Saint Basil the Confessor  
Bishop of Patrium

April 12

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O

Kanôna písteos

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A psalm
is a city of refuge
from the demons; a means
of inducing help from the angels,
a weapon in fears by night, a rest from
the toils of the day, a safeguard for infants,
an adornment for those at the height of their vigor,
a consolation for the elders, a most fitting ornament for women.

It peoples the solitudes; it rids the market places of excesses; it is the
elementary exposition of beginners, the improvement of those advancing,
the solid support of the perfect, the voice of the Church. It brightens
feast day; it creates a sorrow which is in accordance with God.

For, a psalm calls forth a tear even from a heart of stone.

A psalm is the work of angels, a heavenly
institution, the spiritual incense.

- St. Basil the Great