

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 ninth 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

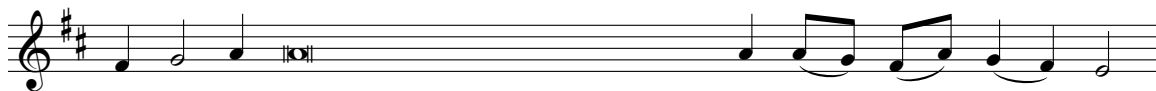
*Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian and
Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo*

MENAION - MAY

1 The holy prophet Jeremiah, who suffered many persecutions at the time of Joachim and Zedekiah, kings of Judah. He warned of the destruction of the Holy City and the deportation of the people. For this reason the Church has held him to be a figure of the patience of Christ. He also foretold the new and everlasting covenant, consummated in Christ Jesus himself, by whom the omnipotent Father would write his law on the deepest heart of the children of Israel, that he himself might be their God and they might be his people. [cf. Jer 32:38].

The holy priest-martyr Clement Sheptyckyj was born in 1869 in Galicia. In 1911, he entered the monastery of St. Theodore Studite, and in 1915 was ordained to the priesthood. He was archimandrite of the Studite monastery in Univ. He was arrested by the Soviets in 1947 and was martyred for the faith in Volodymyr. (1951)

Troparion - Tone 2

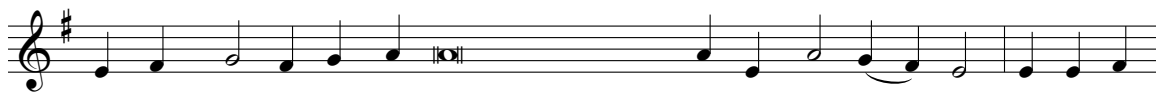


As we cel - ebrate the memory of your prophet Je re - mi - ah, O Lord,



we im-plore you to save our souls through his prayers.

Kontakion - Tone 3



O great proph-et and mar-tyr, you received the gift of proph-e - cy af - ter you



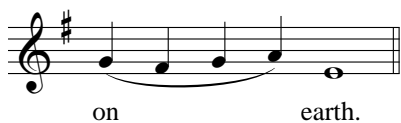
pu - ri - fied your heart by the fire of the Spir - it. How loud-ly you



pro-claimed the message, O Je - re - mi - ah: This is our God, and you shall

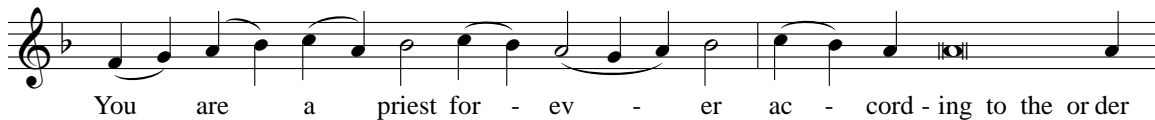


have none oth - er be-fore him. He has tak - en on flesh and has ap - peared



on earth.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 109:4,1):



You are a priest for - ev - er ac - cord - ing to the order



of Mel-chiz - e - dek.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

Alleluia - Tone 5 (Psalm 98:6; 96:11):



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

Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

Verse: Light dawns for the just, and gladness for the upright of heart

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):.

D



The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver; e - vil news he



will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - - le - lu - ia!

2 Our holy father Athanasius the Great, archbishop of Alexandria, most outstanding in his holiness and teaching, who vigorously fought for the orthodox faith in Alexandria in Egypt from the time of Constantine to that of the emperor Valens. He suffered patiently very many intrigues from the Arians and was frequently been forced into exile. When he had finally returned to the Church entrusted to him, after many trials and crowns of patience, he rested in the peace of Christ in the forty-sixth year of his priesthood. (373)

Troparion - Tone 3

You were a pil - lar of Or - tho - dox - y, sup - port - ing the Church.

You preached that the Son was of one na - ture with the Fa - ther;

O ven - er - a - ble A - tha - na - si - us, you made Ari us blush with shame.

Beg Christ our God to have mer - cy on us.

