

Byzantine Monthly Menaion

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Foreword

A Menaion is a liturgical book which contains the changeable parts of Byzantine divine services for a given month. The volume in your hands is the seventh of a series of twelve books for use in Byzantine Catholic parishes. Each day is provided with the following material:

- (1) Synaxarion (brief life of the saints remembered)
- (2) Troparia and Kontakia
- (3) Prokeimena and Alleluiaria
- (4) Communion Hymn.

On major feasts, the proper antiphons (when there are any) and the Magnification and Irmos (appointed to take the place of It is truly proper) are also included.

Texts which are contained in the Faithful's Book published by the Byzantine Catholic Church are reproduced with their musical settings from that book. Those texts were translated by the Inter-Eparchial Liturgical Commission, and then set to plainchant by the Inter-Eparchial Music Commission.

Many of the Troparia contained in this volume of the Menaion are, in fact, common texts (i.e., they are used on more than one feast). These texts, too, come from the work of the IELC/IEMC, as are all the Prokeimena and Alleluiaria and Communion Hymns.

The texts of the Troparia and Kontakia that are not from the above-mentioned source are almost always taken from the Order of Matins published by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and we acknowledge these texts with gratitude.

This volume is intended to be used annually. Because of this, cantors must use the Typikon of the Metropolitan Church to discern how materials from the Menaion are to be combined with the Sunday Ochoechos. The Typikon will also explain how Prokeimena and Alleluiaria are to be combined.

May this series of volumes be a blessing for all who attend daily celebrations of the Divine Liturgy, as well as for those who, unable to be at church each day, still wish to pray with the Church and honor the Lord and his saints.

August 28, 2005

*Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian and
Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo*

MENAION - MARCH

1 The venerable martyr Eudoxia. Having lived a profligate younger life, she was converted and baptized by bishop Theodotus. She was arrested and beheaded for the faith under the emperor Trajan. (2nd century)

Our holy father David, the Enlightener of Wales, who, imitating the examples and customs of the eastern Fathers, founded a monastery. From this monastery, very many monks set out and evangelized Wales, Ireland, Cornwall, and Brittany. (c.601)

Troparion of Eudoxia - Tone 8



You bound your soul to love of Christ by pu - ri - ty of heart,



and you spurned per - ish - a - ble things as a dis - ci - ple of the Word.



You brought your sens - es un - der con - trol by fast - ing,



and then you shamed the en - e - my by en - dur - ing mar - tyr - dom.



Be - cause of this, Christ gave you a dou - ble crown, O glo - rious Eu - dox - i - a;

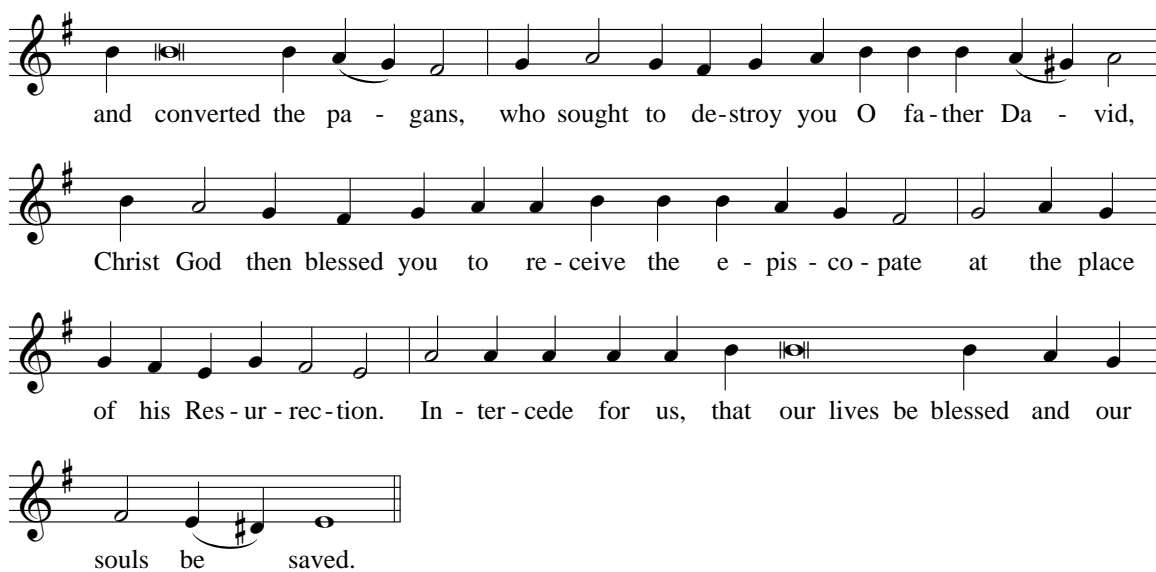


there - fore beg him to save our souls, O ven - er - a - ble mar - tyr.

Troparion of David - Tone 1



Hav - ing worked great mir - a - cles in your youth, and found - ed mon - as - ter - ies



and converted the pa - gans, who sought to de-destroy you O fa-ther Da - vid,
 Christ God then blessed you to re - ceive the e - pis - co - pate at the place
 of his Res - ur - rec - tion. In - ter - cede for us, that our lives be blessed and our
 souls be saved.

Kontakion of Eudoxia - Tone 4



You fought a good fight by your suf - fer - ing, and you sanctify us af - ter your
 death by mir - a - cles. We come with joy to your heavenly Church to cel - e - brate.
 We beg you to deliver us from spir - it - ual af - flic - tions and to grace us
 with your mir - a - cles, O ven - er - a - ble Eu - dox - i - a.

Kontakion of David - Tone 6

The liv - ing wa - ters of godly disci-pline en-com-passed you, and the sav-ing
wa - ters of faith flowed through your teach - ing O hier-arch and wa-ter-man
Da - vid. Sym-bol - iz - ing the bap-ti-sm of Wales in your life, you are
wor-thy of all our praise, where-fore we keep fes - ti - val in your hon - or,
and we glo - rify your e-ter-nal mem-o - ry, O Teach-er and Enlightener of the
Welsh peo - - ple.

The Commons of a Woman Martyr are found on page 54.

The Commons of a Hierarch are found on page 47.

2 The holy martyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrene, who suffered under the emperor Diocletian. (302)

Troparion - Tone 4

You shared in the a-pos-tles' way of life and suc-ceed-ed to their throne,

di - vine-ly in-spired bish - op. You found ac - cess to contempla-tion
in the act - ive life. There-fore, you right - ly taught the word of truth
and strug-gled for the faith to the shed-ding of your blood. O priest-mar-tyr
The - o - do - tus, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

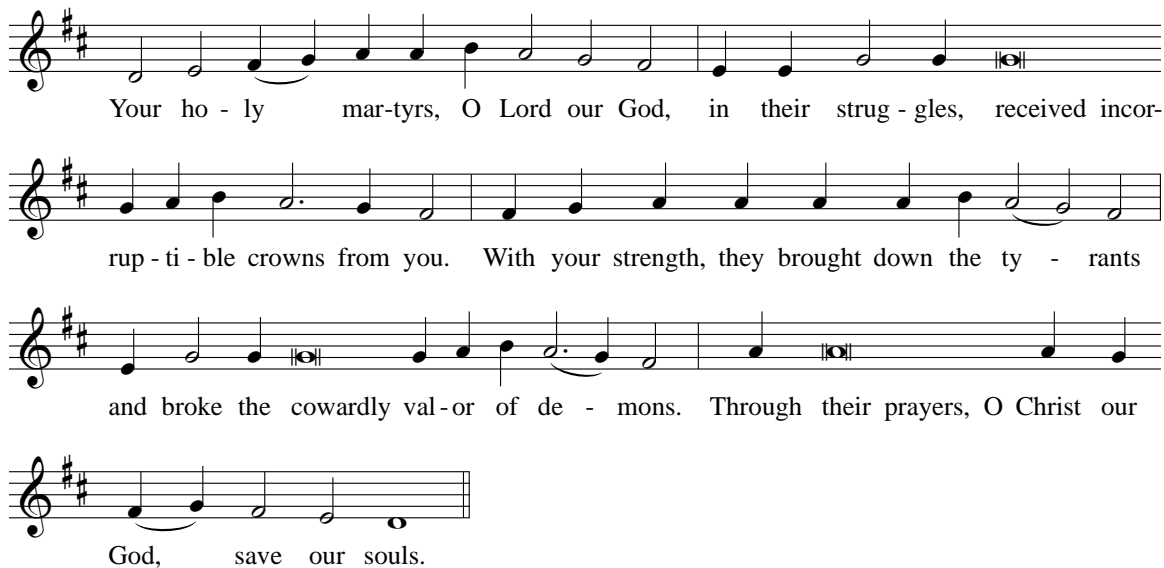
Kontakion - Tone 3

You dried up the sea of false be - lief and smashed the guile of the vicious
idolaters by the true faith. Hav-ing be-come a heav-en - ly ho - lo - caust,
you feed the whole world on mir - a - cles. O san - ci - fy - ing fa - ther
The - o - do - tus, beg Christ our God to have mer - cy on us.

The Commons of a Priest-Martyr are found on page 51.

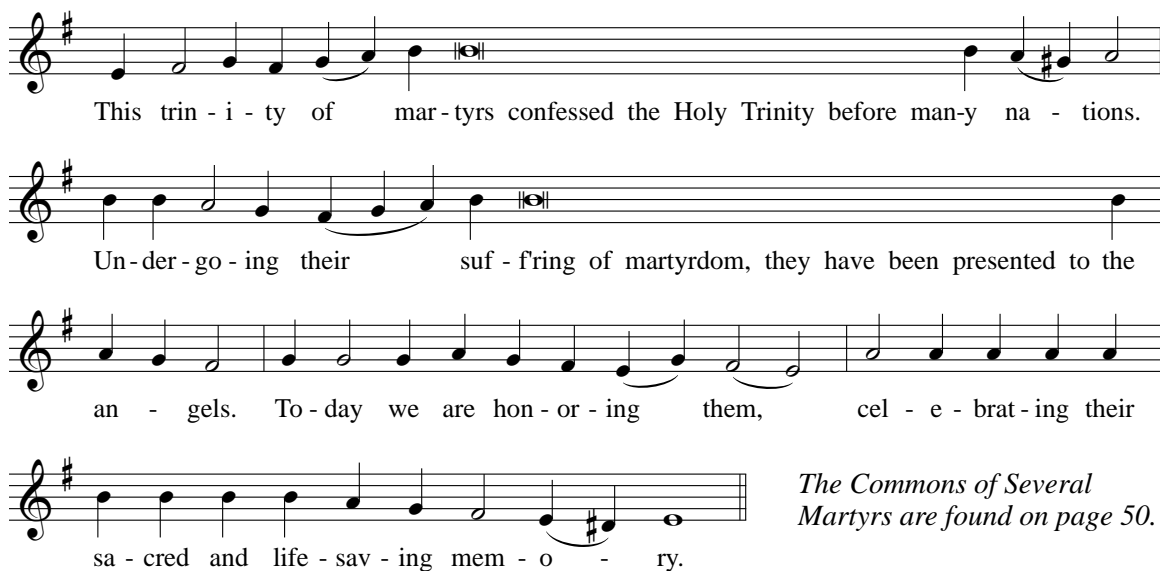
3 The holy martyr Eutropius and his companions, Cleonicus and Basiliscus, at Amasea in Pontus, martyrs in the persecution of Maximius the emperor under the governor Asclepiodatus. (308)

Troparion - Tone 3



Your ho - ly mar - tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor -
rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 1



This trin - i - ty of mar - tyrs confessed the Holy Trinity before man - y na - tions.
Un - der - go - ing their suf - fering of martyrdom, they have been presented to the
an - gels. To - day we are hon - or - ing them, cel - e - brat - ing their
sa - cred and life - sav - ing mem - o - ry.

*The Commons of Several
Martyrs are found on page 50.*

4 Our venerable father Gerasimus of the Jordan, anchorite. At the time of the emperor Zeno, he was brought back to the orthodox faith by St. Euthymius. He engaged in great works of penance, offering to all who practiced the monastic life under him a way of living the most irreproachable discipline. (475)

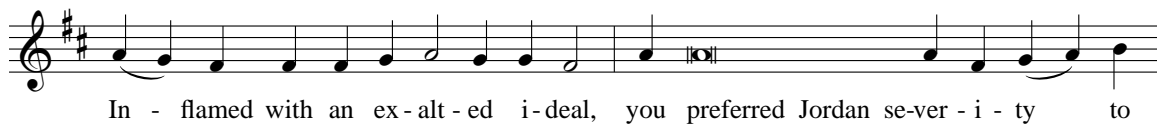
Troparion - Tone 8



The musical notation consists of eight staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often grouped with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

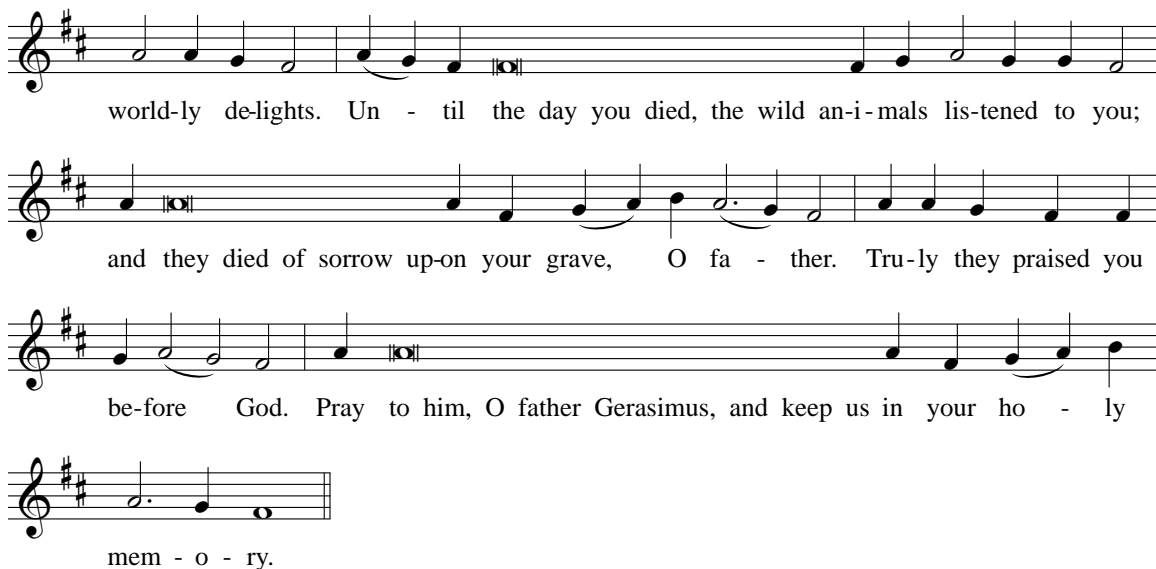
Liv - ing a life an - gel - ic in fast - ing and pow - er - ful in pray'r. a life
un - wav - ring in faith, un - ceas - ing in vig - il, and tem - per - ate in
all things, you as - ton - ished the an - gels and van - quished the le - gions of
dev - ils, O fa - ther Ge - ra - si - mus. You glad - den the hearts of the faith - ful, O
bless - ed saint. The beasts were o - be - dient to you for all of this.
Since you have a - chieved a place of hon - or be - fore the Lord,
pray for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4



