esiring a blessedness past all understanding /  
Thou didst count abstinence as nourishment, O wondrous one, /  
Poverty as riches, abundance in meagerness, /  
And humility as glory. /  
Therefore thou didst attain thy greatest desire /  
Given thee in accordance to thy reasoning, ///  
Abiding now in the mansions of the saints, O father Basil.

**B**y fulfilling the course of thy life in tireless abstinence /  
And for keeping the Faith /  
Thou wast adorned with the crown of righteousness, O father, /  
Which Christ had prepared for thee /  
As a reward for thine accomplishments /  
And in honor of thy sufferings. /  
So, beseech Him now, O divinely-inspired Basil, ///  
That He may save our souls.

**B**y enslaving the passions of thy body, O wise one, /  
Thou didst cast aside the love of pleasure; /  
And by mortifying thy senses by the pain of abstinence, /  
Perseverance and longsuffering. /  
Thou didst attain the eternal delights, ///  
The sweetness of heaven and inexpressible joy.

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion in the same Tone: (and melody)**

**B**e merciful and gracious to me, O Lady, /  
And strengthen me on the rock of virtues /  
For by the craftiness of demons I have fallen into the pit of perdition. /  
O help me to defeat the assaults of the enemy, /  
And vouchsafe that I may fulfill the commands of thy Son and our God ///  
That I may receive the remission of sins on Judgment Day.

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**Or the Stavrotheotokion, in the same Tone: (and melody)**

**B**eholding Christ, who loveth mankind, crucified, /  
His side pierced by a spear, /  
The all-pure one, cried aloud, lamenting: /  
“What is this, O my Son? /  
How have these thankless people rewarded Thee /  
For all the good things Thou hast done for them? /  
Dost Thou hasten to leave me childless, O most belovèd Son? ///  
I marvel, O Compassionate One, at Thy voluntary crucifixion!”

**The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 1:**

**O** dweller in the wilderness and angel in the body, /  
Thou wast a wonderworker, O our God-bearing father Basil. /  
Thou didst receive heavenly gifts  
Through fasting, vigil, and prayer: /  
Healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to thee by faith /  
Glory to Him who gave thee strength! /  
Glory to Him who hath granted thee a crown! ///  
Glory to Him who through thee grants healing to all!

**Matins**

**The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 4,**

*having the acrostic: “I know thee, O father, as a foundation of the Faith,”  
the composition of Theophanes.  
— incomplete as of 1/2015*

**The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2: To the melody, “Seeking the highest....”**

**R**eceiving a divine revelation from on-high /  
Thou didst straightway abandon all the cares of this world, /  
And taking up the solitary life, O ven’rable one, /  
Thou didst receive the gifts of working wonders and the grace of healing the sick, ///  
O most-blessed and most-holy Basil.