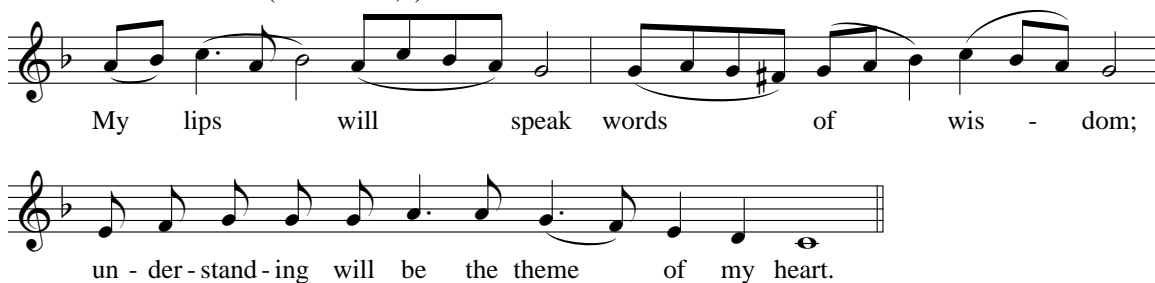
Kontakion - Tone 2

Blar - ing trum - pet of the Lord and flute of the Spir - it, O great

A - tha - na - si - us, O fie - ry mind, it is fit - ting to sing your prais - es with hymns;

for you taught us to honor the Tri - ni - ty of one es - sence.

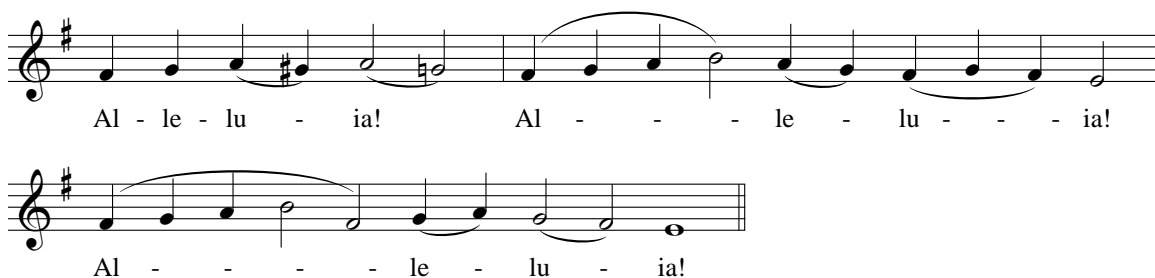
Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):



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 just man's mouth utters wisdom and his lips speak what is right.

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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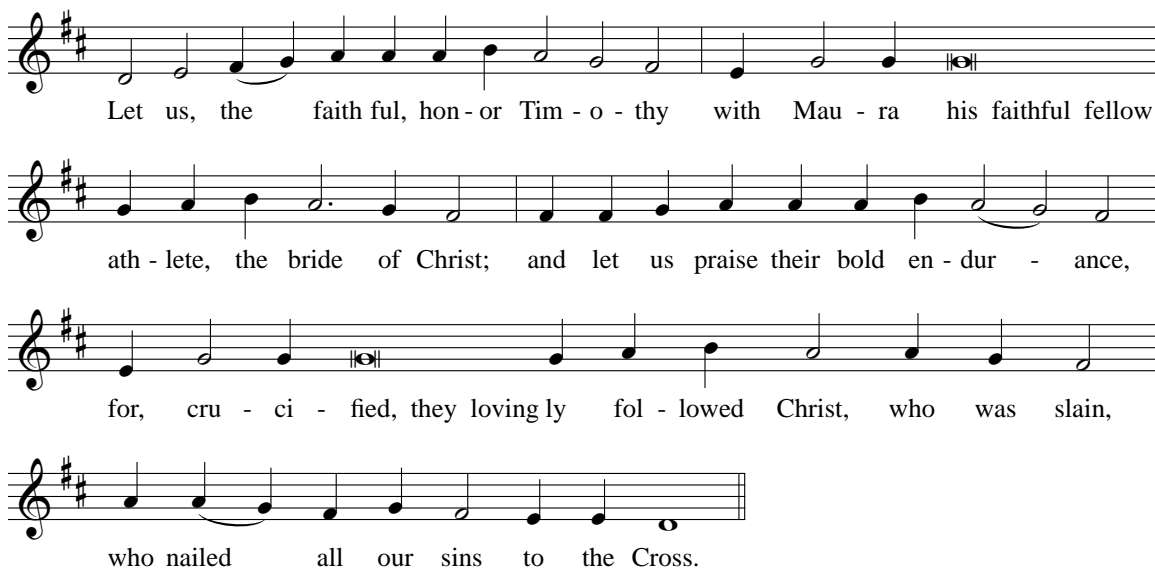