The musical notation consists of a single staff of music in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with a double bar line and repeat sign at the end of the staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

In - flamed with an ex - alt - ed i - deal, you preferred Jordan se - ver - i - ty to

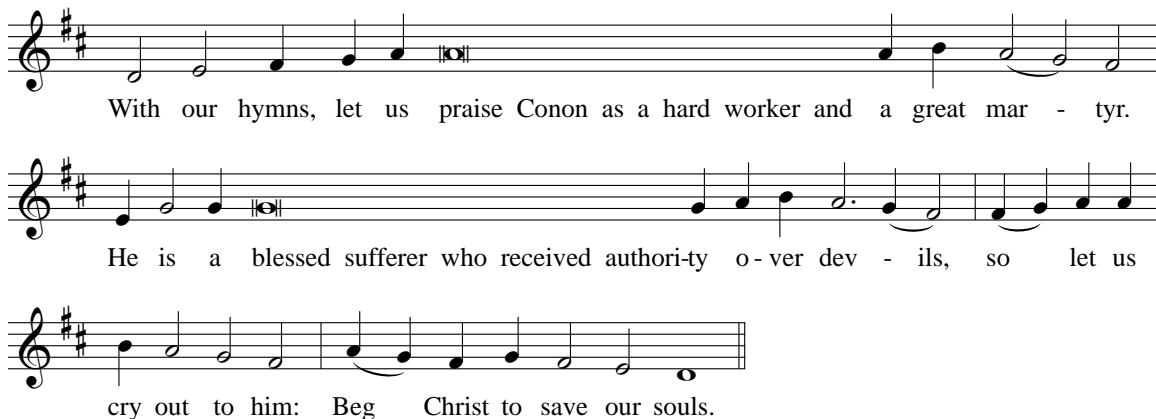


world-ly de-lights. Un - til the day you died, the wild an-i-mals lis-tened to you;
and they died of sorrow up-on your grave, O fa - ther. Tru-ly they praised you
be-fore God. Pray to him, O father Gerasimus, and keep us in your ho - ly
mem - o - ry.

The Commons of a Venerable are found on page 48.

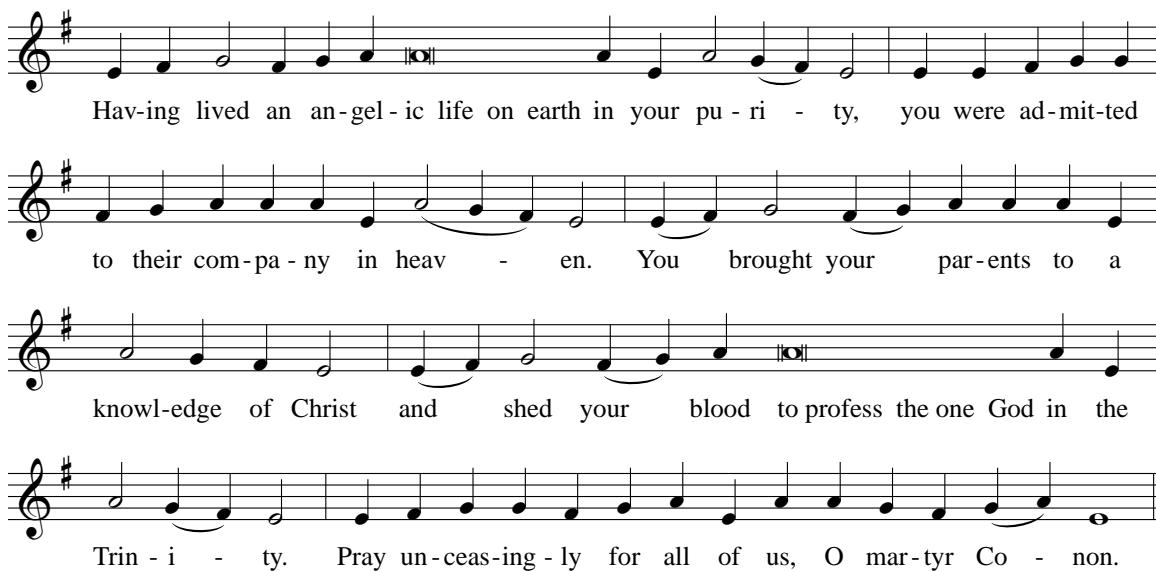
5 The holy martyr Conon, who was a gardener during the reign of the emperor Decian. He was ordered to run in front of a chariot after having his feet pierced with nails. He sank down to his knees and surrendered his spirit in prayer. (251)

Troparion - Tone 4



With our hymns, let us praise Conon as a hard worker and a great mar - tyr.
He is a blessed sufferer who received authori-ty o-ver dev - ils, so let us
cry out to him: Beg Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3

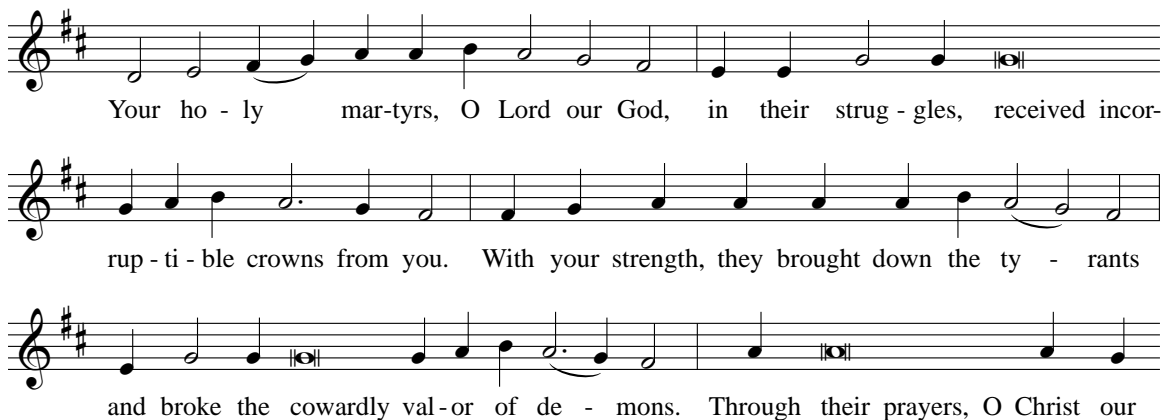


Hav-ing lived an an-gel-ic life on earth in your pu - ri - ty, you were ad-mit-ted
to their com-pa - ny in heav - en. You brought your par-ents to a
knowl-edge of Christ and shed your blood to profess the one God in the
Trin - i - ty. Pray un-ceas-ing - ly for all of us, O mar-tyr Co - non.

The Commons of a Martyr are found on page 49.

6 The holy forty-two martyrs of Ammorium in Syria. Captured in Phrygia and taken to the Euphrates River, they seized the palm of martyrdom by their surpassing spiritual struggle. (848)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your ho - ly mar-tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor-
rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val-or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our



God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2



We bring crowns of glory to these new - ly ap-pear-ing stars who man - i - fest-ed



their faith by suf - fring for Christ. As real pil - lars and help - ers of

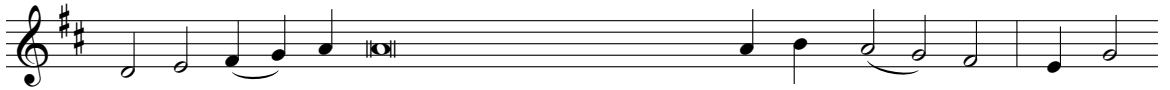


Christ's reign, they pray to him in be-half of all of us.

The Commons of Several Martyrs are found on page 50.

7 The holy martyrs and bishops of Cherson: Basil, Eugene, Agathadorus, Elpidius, Aetherius, Capito, and Ephrem, who preached in the Crimea and gave their lives for the Faith. (4th century)

Troparion - Tone 4

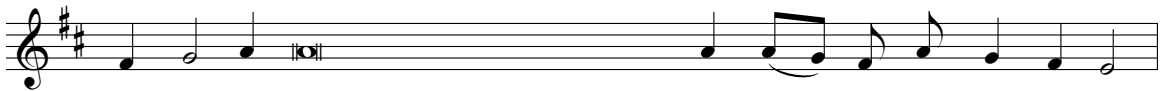


God of our fa - thers, you always deal with us in your kind - ness. Take not

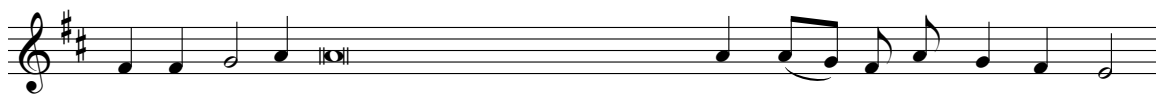


your mer-cy a-way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion - Tone 2



The day of splendor of those brilliant bishops of Cher - son has come to-day.



We are sing-ing for the feast of those shepherds who died for the sheep of Christ.



O prin-ces of shep - herds and mar-tyred priests, beg Christ to put us with the



sheep at his right hand so that we may sing out to you:

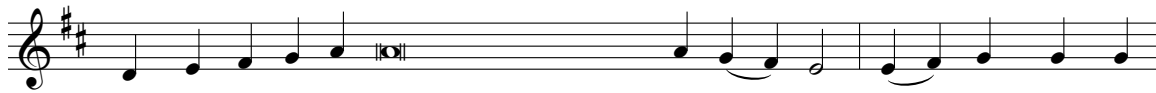


Re-joyce, O priestly fathers who poured out your blood for Christ.

The Commons of Several Priest-Martyrs are found on page 52.

8 Our venerable father and confessor Theophylact of Nicomedia in Bythinia, who was exiled for the sake of the cult of the holy icons and died at Strobilis in Caria. (845)

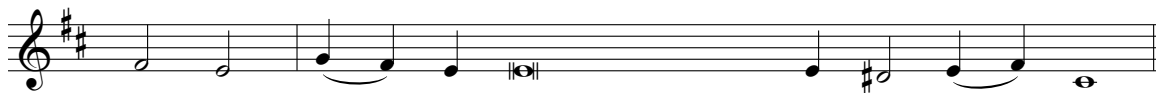
Troparion of Theophylact - Tone 6



You tried to live a hidden life, O praisewor-thy fa - ther, but Christ made you

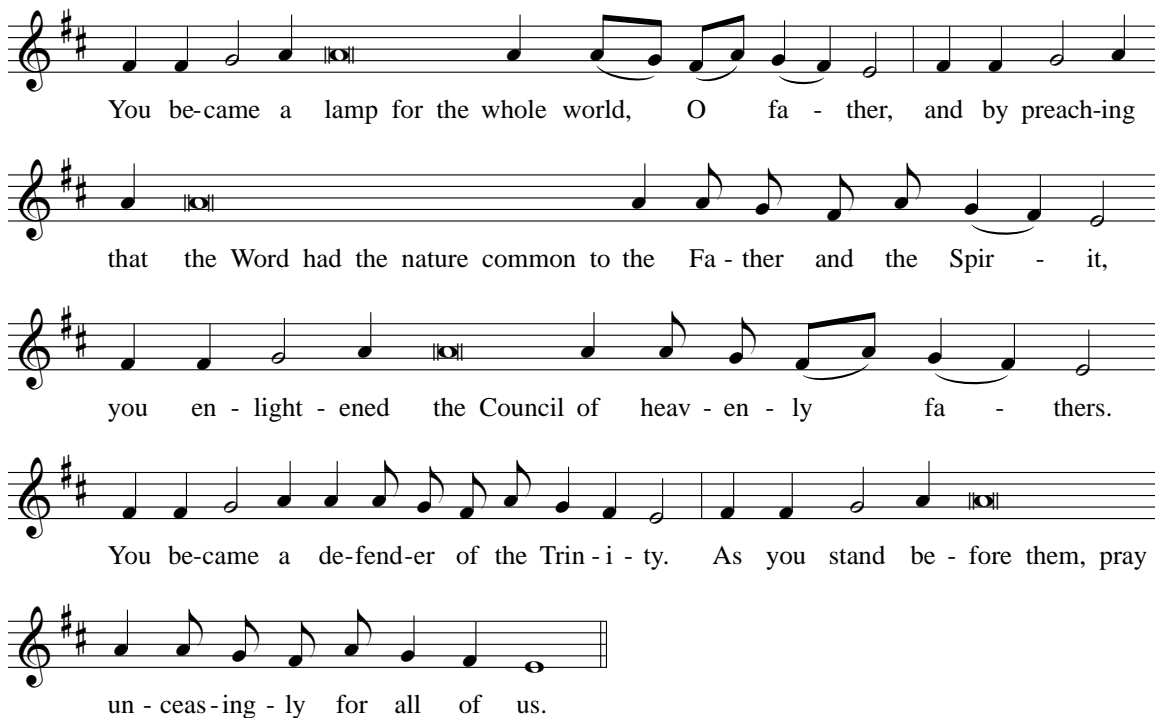


a lamp up - on the light of thought. He hand-ed you the tablets of spir-it - ual



knowl - edge. En - light - en us by them, O holy The - o - phy - lact.

Kontakion - Tone 2



You be-came a lamp for the whole world, O fa - ther, and by preach-ing
that the Word had the nature common to the Fa - ther and the Spir - it,
you en - light - ened the Council of heav - en - ly fa - thers.
You be-came a de-fend-er of the Trin - i - ty. As you stand be - fore them, pray
un - ceas-ing - ly for all of us.

The Commons of a Confessor are found on page 56.

