The Savior was willing to be wrapped in swaddling clothes for the sake of mankind. He was eight days old on His mother’s side but eternal on the side of His Father. He did not disdain the circumcision of His flesh. O faithful, let us cry to Him: “Thou art our God: have mercy on us!”
The God of all goodness did not disdain to be circumcised.

He offered Himself as a saving sign and example for us all.

He made the Law, and He obeyed His own commands.

He fulfilled the words of the Prophets concerning Himself.

He holds the world in His hands, yet is bound in [swaddling clothes.]
swaddling clothes. // Let us glorify Him!
Thy very name means “the royal one,” and thou didst lead Christ’s royal people in wisdom and knowledge. The King of kings and the Lord of all, the Son, of one essence with the Father, adorned thee with the crown of His Kingdom. //

Pray to Him, O Father Basil, to enlighten and save our souls!
Robed in the vestments of a bishop, thou didst preach the Gospel of the Kingdom with gladness, and didst pour out streams of true teaching for the Church. Illumined by thy words, we have learned how to glorify one Godhead: Father Almighty, Divine Word, and Holy Spirit, three Persons undivided. // [Pray to Him, ...]
Pray to Him, O Father Basil, to enlighten and save our souls!

Thou dost dwell with the hosts of heaven, for thou didst imitate their way of life on earth. Thou didst live with mankind like an earthly angel. Now pray for us, who delight in thy theology! May Christ our God save us from the darkness of [unbelief.]
unbelief! // May He enlighten and save our souls!
Thou didst become a Lover of wisdom, O righteous Father,

preferring life with God above all earthly delights.

Contemplating death, you didst abandon all thy wealth.

Thou didst strip away fleshly lusts through rigorous abstinence,

[and didst study God’s Law...]
and didst study God’s Law, subjecting thy flesh to the Spirit.

Thou wast rich in virtues, and a conqueror of passions,
casting away the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Now thou dost stand before the throne of Christ.

Entreat Him to grant us great mercy!