The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver;
e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. *Refrain* Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 The holy martyr Timothy and his wife Maura at Antioe in the Thebaid. They were husband and wife for only twenty days before they were taken before the governor of the Thebaid and accused of being Christians. They suffered with honor for Christ. (286)

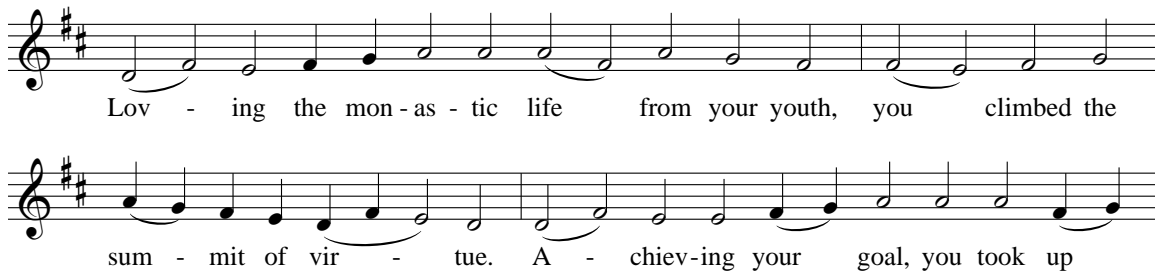
The passing of our venerable father Theodosius of the Monastery of the Caves, at Kiev in Rus', abbot, who established the monastery called the Monastery of the Caves. He became the founder in that place of the coenobitic life. (1074)

Troparion of Timothy and Maura - Tone 4

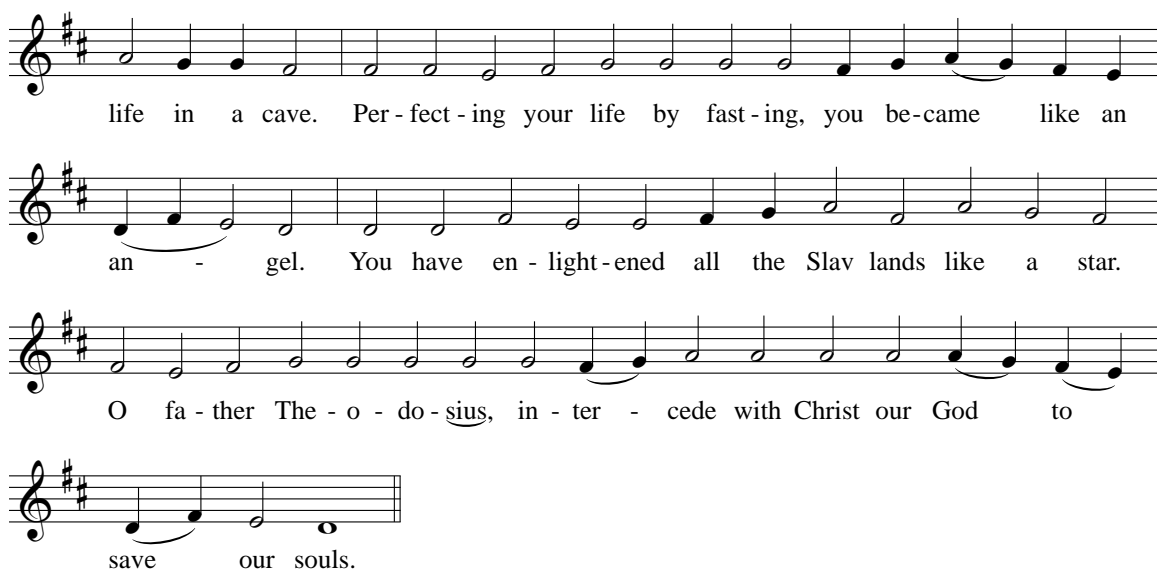


Let us, the faithful, hon - or Tim - o - thy with Mau - ra his faithful fellow
ath - lete, the bride of Christ; and let us praise their bold en - dur - ance,
for, cru - ci - fied, they lovingly fol - lowed Christ, who was slain,
who nailed all our sins to the Cross.