9 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)

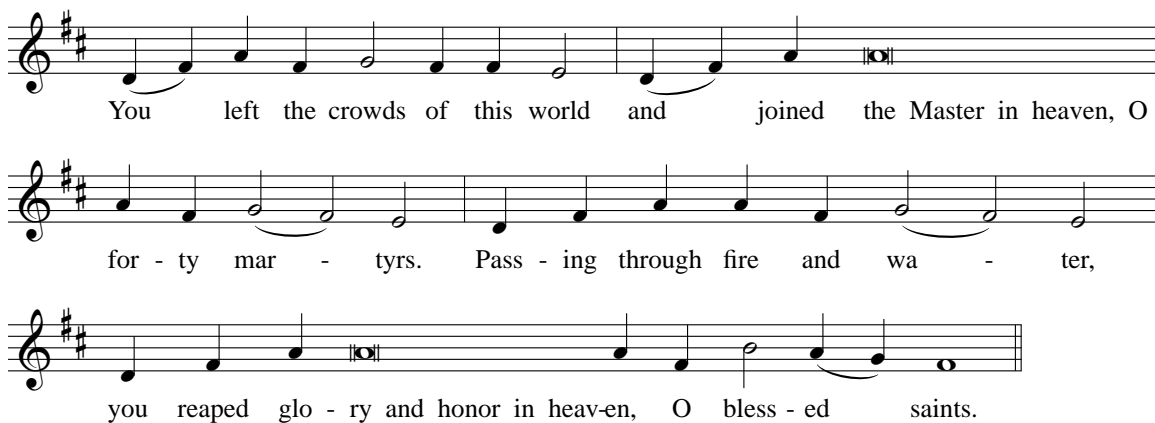
The holy martyr Urpasianus of Nicomedia. The emperor Maximian Gallerius (305-311) cruelly persecuted Christians serving in his army and at his court. Thus the dignitary Urpasian threw down his cloak and sash at the feet of the ruler and said: "Henceforth I am a warrior of the Heavenly King, the Lord Jesus Christ. Take back the insignia given me." Maximian gave orders to tie Urpasian to a tree and whip him with ox thongs. Later on they bound the saint to the lattice top of an iron grate, and beneath they built a fire. Saint Urpasian with incessant prayer endured the intolerable suffering. The glorious martyr was burned alive, and his ashes thrown into the sea. His tormentors were astonished that they had been unable to break his spirit. (c.295)

Troparion of the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste - Tone 1



O for - ty sol - diers of Christ and honora - ble mar - tyrs, you went through fire and
wa - ter, O might - y war - riors. and have come to live with the an - gels.
Join them in pray - ing to Christ for those who praise you.
Glo - ry to him who strength - ened you! Glo - ry to him who crowned you!
Glo - ry to him who heals us through you!

Kontakion - Tone 6

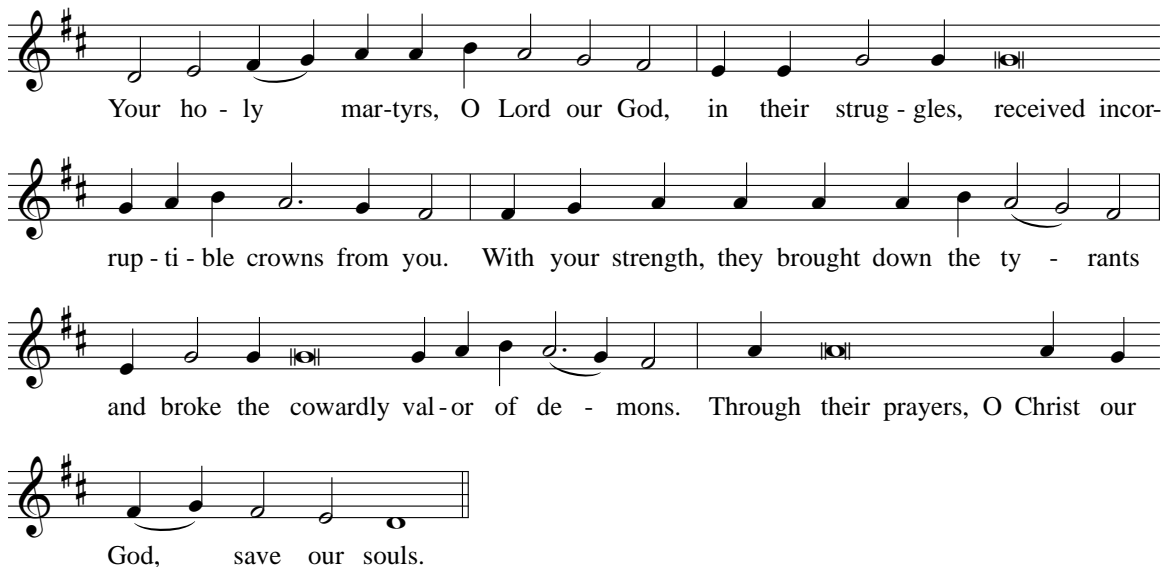


You left the crowds of this world and joined the Master in heaven, O
for - ty mar - tyrs. Pass - ing through fire and wa - ter,
you reaped glo - ry and honor in heav - en, O bless - ed saints.

The Commons of Several Martyrs are found on page 50.

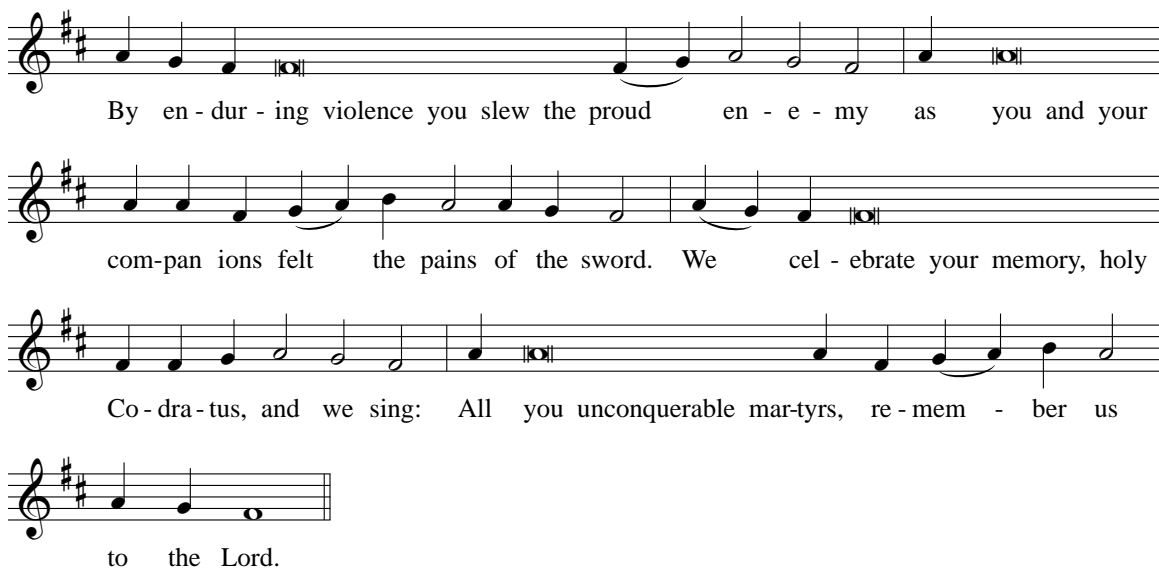
10 The holy martyr Codratus and his companions Emmanuel, Sabine, and Theodosius in Anatolia, martyrs in the reign of the emperor Licinius. (250)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your ho - ly mar - tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor -
rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4



By en - dur - ing violence you slew the proud en - e - my as you and your
com - pan ions felt the pains of the sword. We cel - ebrate your memory, holy
Co - dra - tus, and we sing: All you unconquerable mar - tyrs, re - mem - ber us
to the Lord.

The Commons of Several Martyrs are found on page 50.

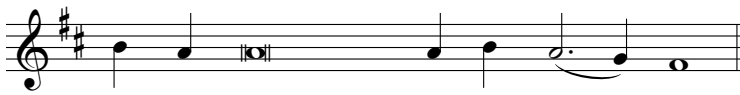
11 Our holy father Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem. He had John Moschus as a teacher and friend, with whom he visited monastic sites. He was elected patriarch of the see after Modestus. When the Holy City fell into the hands of the Saracens, he defended with vigor the faith and the safety of the people. (644)

Troparion - Tone 8

Guide to Or - tho - dox - y, teach - er of pi - e - ty and ho - li - ness,
 lu - mi - nar - y for the world, in - spired
 a - dorn - ment of bish - ops, O wise So - phro - ni - us, harp of the
 Spir - it, you en - light - ened all by your teach - ings; in - ter - cede
 with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8

You ad - vanced by heav - en - ly fer - vor and spread the true dog - ma by your lips.
 You ruled your Church well and reformed the monks with - in it. You clear - ly preached
 words of in - struc - tion for us, and so we sing to you, O bless - ed pa - tri - arch:



Re-joyce, luminous glory of the faith - ful.

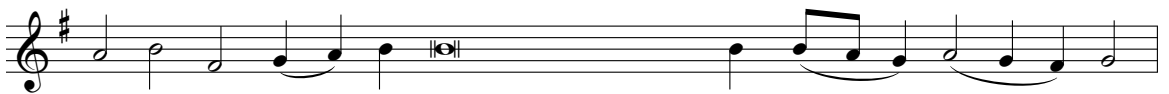
The Commons of a Hierarch are found on page 47.

12 Our venerable father and confessor Theophane of the Sygrian Mountain in Bithynia in the monastery of Ager Magnus. He was called the Chronographer. Having been a very wealthy man, he became a poor monk. He was held in prison for two years by the emperor Leo the Armenian on account of his defense of the cult of holy icons. From there he was deported to Samothrace, where, consumed by his tribulations, he yielded up his spirit. (817)

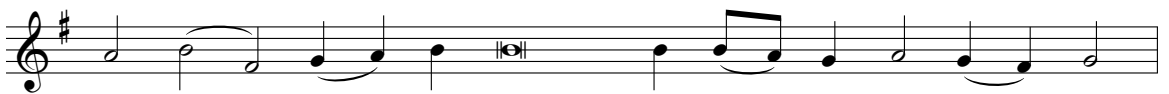
Our holy father Gregory, pope of Rome. After having entered the monastic life, he performed the duty of ambassador to Constantinople. Then on the third of September, he was chosen for the Roman See. He dealt well with earthly matters and, as a servant of the servants of God, he attended to holy things. He showed that he was a true pastor in directing affairs, in fully assisting the needy, in fostering the monastic life, and everywhere strengthening or extending the faith. He also wrote excellently on many things concerning moral and pastoral matters. (604)

Our venerable father Simeon the New Theologian was born in Galatia in Paphlagonia and educated in Constantinople, where he entered the imperial service. He left all for Christ and entered a monastery. He became hegumen of the monastery of St. Mamas, and finally became a hermit. He is accounted the greatest theologian since St. Gregory the Theologian. (1022)

Troparion of Theophane - Tone 1



A-dorn-ing your life with purity and disciplin-ing your bod - y,



you slew the goats of the devil, O fa - ther The - o - phane.



You were car - ried to e - ter - nal life in the Lord. As you stand

be - fore him, now pray for all of us.

Troparion of Gregory - Tone 4

You re-ceived di-vine grace from heaven, O bless-ed Greg-o - ry, and strength from
 his di-vine pow - er. You sought to fol - low the way of the Gos - pel,
 and your jour-ney's end brought you Christ's re-ward. O blessed saint, beg him to
 save us.

Troparion of Symeon - Tone 8

Your a - bun - dant tears made the wil - der - ness bloom, and your
 suf-frings made your la - bors fruit - ful a hun - dred-fold; you be-came
 a shin - ing torch o - ver the world. O ven - er - a - ble

fa - ther Sym - e - on, pray to Christ our God that he may
save our souls.

Kontakion of Theophane - Tone 2

When you re - ceived the heav - en - ly mes - sage, you quick - ly turned a - way
from the con - fu - sion of life. When you re - tired in - to sol - i - tude,
you re - ceived the power of miracles and the grace of proph - e - cy.
Af - ter - wards you gave up a wife and wealth, O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther.

Kontakion of Gregory - Tone 4

You be - came very much like the shep - herds of Christ. You led flocks of monks in - to
the heav - en - ly sheep - fold. There you taught your flock the law of Christ,

O bless-ed fa - ther Greg - o - ry; and now you sing in the heav'n-ly a-bode,
and you rejoice hap - py in their com - pa - ny.

Kontakion of Symeon - Tone 4

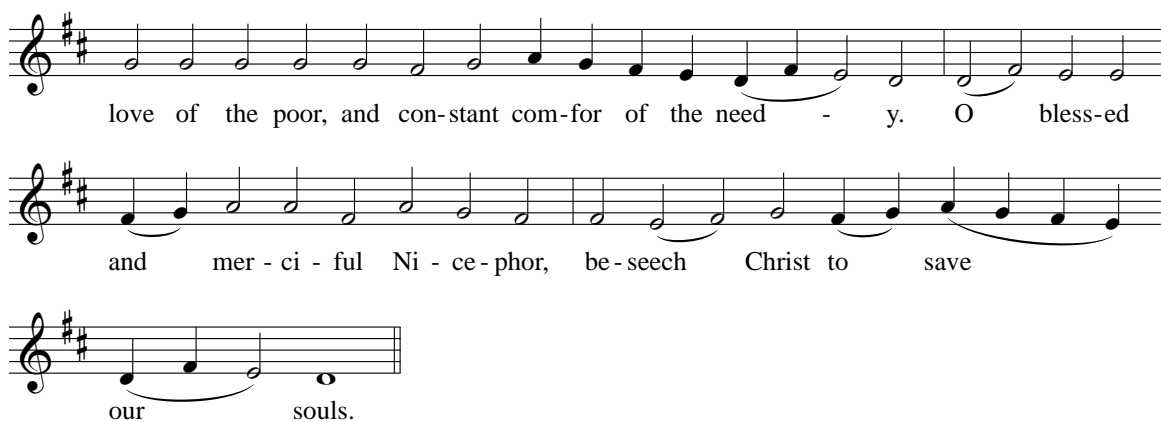
The Church of Christ is re-joic-ing to day, cel - e - brat-ing in splen-dor your
mem-o-ry! You have a-dorned it with your teach-ings and pray'rs, and have guided the
children of faith to the heav-en-ly man - sions, and have shone with ineffable light
from Christ God, our Lord, O Sum - e - on, our ven - 'ra - ble fa - ther.

The Commons of a Confessor are found on page 56.

13 The translation of the relics of our holy father Nicephor, patriarch of Constantinople. Nicephor died in exile on the island of Prochonis in the year 827. After the death of the last iconoclast emperor, the relics of the holy father were brought back to Constantinople, first to the church of Hagia Sophia and then finally to the Church of the Holy Apostles in the year 846.

