Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 98:6):



Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;

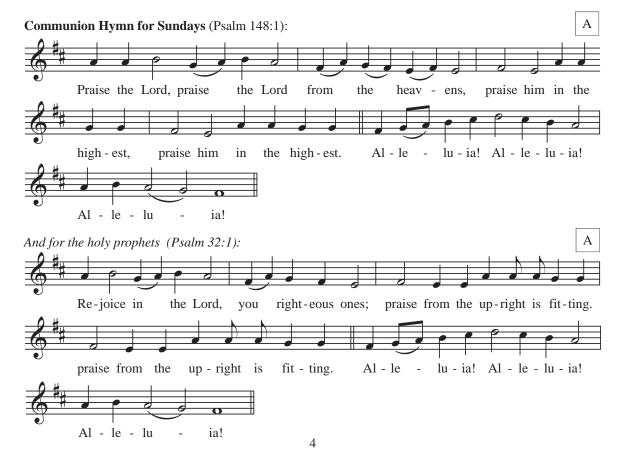
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

Verse: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . .":

Magnification: (music found on pages 98 / 102)

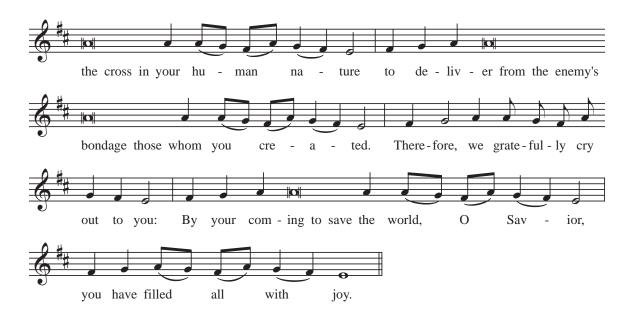
In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angels in their ranks and the human race. Sanctified Temple and Rational Paradise, Boast of Virgins from whom our God took flesh and became a child while remaining God from before all time. He made your womb a throne, setting it apart, a room more spacious than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!



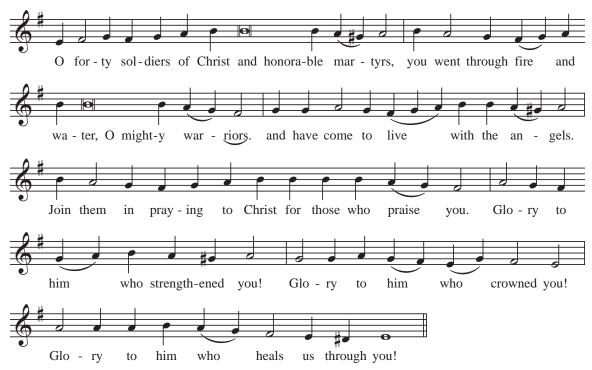
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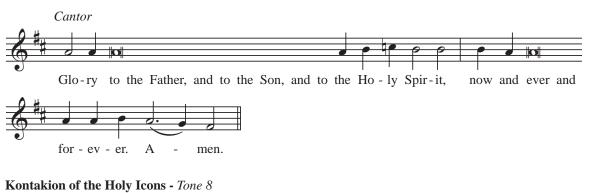
The forty holy martyrs of Sebaste in Armenia. They were comrades, not in blood, but in faith and obedience to the will of their heavenly Father. At the time of the emperor Licinius, after binding and savage tortures, they were ordered to pass the night naked at the coldest time of winter in a swamp in the open air. They consummated their martyrdom by the breaking of their legs at crucifixion. (320)

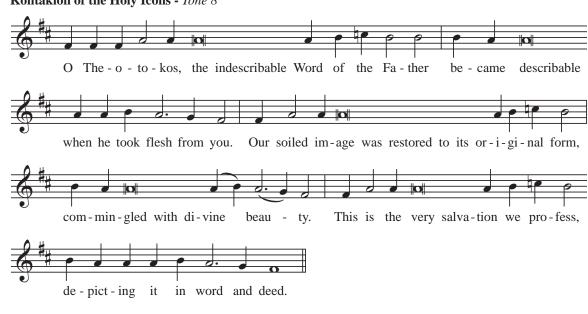




Troparion of the Forty Martyrs - *Tone 1*







Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Daniel 3:26,27):



Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.