Troparion of Theodosius - Tone 8

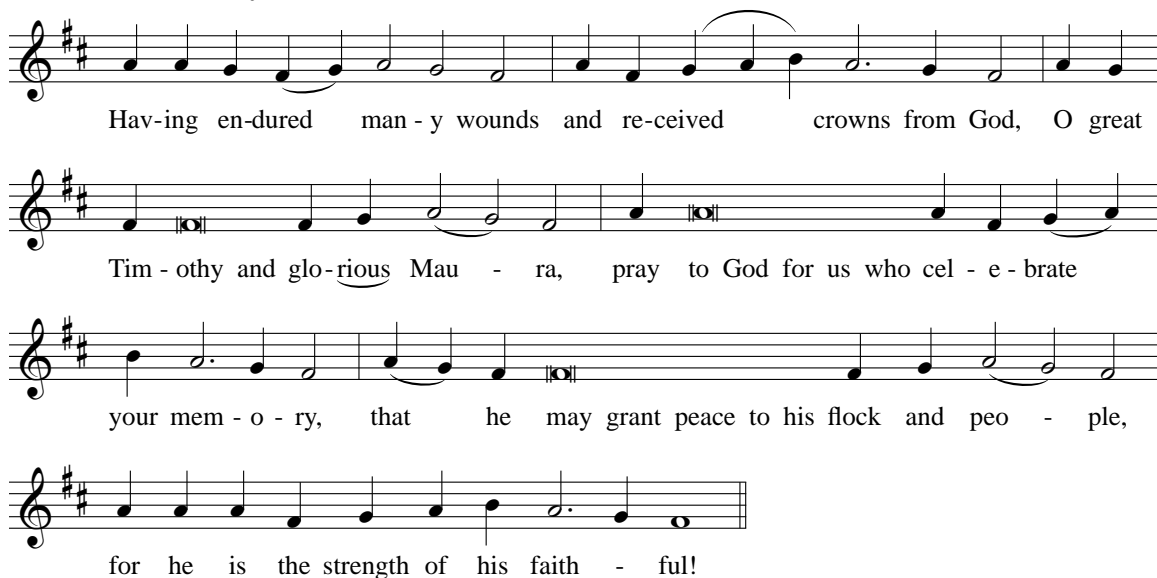


Lov - ing the mon - as - tic life from your youth, you climbed the
sum - mit of vir - tue. A - chiev - ing your goal, you took up



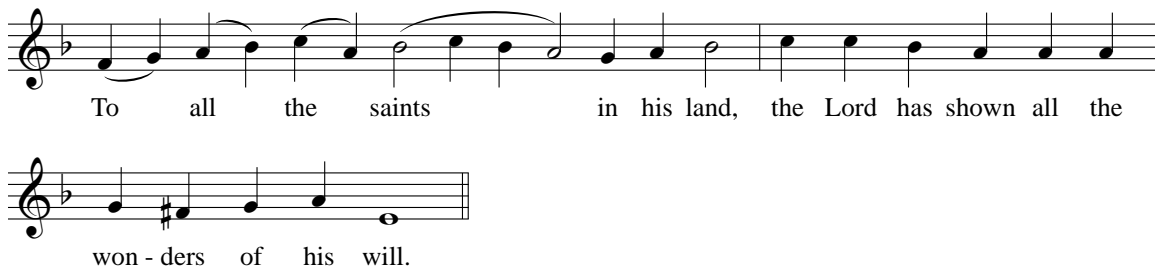
life in a cave. Per-fect-ing your life by fast-ing, you be-came like an
 an-gel. You have en-light-ened all the Slav lands like a star.
 O fa-ther The-o-do-sius, in-ter-cede with Christ our God to
 save our souls.