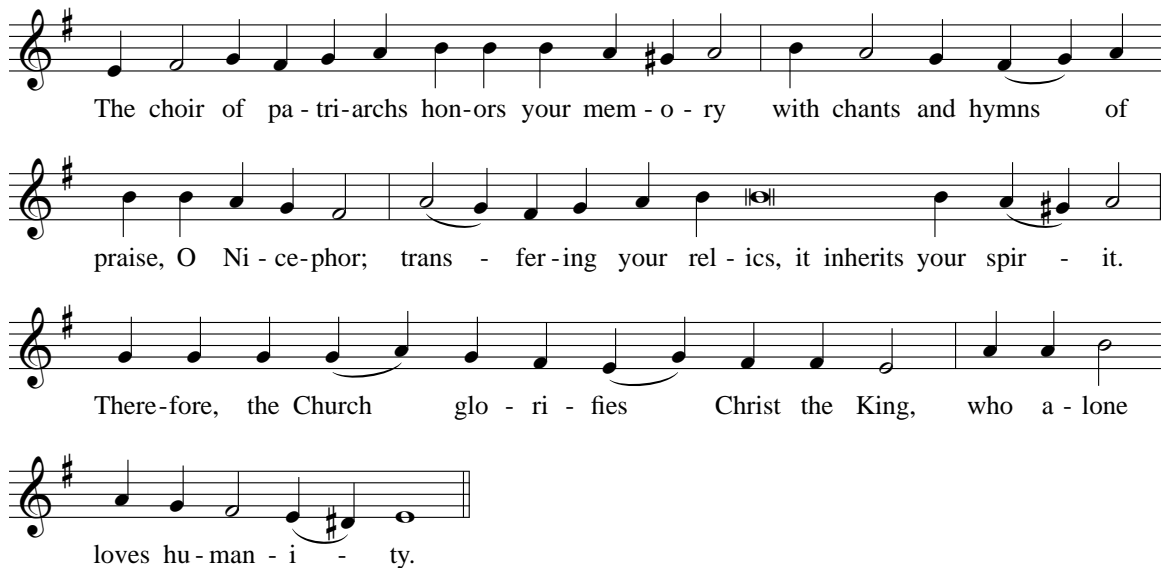
Troparion - Tone 8

You reaped your re - ward from your pa - tience, un - ceas - ing pray'r,



love of the poor, and con-stant com-for of the need - y. O bless-ed
 and mer - ci - ful Ni - ce - phor, be - seech Christ to save
 our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 1



The choir of pa - tri - archs hon - ors your mem - o - ry with chants and hymns of
 praise, O Ni - ce - phor; trans - fer - ing your rel - ics, it inherits your spir - it.
 There - fore, the Church glo - ri - fies Christ the King, who a - lone
 loves hu - man - i - ty.

The Commons of a Hierarch are found on page 47.

14 Our venerable father Benedict. Born in Nursia in Umbria and educated in Rome, he began a hermit's life in the Subiaco region. He gathered many disciples around himself, and then went to Monte Casino. There he founded his celebrated monastery and composed his "Rule for Monks." This rule spread so widely that he has deserved to be called the patriarch of monks in the West. It is said that he died on the twenty-first day of March. (550)

Troparion - Tone 8

In you, O fa - ther, the di - vine im - age was strict - ly pre - served;
 tak - ing up your cross, you fol - lowed Christ. You taught us
 by ex - am - ple how to spurn the flesh, for it pass - es a - way, and how to
 care for the soul, which is im - mor - tal. There - fore, O ven - er - a - ble
 Ben - e - dict, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion - Tone 8

You were en - riched by God's grace and sealed your call - ing with works.
 Pleas - ing to Christ God in pray'r and fast - ing, you have shown yourself filled

by the Spirit's gifts, O Ben - e - dict, cham-pion a - gainst the en - e - mies,
 heal - er of the sick and swift help for our souls.

The Commons of a Venerable are found on page 48.

15 The holy martyr Agapius and his companions. The holy martyrs Timolaus, Dionysius, Pausis, Romulus, Alexander, and another Alexander at Caesarea in Palestine, who were led with bound hands to Urbanus the prefect in the persecution of Diocletian the emperor and confessed that they were Christians. A few days later, with their companions Agapius and another Dionysius, they were beheaded and earned the crowns of eternal life. (303)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your ho - ly mar-tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor-
 rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
 and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
 God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8

These sev - en martyrs endured much for the Trin - i - ty, and by grace they destroyed

man - y schem - ing dev - ils. By their spir - it they have been joined to the
 ho - ly ones. By their pray'rs, O Lord, be gen - 'rous to us.

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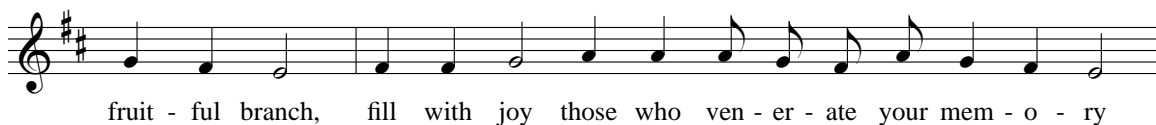
16 The holy martyrs Sabinus and Papas in Hermopolis in Egypt, martyrs, who suffered many things and finally died after being thrown into a river in the persecution of Diocletian. (287)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your ho - ly mar - tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor -
 rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
 and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
 God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2

O God - bearing Sabinus, strong sprout of heav - en, di - vine flow - er and



fruit - ful branch, fill with joy those who ven - er - ate your mem - o - ry



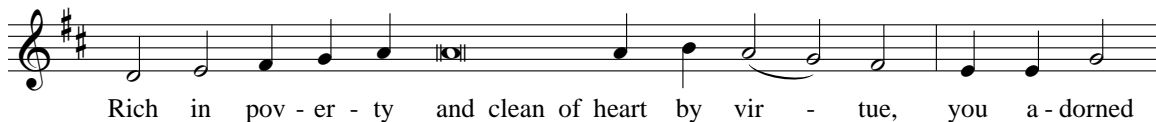
and pray un - ceas - ing - ly for all of us.

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17 Our venerable father Alexis, Man of God. Today we remember the man of God celebrated under the name of Alexius, at Rome in the church on the Aventine Hill, who, as tradition relates, left his rich home that he might become poor and beg alms incognito.(411)

Our holy father Patrick, enlightener of Ireland. As a youth, he was brought as a captive from Britain to Ireland. Then, having received his freedom, he wished to be numbered among the clergy and returned to Ireland. Having been made a bishop, he zealously announced the Gospel to the people and steadfastly governed the Church, until he fell asleep in the Lord at the city of Down, in Ulster in Ireland. (461)

Troparion of Alexis - Tone 4



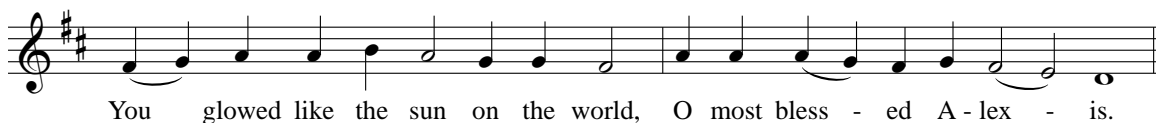
Rich in pov - er - ty and clean of heart by vir - tue, you a - dorned



your life by partak - ing in the Pas - sion. With a clean conscience you took up




fast - ing and per - se - vered in pray'r like an an - gel.



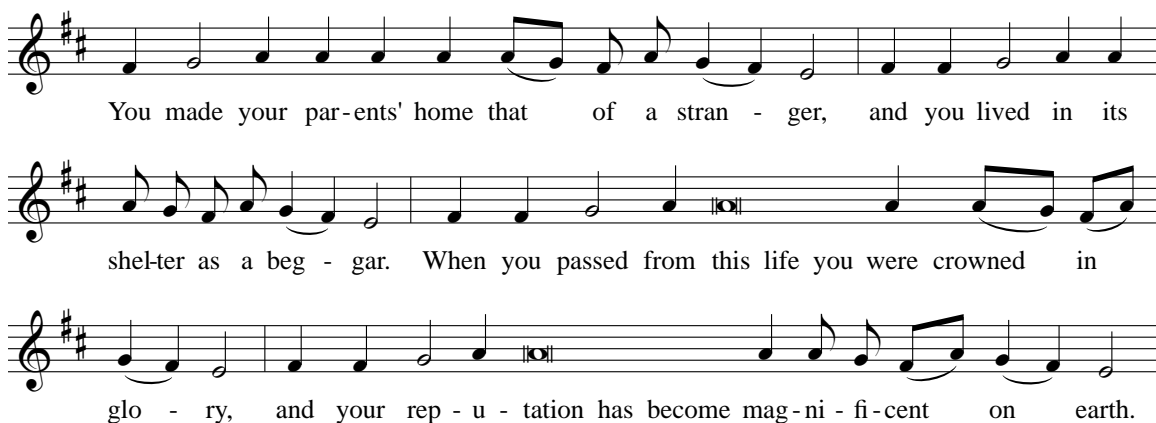
You glowed like the sun on the world, O most bless - ed A - lex - is.

Troparion of Patrick - *Tone 1*

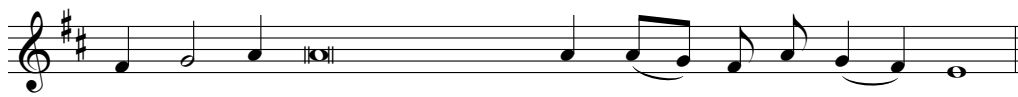


To-day, Ar - magh re - joic - es with Antrim and May - o, and all Ire - land
prais - es the il - lus - trious apos-tle Pa - trick. On all he met, he
made a deep and lasting im - pres - sion, for the grace of God o - ver-flowed
his noble and ten-der na - ture. With Christ the Lord as his breast-plate and the Spirit's
lamp in his hand, he went forth to make the I-rish the chil-dren of the Font,
bap - tizing them in-to Christ, the lov - er of us all.

Kontakion of Alexis - *Tone 2*



You made your par-ents' home that of a stran - ger, and you lived in its
shel-ter as a beg - gar. When you passed from this life you were crowned in
glo - ry, and your rep - u - tation has become mag - ni - fi-cent on earth.



Re-joice, O Alexis, man of God and joy of the an - gels.

Kontakion of Patrick - Tone 4



The e - vil one is ev - er on the watch to carry off entire na - tions as



his boot - y, vi - cious - ly plun - der - ing their spir - its, and leading the minds



of their peo - ples to er - ror. For this, you wise - ly spurned the world



as a passing dream prone to de - struc - tion, ho - ly Pa - trick, and pre - ferred



to be a merchant of the pearl of great price. Thus you led the Irish nation to



wor - ship Christ our God. and be - came the father of a multitude of sons and



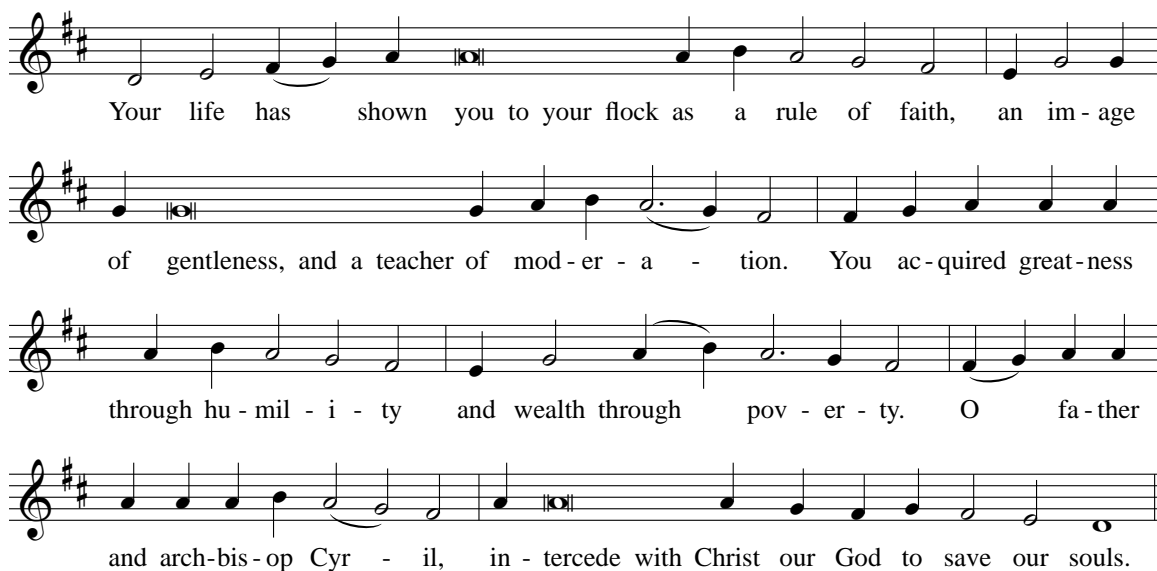
daugh - ters in the Lord. Beg him now to save our souls!

The Commons of a Venerable are found on page 48.

The Commons of a Hierarch are found on page 47.

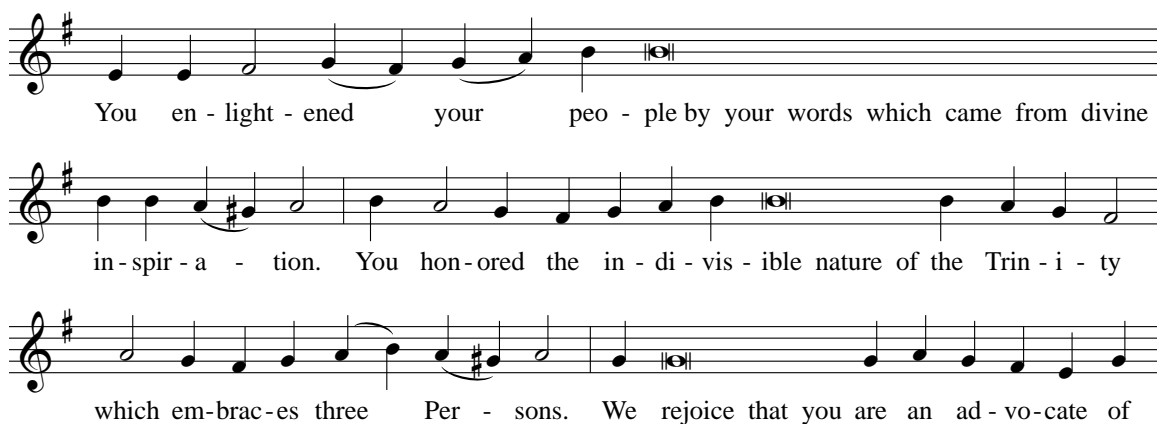
18 Our holy father Cyril, archbishop of Jerusalem. He suffered many injustices from the Arians for the sake of the faith and was frequently driven from his see. He set forth by his preaching and instruction to the faithful the orthodox doctrine, the Scriptures, and the sacred Mysteries. (386)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired greatness through humility and wealth through poverty. O father and arch-bishop Cyril, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 1



You enlightened your people by your words which came from divine inspiration. You honored the indivisible nature of the Trinity which embraces three Persons. We rejoice that you are an advocate of

God, and we celebrate your all - ho - ly mem - o - ry.

The Commons of a Hierarch are found on page 47.

19 The holy martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria, in the catacomb of Thraso on the Via Salaria Nova, whom Pope St. Damasus praised. (c.253)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your ho - ly mar - tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor -
rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3

In your de - sire for the per - fect Good, you pursued what - ev - er good you saw.
By your gold - en words, Chrysanthus, you led the glo - rious Da - ria to Christ.
She en - dured man - y tor - ments and shamed the en - e - my. We ask both of

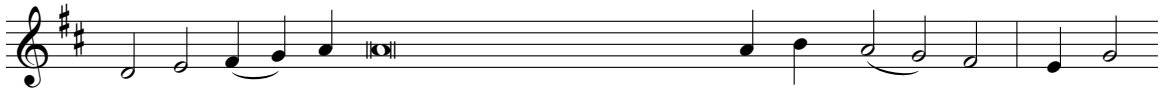


you to re - mem - ber us who keep your mem - o - ry.

The Commons of Several Martyrs are found on page 50.

20 Our venerable fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery, killed by Saracens in 796. The monks refused to flee from the Muslim invasion, saying “We have fled from the world into this wilderness for the love of Christ; it would be shame to us now to flee from the wilderness for fear of men. If we are killed here, we shall be killed through love of Christ, for whose sake we have come here to live.”

Troparion - Tone 4



God of our fa - thers, you always deal with us in your kind - ness. Take not



your mer - cy a - way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion - Tone 4



Hav - ing tru - ly spurned worldly and pass - ing pleas - ures, you preferred the



des - ert life, O bless - ed saints. By turn - ing aside from beau - ty and com - fort,



you fash - ioned heav - en - ly crowns for your - selves. You re - joice in the company



of martyrs and as - cet - ics, and we also keep your mem - o - ry as we sing:

De - liv - er us, O fa - thers, from all af - flic - tions.

The Commons of Venerable Martyrs are found on page 53.

21 Our venerable father and confessor James, bishop of Catania, who died in the Iconoclastic persecutions. (8th century)

Troparion - Tone 8

Guide to Or - tho - dox - y, teach - er of pi - e - ty and ho - li - ness,
 lu - mi - nar - y for the world, in - spired
 a - dorn - ment of bish - ops, O wise James, harp
 of the Spir - it, you en - light - ened all by your teach - ings;
 in - ter - cede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4

By mor - tify - ing your bod - y, O bless - ed James, you a - ban - doned the

world and fol-lowed Christ. You were giv - en the anointing of the priest - hood
 and have been ad-mit-ted to an - gel - ic choirs. Now pray to Christ our God
 for all of us who bless you.

The Commons of a Confessor are found on page 56.

22 The holy martyr Basilides, priest of Ancyra in Galatia, priest and martyr. When Constantius held the office of emperor, Basilides most courageously opposed the Arians. Soon after, under the emperor Julian, he implored God that none of the Christians leave the faith. For this reason he was captured and handed over to the governor of the province. Having suffered many tortures, he consummated his martyrdom. (363)

Troparion - Tone 4

You shared in the a - pos-tles' way of life and suc-ceed-ed to their throne,
 di - vine-ly in-spired bish - op. You found ac - cess to con-tem-pla-tion
 in the act - ive life. There-fore, you right - ly taught the word of truth
 and strug-gled for the faith to the shed-ding of your blood. O priest-mar-tyr

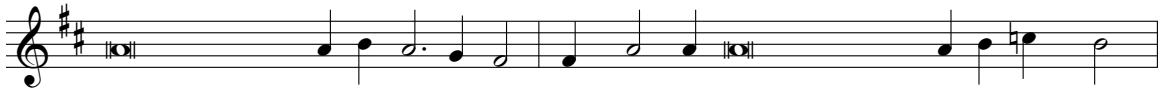


Ba - sil - i - des, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

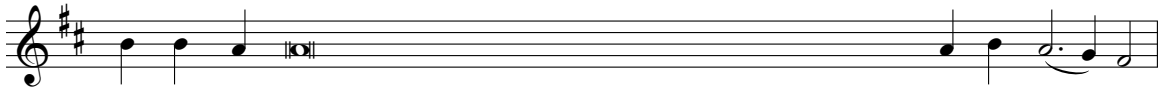
Kontakion - Tone 8



You ran the course and kept the faith, O Ba-sil - i - des, Be-cause of this you were



crowned with glo-ry in mar-tyr-dom and hailed as an immovable pil-lar of the Church.



You con-fessed the Son to be coeternal in the Trinity with the Father and the Spir - it.



Now beg the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty to save all of us who hon - or you.

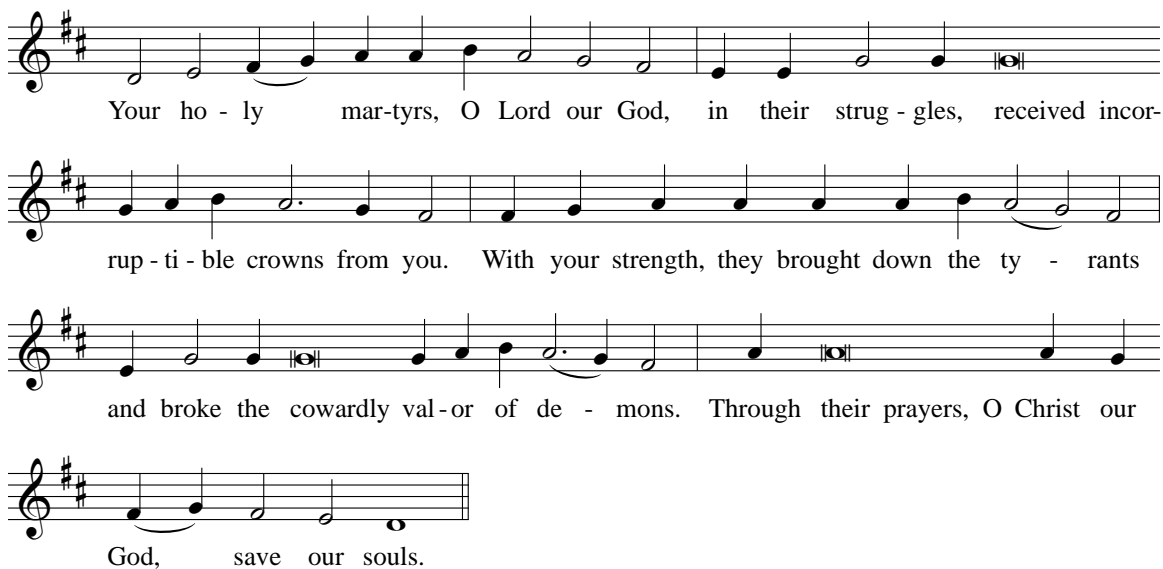
The Commons of a Priest-Martyr are found on page 51.

23 The holy venerable martyr Nikon and his students martyred with him fled the persecutions in Palestine to a refuge in Sicily, where they were put to death under the emperor Decius. (250)

Our holy mother Rafqa. Born in a small village in the mountains of Lebanon in 1832, she entered the Maronite Antonian order at the Monastery of Saint Simon. In 1885, she asked of the Lord Jesus that she might share in a special way in the sufferings of his crucifixion. She soon became blind and crippled, but continued to work and to pray, eating only left-overs and wearing cast-off clothing. In all of this, she remained humble, and was a profound mystic. (1914)

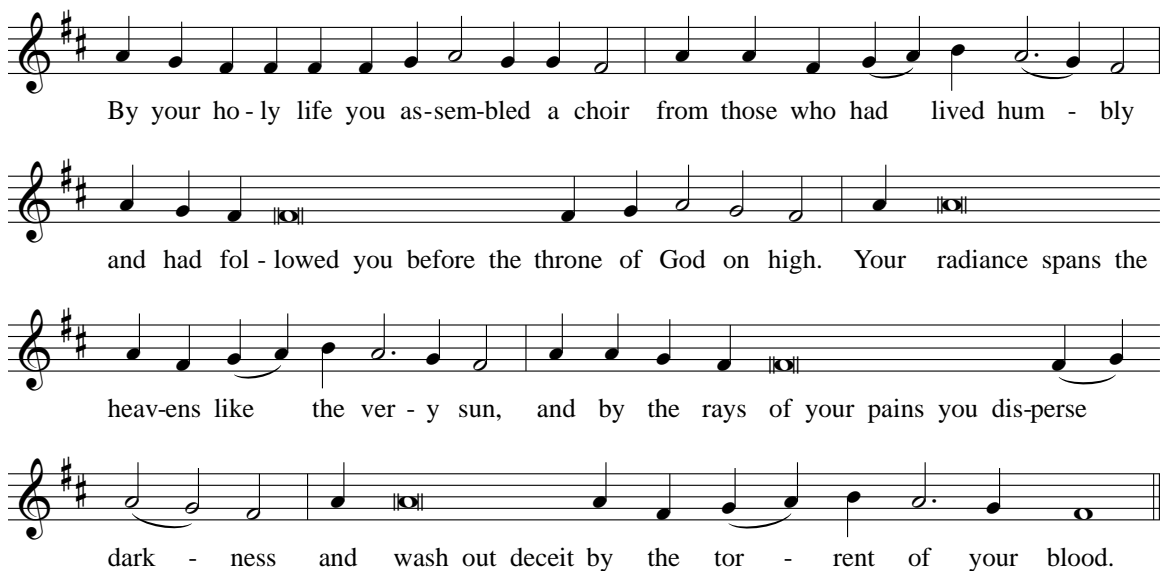
Our venerable father Methodius Dominic Trcka. Born in 1886 in Bohemia, he entered the Redemptorists in 1902 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1910. After World War I, he asked to work among the Greek Catholic faithful, and was sent to L'viv to work with Bl. Nicholas Charneckyj. In 1921, he was sent to Slovakia, and oversaw the foundation of a Greek Catholic community of Redemptorists in Michalovce. In 1945, a Greek-Catholic vice-province was set up in Michalovce, and Trcka was appointed superior. In 1950, the Communists arrested him, tried him, and condemned him to twelve years' imprisonment. He was treated with great cruelty and died in prison. (1959)

Troparion - Tone 4



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rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4



By your ho - ly life you as - sem - bled a choir from those who had lived hum - bly
and had fol - lowed you before the throne of God on high. Your radiance spans the
heav - ens like the ver - y sun, and by the rays of your pains you dis - perse
dark - ness and wash out deceit by the tor - rent of your blood.

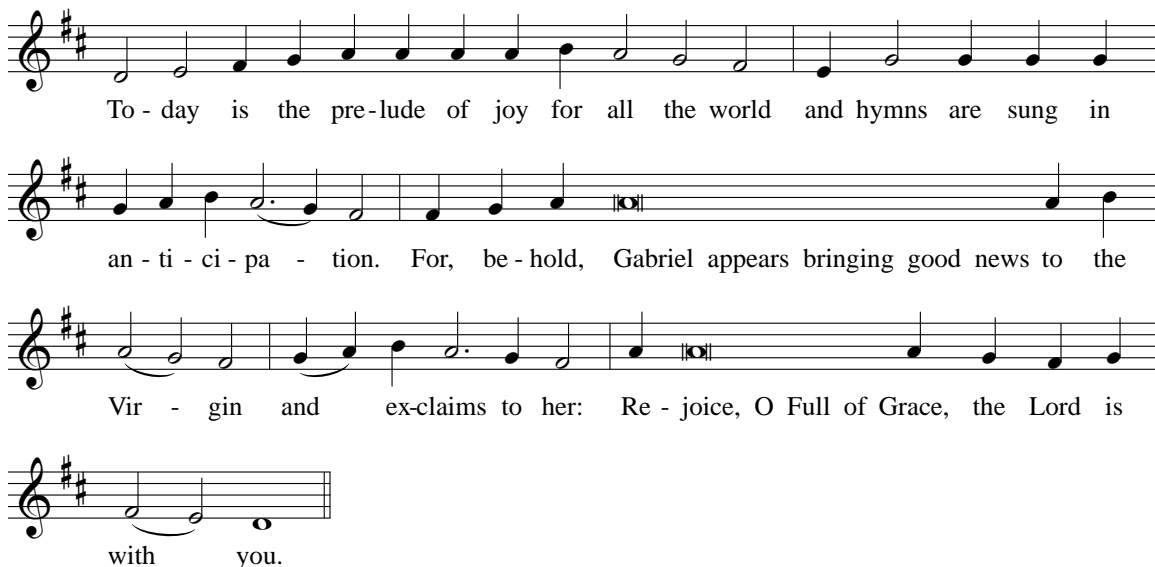
The Commons of Several Martyrs are found on page 50.

24 Prefestive day of the Annunciation

Our venerable father Zachary. He was born in Egypt, and his father left his family to become a monk and took Zachary with him. God gave him great gifts of grace; he was a great light among the monks in the desert, and went to his peace in the Lord at an early age.

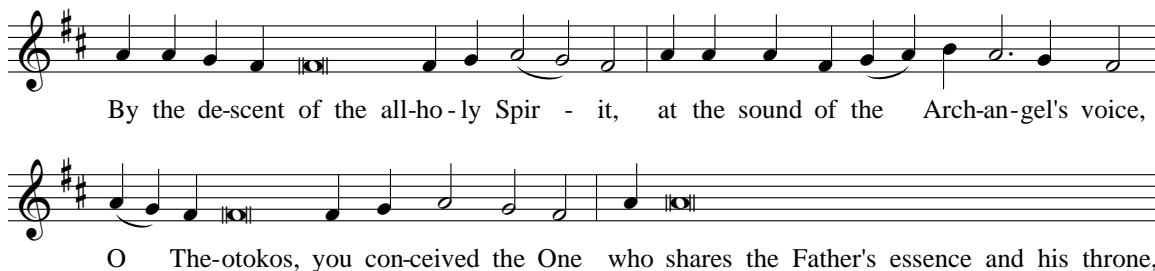
Our holy father Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia of Pisidia. Born and educated in Selucia, he encountered the Apostle Paul, who encouraged him and made him bishop of the city. Artemon guided the flock of Christ with love and zeal, and entered into rest at a great old age. (1st century)

Troparion of the Prefeast - *Tone 4*



To - day is the pre-lude of joy for all the world and hymns are sung in
an - ti - ci - pa - tion. For, be - hold, Gabriel appears bringing good news to the
Vir - gin and ex-claims to her: Re - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is
with you.

Kontakion - *Tone 4*



By the de-scent of the all-ho-ly Spir - it, at the sound of the Arch-an-gel's voice,
O The-otokos, you con-ceived the One who shares the Father's essence and his throne,



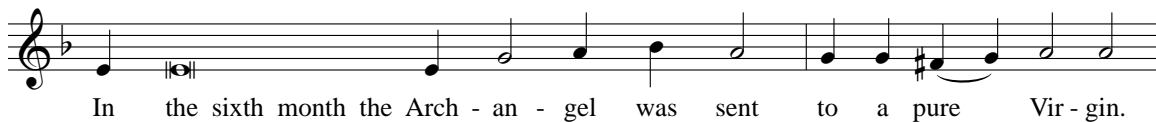
and is A-dam's res - to - ra - tion.

The Commons of a Venerable are found on page 48.

25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY when, in the city of Nazareth, the angel of the Lord announced to Mary, "Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and he will be called the Son of the Most High." Mary said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And thus the fullness of time was accomplished, and he who before time was the only-begotten Son of God was made flesh for our sake and for our salvation, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became human.

If the Annunciation falls on a Lenten weekday, the Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom is celebrated with Vespers on March 25, in the evening.

First Sticheron – Tone 4 Samohlasen:



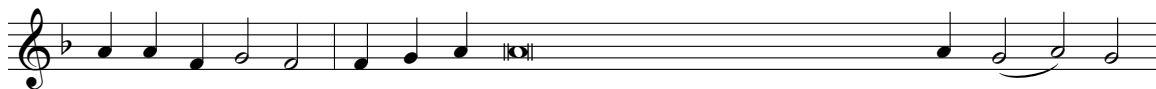
In the sixth month the Arch - an - gel was sent to a pure Vir - gin.



He greet-ed her: Re-joice! He an-nounced that the Redeemer would come forth



from her. She re-ceived his greet-ing with faith and conceived you, the God from



be-fore all a - ges, for it was your inexpressible good pleasure to be-come man



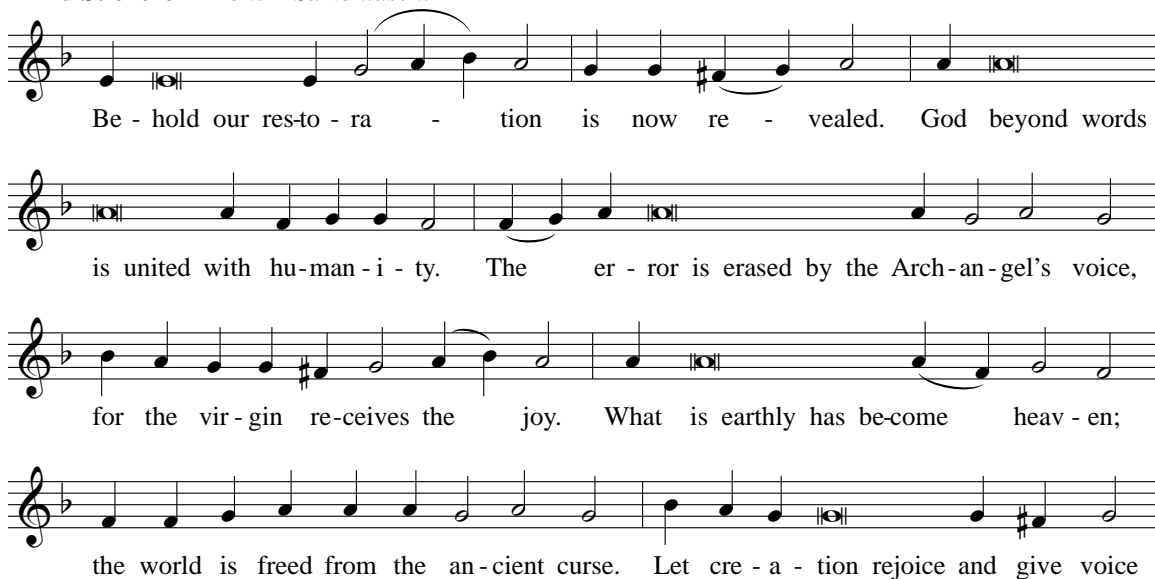
for the sal - va - - - tion of our souls.

Second Sticheron – Tone 4 Samohlasen:



The The-o-to-kos heard a voice she did not know. The Archangel spoke
to her the words of good news. She re-ceived the greet-ing with faith and con-ceived
you, the God from be-fore all a-ges. There-fore, we also rejoice and cry
out to you, O un-ap-proach-able God who were in-car-nate of her:
Grant peace to the world and great mer-cy to our souls.

Third Sticheron – Tone 4 Samohlasen:



Be-hold our res-to-ra-tion is now re-vealed. God beyond words
is united with hu-man-i-ty. The er-ror is erased by the Arch-an-gel's voice,
for the vir-gin re-ceives the joy. What is earthly has be-come heav-en;
the world is freed from the an-cient curse. Let cre-a-tion rejoice and give voice

to hymns: O Lord, our Creator and Re-deem - er, glo - ry to you!

Theotokion – Tone 6 Samohlasen:

The Arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el was sent from heav - en to the Vir - gin

to an - nounce the good news of her con - cep - tion. Com - ing to

Naz - a - reth he was a - mazed as he reflected on the mys - te - ry:

How can the One Who Is incomprehen - si - ble in the high - est be born of a

vir - gin? Heav - en is his throne, the earth is his foot - stool, and in a

wom - an's womb he is con - tained. The six - winged seraphim and the many-eyed

cherubim cannot look up - on him; yet, with a single word, he has been pleased to

take on flesh. He re - mains the Word of God. Why do I stand still and

not say to the Maid - en: Re - joice, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you;

Re-joice, pure Vir - gin; re - joice, Un - wed - ded Bride; re - joice, Moth - er of Life;

bles - ed is the fruit of your womb.

Entrance Hymn - Tone 4 Troparion (Psalm 95:2):

Day af - ter day an - nounce the good news of our God's sal - va - tion.

Troparion - Tone 4:

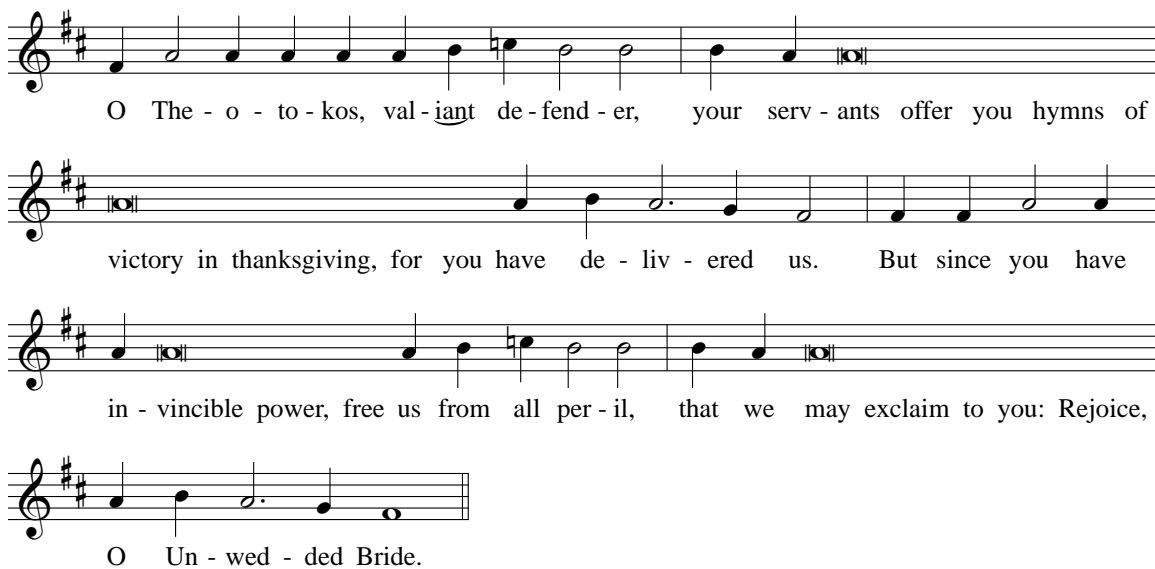
To - day is the sum - mit of our sal - va - tion, and what was hidden from before all

a - ges is re - vealed: the Son of God be - comes a vir - gin's son, and Ga - bri - el

an - noun - ces the good news of grace. There - fore, let us exclaim with him to the

The - o - to - kos: Re - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Kontakion - Tone 8



O The - o - to - kos, val - iant de - fend - er, your serv - ants offer you hymns of
victory in thanksgiving, for you have de - liv - ered us. But since you have
in - vincible power, free us from all per - il, that we may exclaim to you: Rejoice,
O Un - wed - ded Bride.

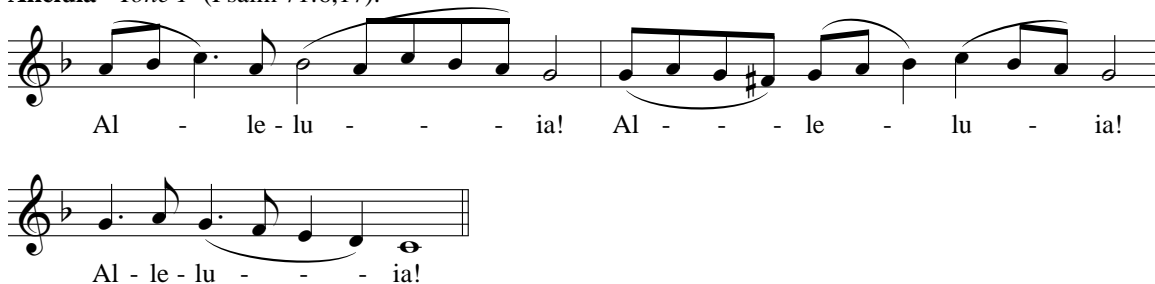
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 95:2,1):



Day af - ter day an - nounce the good news of our God's sal - va - tion.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 71:6,17):



Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: He will descend like rain on the meadows, like raindrops on the earth.

Verse: May his name be blessed forever, more enduring than the sun.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:

O earth, an - nounce the good news, the good news
of great joy. You heav - ens, sing the glo - ry, the glo - ry of God.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for "O earth, announce the good news, the good news". The second staff contains the melody for "of great joy. You heavens, sing the glory, the glory of God." The melody is simple and melodic, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Let no un - in - i - ti - a - ted hand touch the liv - ing Ark of God;
but let faith - ful lips, sing - ing with - out ceas - ing the words of
the angel to the The-o - to - kos, cry a-loud in great joy: Re - joice,
O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the melody for "Let no un-in-i-ti-a-ted hand touch the living Ark of God;". The second staff contains the melody for "but let faith-ful lips, sing-ing with-out ceas-ing the words of". The third staff contains the melody for "the angel to the The-o-to-kos, cry a-loud in great joy: Re-joice,". The fourth staff contains the melody for "O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you." The melody is simple and melodic, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Or this melody:

Irmos:

Tone 4 samopodoben

Let no un-in-i-ti-a-ted hand touch the liv - ing Ark of God;
but let faith-ful lips, sing - ing with-out ceas-ing

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for "Let no un-in-i-ti-a-ted hand touch the living Ark of God;". The second staff contains the melody for "but let faith-ful lips, sing-ing with-out ceas-ing". The melody is simple and melodic, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

the words of the an-gel to the The-o-to-kos, cry a-loud in great joy:
 Re - joice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 131:13):

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The Lord has cho - sen Zi - on; he pre-fers her for his dwell-ing.
Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

26 Postfestive day of the Annunciation

Synaxis of Gabriel the Archangel, who brought the Good News to Mary, the chosen one, and to the priest Zachary, the father of the prophet and forerunner John.

All as on March 25, with the addition of:

Troparion of the Synaxis of Gabriel - Tone 4

Lead-ers of the heav-en-ly ar - mies, al-though we are unworthy, we al-ways
 be-seech you to for-ti-fy us by your pray'rs and to shel-ter us beneath
 the wings of your sub-lime glo - ry. Watch over us who bow to you and cry out

fer-vent-ly: De-liv-er us from dan-ger, for you are the com-mand-ers
of the pow-ers on high.

Kontakion - Tone 4

O com-mand-er of an-gels, min-ister of holy glory and messen-ger of God him-self,
you have come from the most radiant, almighty, all-mysterious, and ex-alt-ed
Trin-i-ty. Pray that we might be delivered from trials and sor-rows
so that we might sing: Re-joice, for you pro-tect your ser-vants.

27 Our venerable mother Matrona of Thessalonica in Macedonia, martyr. She was a handmaid of a certain Jewish woman. When she secretly worshipped Christ, she was caught by her mistress and struck with many blows. She was finally beaten to the point of death with cudgels. While confessing Christ, she returned her spirit incorrupt to God. (c.350)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your lamb Ma-tro-na, O Jesus, cries out in a loud voice: I love you,

my Bridegroom; I seek you with pain-ful long - ing; I am cru - cified with you;
in your baptism, I am bur-ied with you; I suf-fer for you that I may reign with you;
and I die for you that I may live with you. Re - ceive me
as a spotless sacrifice immo-lat-ed with love for you. By her pray'rs, O mer-ci - ful
One, save our souls.

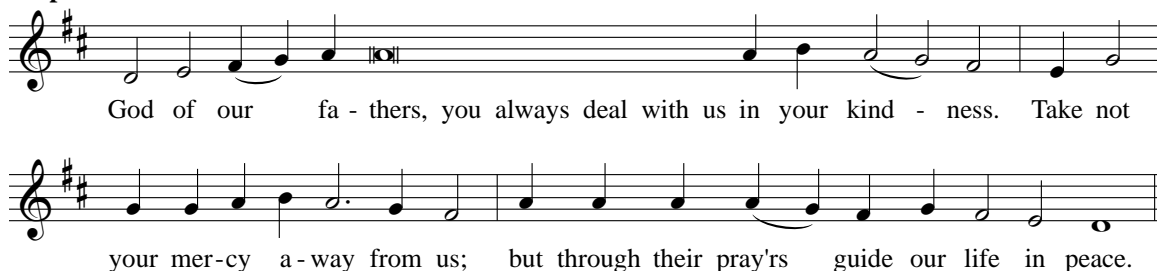
Kontakion - Tone 5

You worked with hon-or for the Mas - ter and stead-fast - ly re-fused
to dis-hon - or him. You en-dured im - pris - on-ment and wounds
and e - ven gave your life for him. O mar-tyr Ma - tro - na,
so wise in God, now pray for those who hon - or your mem - o - ry.

The Commons for a Venerable Woman are found on page 55.

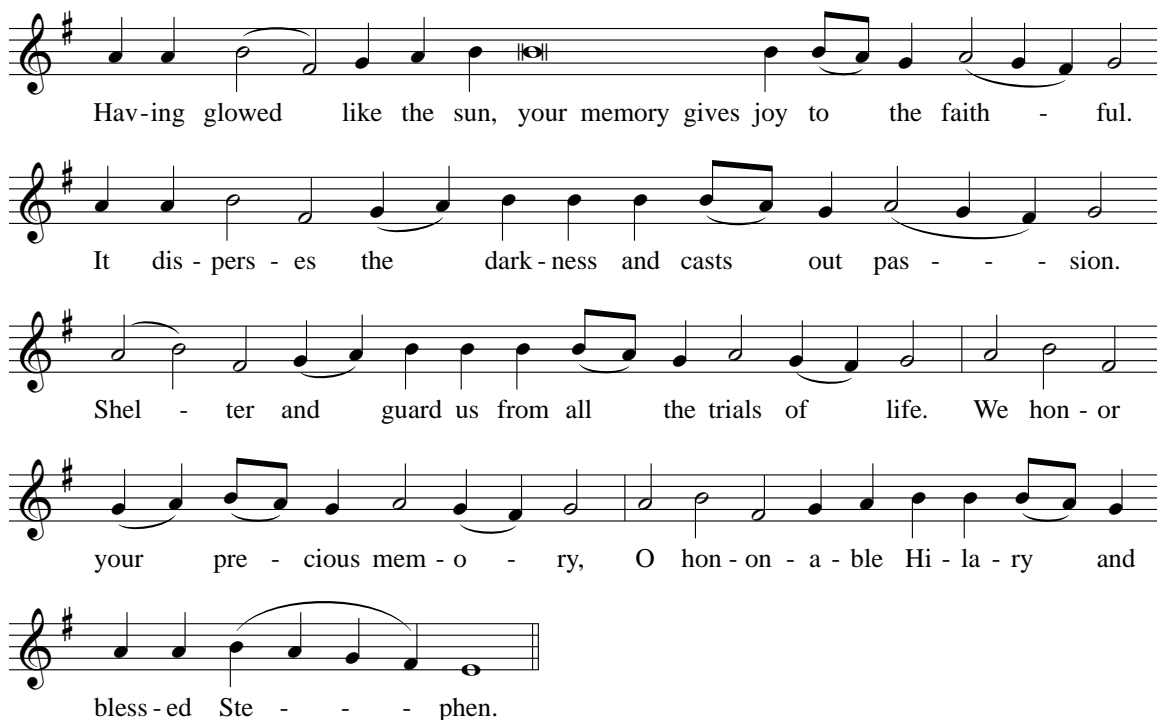
28 Our venerable father Hilary the Younger and the holy Stephen the Wonderworker, both of whom died in the persecution of the emperor Leo the Armenian. Hilary was hegumen of Pelekete near the Hellespont, and was a wonderworker. He was exiled with forty of his monks to a deserted place near Ephesus, where they died there in prison. (754)

Troparion - Tone 4



God of our fa - thers, you always deal with us in your kind - ness. Take not
 your mer - cy a - way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion - Tone 5

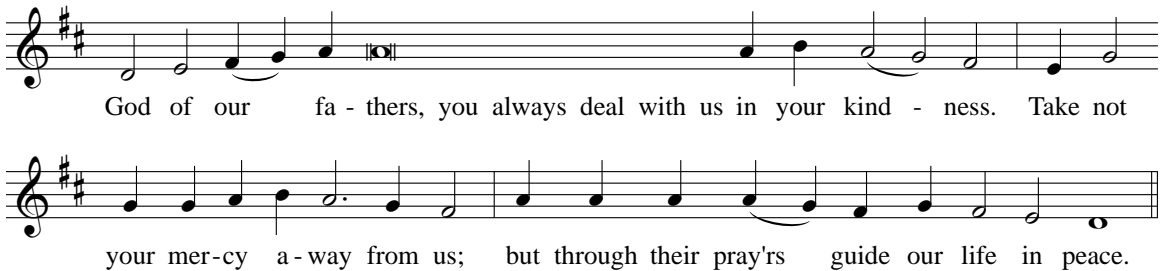


Hav - ing glowed like the sun, your memory gives joy to the faith - ful.
 It dis - pers - es the dark - ness and casts out pas - - - sion.
 Shel - ter and guard us from all the trials of life. We hon - or
 your pre - cious mem - o - ry, O hon - on - a - ble Hi - la - ry and
 bless - ed Ste - - - phen.

The Commons of a Venerable are found on page 48.

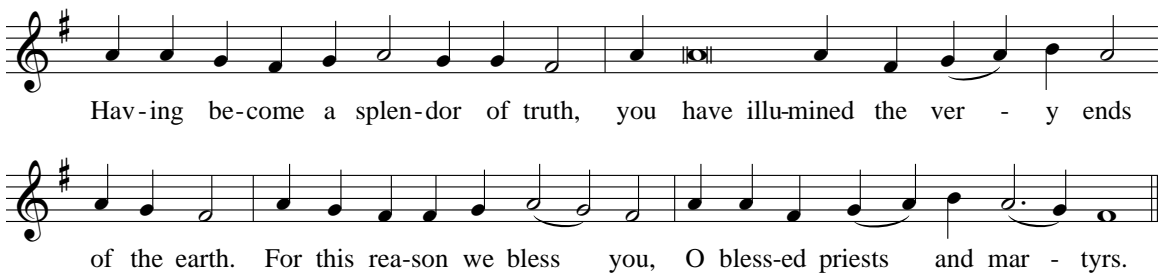
29 Our venerable father Mark, bishop of Arethusa in Syria and of the Deacon Cyril, and the others who suffered martyrdom under Julian the Apostate. Mark departed not at all from the orthodox faith at the time of the Arian controversy. He was violently abused under the emperor Julian the Apostate, and was hailed by St. Gregory of Nazianzus as an exceptional man. (364)

Troparion - Tone 4



God of our fa - thers, you always deal with us in your kind - ness. Take not
your mer-cy a - way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion - Tone 4

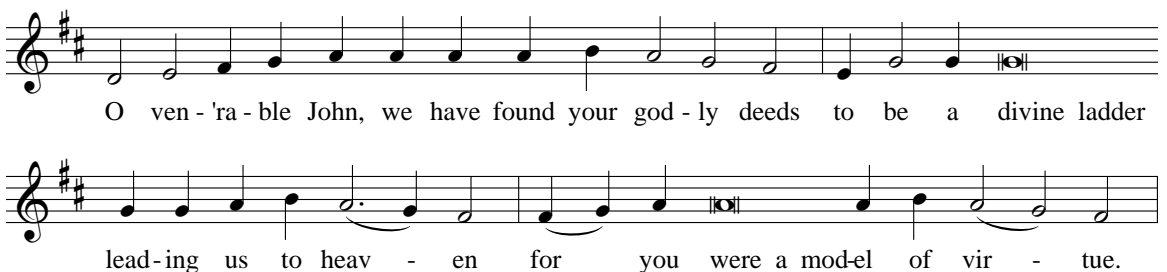


Hav - ing be - come a splen - dor of truth, you have illu - mined the ver - y ends
of the earth. For this rea - son we bless you, O bless - ed priests and mar - tyr.

The Commons of Several Priest-Martyrs are found on page 52.

30 Our venerable father John Climacus, author of “The Ladder” was born in Palestine. At the age of sixteen, he entered a monastery on Mount Sinai, where (in his later years) he wrote “The Ladder of Perfection.” (649)

Troparion - Tone 4



O ven - 'ra - ble John, we have found your god - ly deeds to be a divine ladder
lead - ing us to heav - en for you were a mod - el of vir - tue.



There-fore, beg Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8



John, our teach-er and fa - ther, the Lord has raised you to the heights of



self-con-trol, to be a true guid-ing star en-light-en-ing the ends of the earth.

The Commons of a Venerable are found on page 48.

31 Our venerable father Hypatius, bishop of Gangra in Paphlagonia, bishop, who, pelted with stones by Novatianist heretics on a road, died a martyr. (326)

Troparion of Hypatius - Tone 8



In you, O fa - ther, the di - vine im - age was strict - ly pre-served;



tak - ing up your cross, you fol - lowed Christ. You taught us



by ex - am - ple how to spurn the flesh, for it pass - es a - way, and how to



care for the soul, which is im - mor - tal. There-fore, O ven - 'ra - ble

Hy - pa - tius, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion - Tone 1

You shine o - ver the earth, O holy father Hy - pa - tius, and you en-light-en

those who come to you by mir - a - cles. Hav - ing poured out your blood,

you be-came like Christ. Glo - ry to God who strength-ened you! Glo-ry to

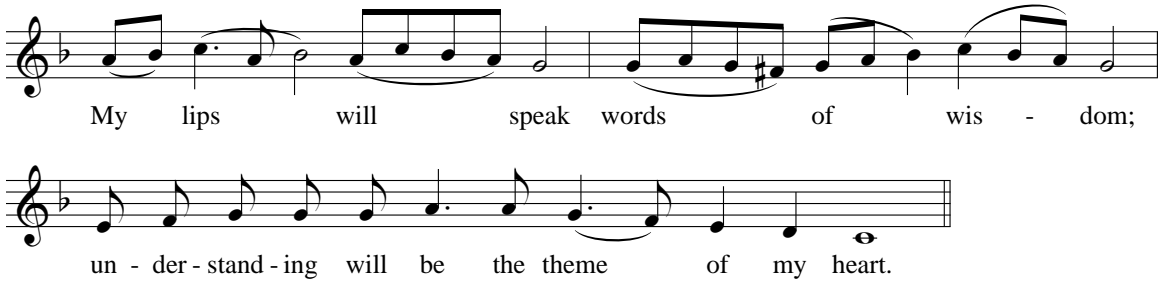
him who be-friend-ed you! Glo - ry to him who heals us through you!

The Commons of a Hierarch are found on page 47.

Commons

For a Hierarch (Bishop):

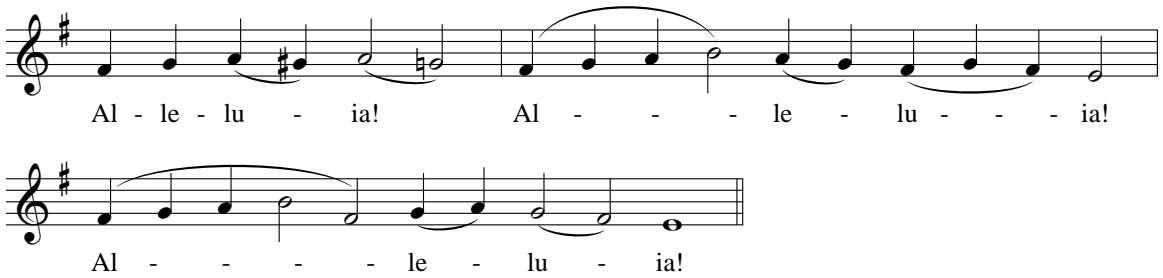
Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):



My lips will speak words of wisdom;
understanding will be the theme of my heart.

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - - ia!
Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.

Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

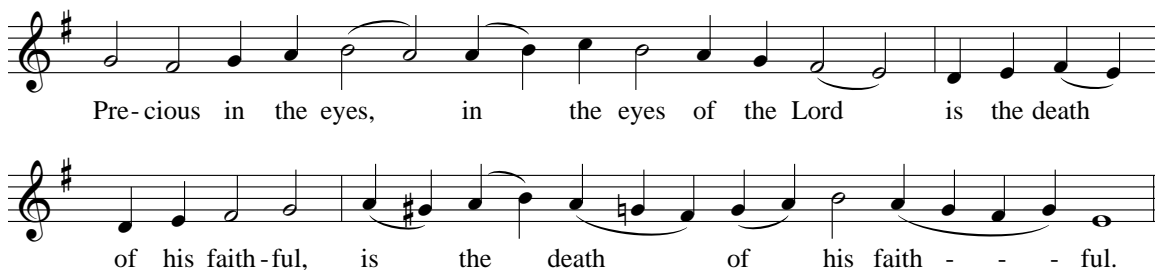
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The just man will be remembered for - e - ver;
e - vil news he will not fear; e - vil news he will not fear.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

For a Venerable:

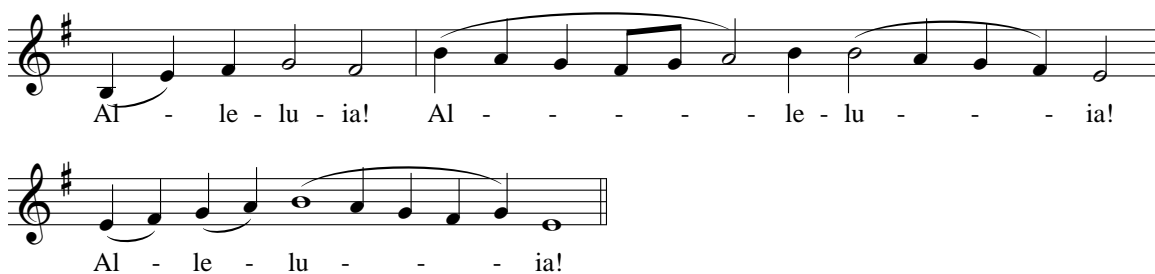
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death
of his faith-ful, is the death of his faith - - - ful.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - - - le - lu - - - - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

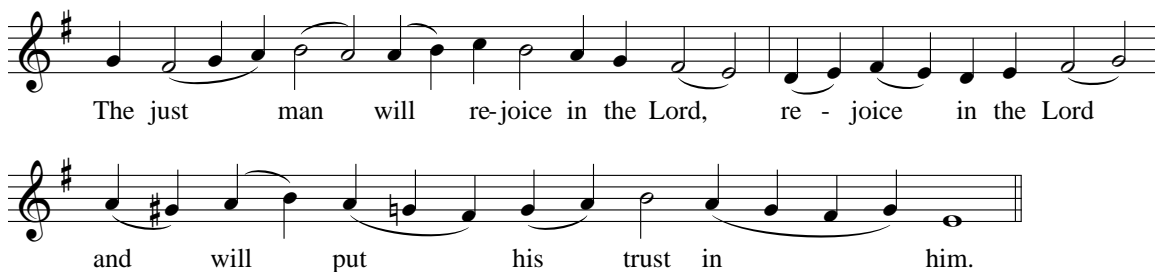
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The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver;
e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

For a Martyr:

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)



The just man will re-joyce in the Lord, re - joyce in the Lord
and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

A



The just man will be re-mem-bered for - ev - er; e - vil news he
Refrain
will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

For Several Martyrs:

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 15:3,8):

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the
won - ders of his will.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, with a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text, ending with a double bar line.

Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

The musical notation is in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a single staff with a double bar line at the end. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a double bar line after the first measure.

Verse: The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and rescued them from all their distress.

Verse: Many are the trials of the just, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

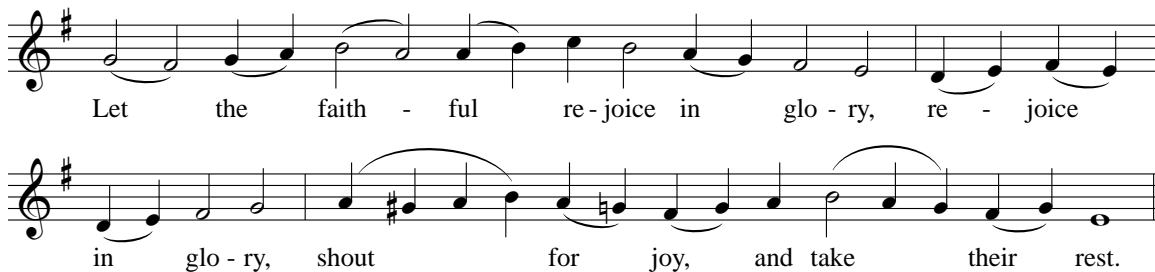
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Re-joyce in the Lord, you righ - teous ones; praise from the up-right,
the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

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For a Priest-Martyr:

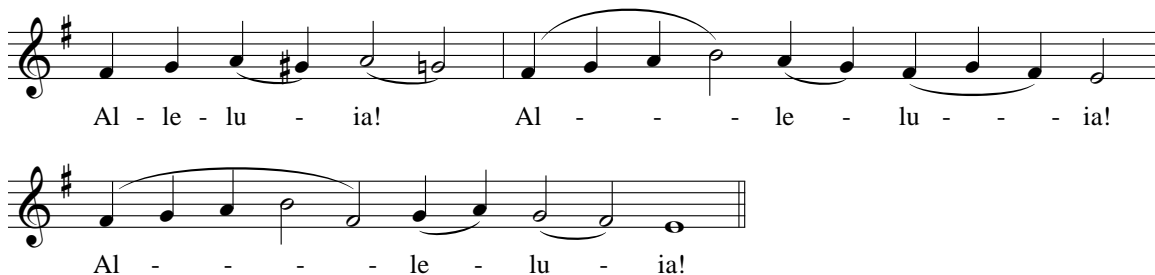
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



Let the faith - ful re-joyce in glo - ry, re - joyce
in glo - ry, shout for joy, and take their rest.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 131:9,13):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - - ia!
Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.

Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

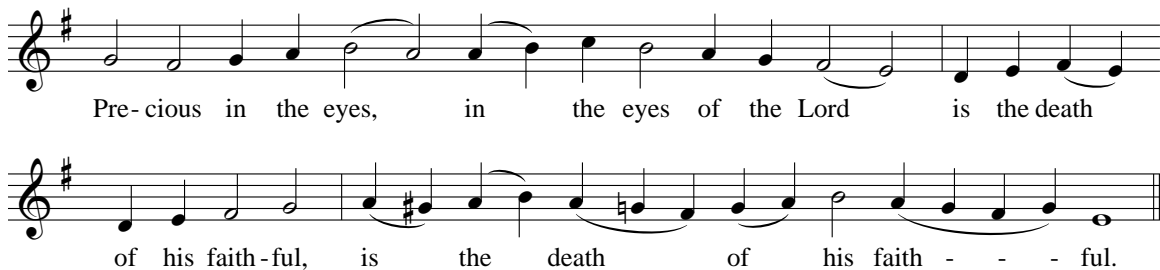
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The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;
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Refrain
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For Several Priest-Martyrs:

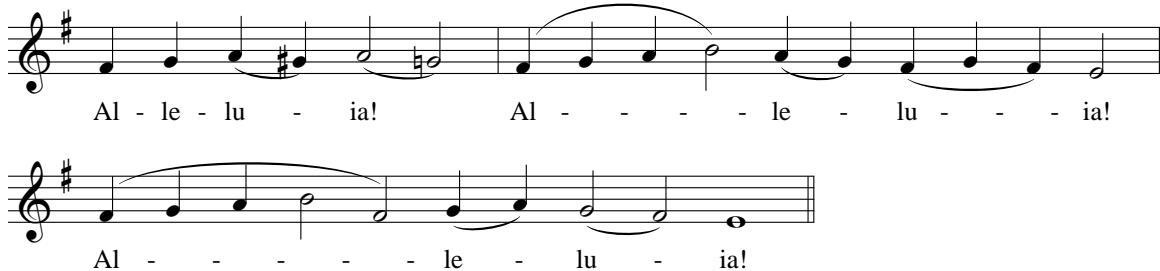
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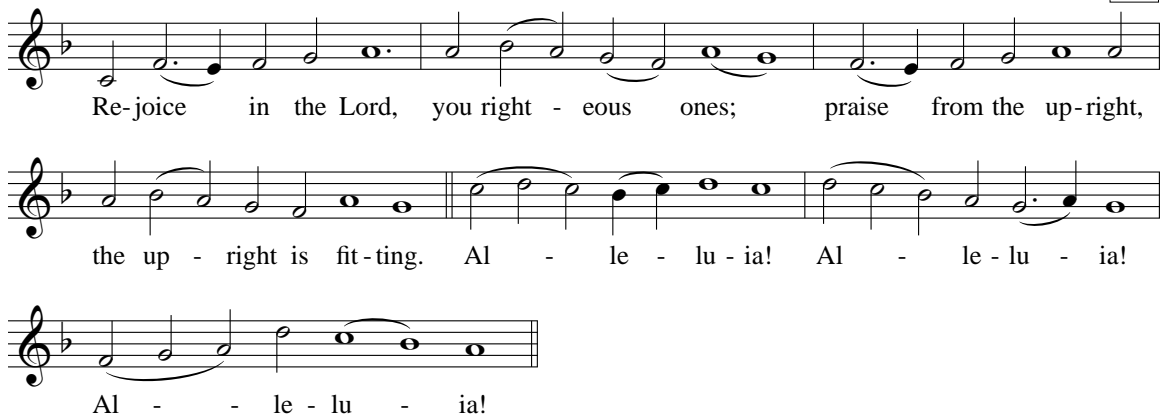
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - - le - lu - - - ia!
Al - - - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.

Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

D



Re-joyce in the Lord, you right - eous ones; praise from the up-right,
the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

For Several Venerable Martyrs:

Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 149:5,1):



Let the faith - ful re-joyce, re - joyce in glo - ry, shout for joy
and take their rest.

Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):



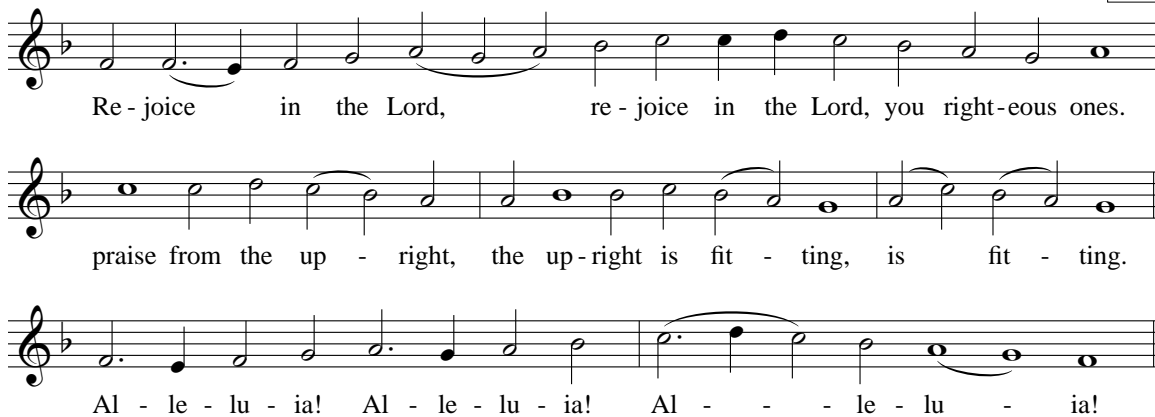
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - - le - lu - - - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

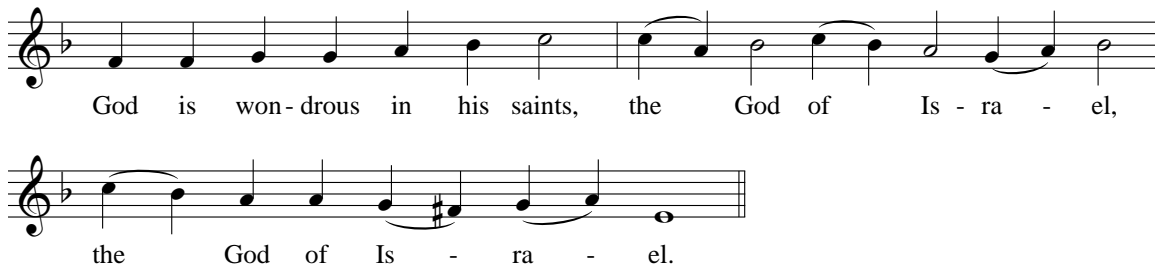
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Re - joyce in the Lord, re - joyce in the Lord, you right-eous ones.
praise from the up - right, the up-right is fit - ting, is fit - ting.
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For a Woman-Martyr:

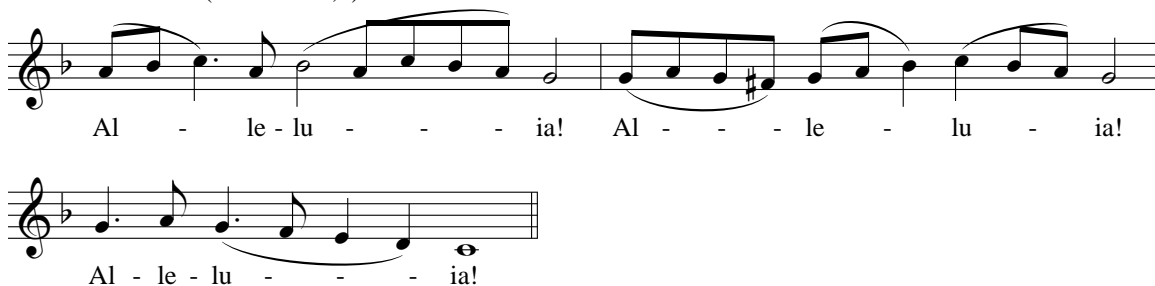
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):



God is won-drous in his saints, the God of Is - ra - el,
the God of Is - ra - el.

Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):



Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

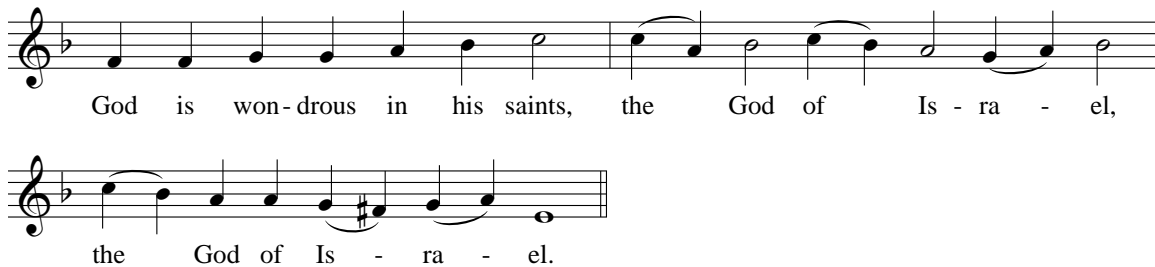
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Re-joyce in the Lord, re-joyce, you righteous ones; praise from the up-right,
the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

For a Venerable Woman:

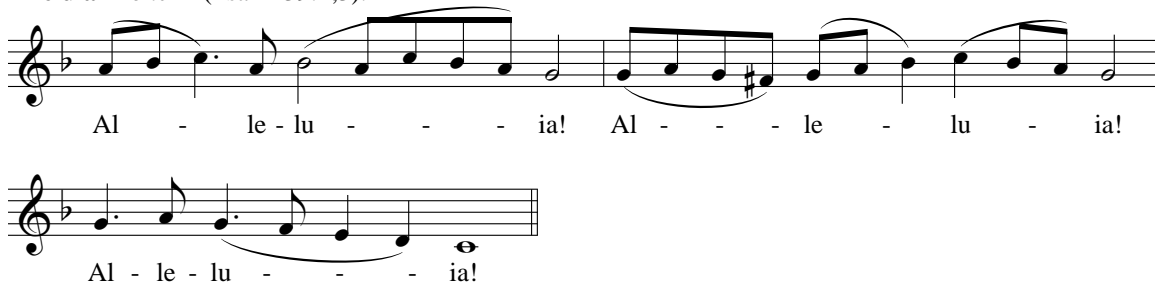
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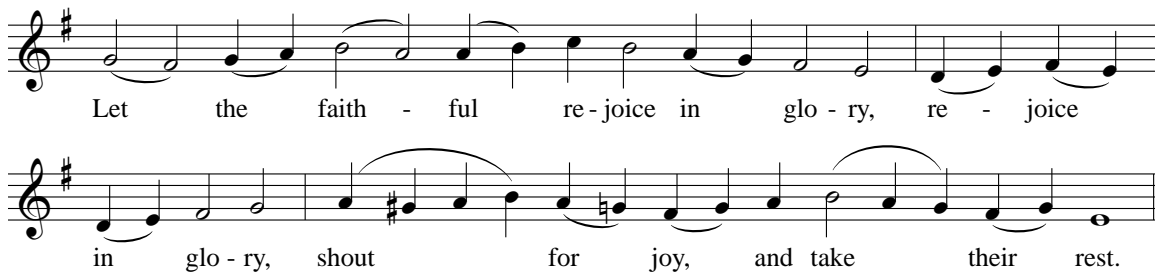
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For a Confessor:

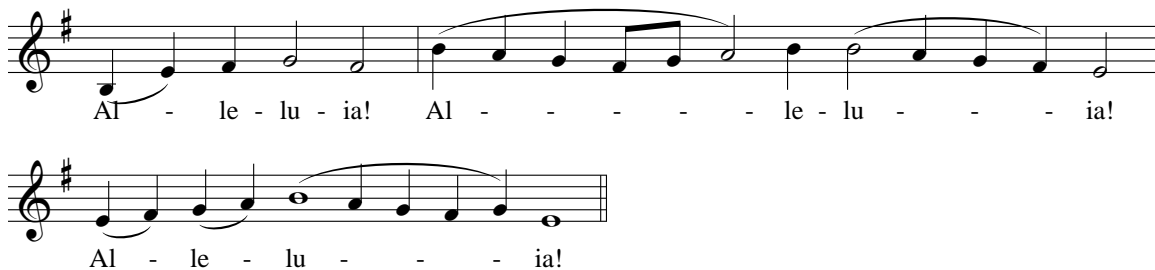
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Alleluia - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):



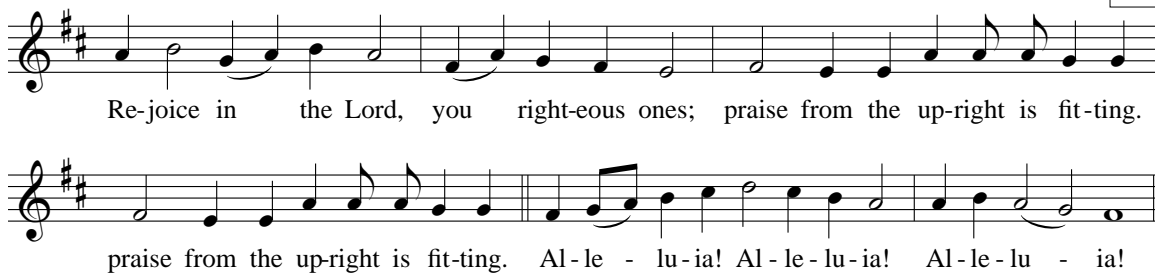
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - - le - lu - - - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

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Re-joyce in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.
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