Kontakion of Timothy and Maura - Tone 4



Hav-ing en-dured man-y wounds and re-ceived crowns from God, O great
 Tim-othy and glo-rious Mau-ra, pray to God for us who cel-e-brate
 your mem-o-ry, that he may grant peace to his flock and peo-ple,
 for he is the strength of his faith-ful!

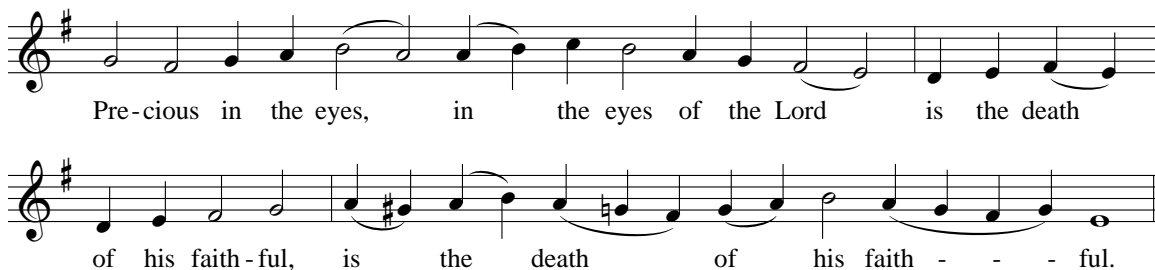
Prokeimenon for Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 15:3,8):



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

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

Prokeimenon for a Venerable - 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 for Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):

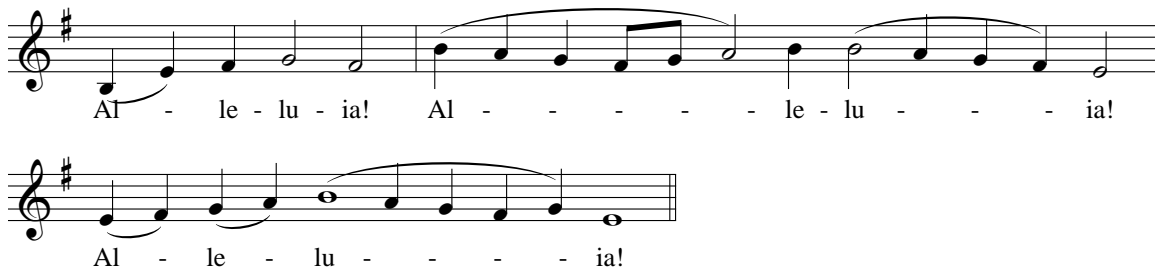


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.

Verse: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

Alleluia for a Venerable - 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. 9

For the Martyrs:

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

F

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

And for a Venerable:

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

F

The just man will be re - mem bered, be re - mem - bered for ev - ver
Refrain
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!

4 The holy martyr Pelagia, martyred under the emperor Diocletian. (287)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your lamb Pe - la - gia, 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 1

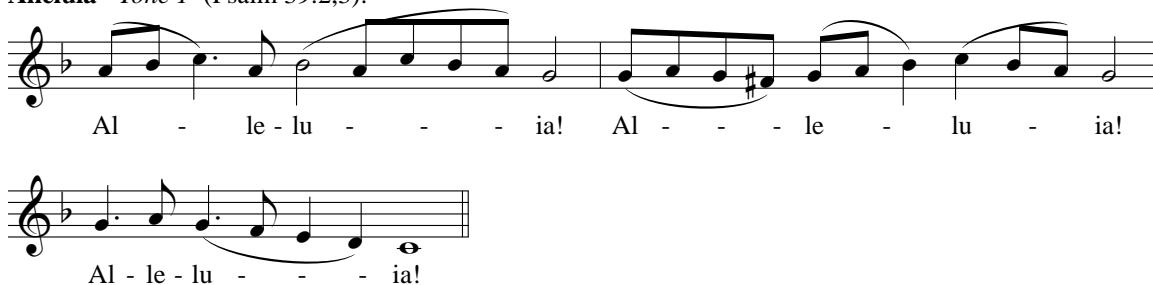
Hav-ing in-flamed your soul with love of Christ, you en-tered the boil-ing
 pot with cour - age. You be-came a sac - ri - fice pleas-ing in aro ma to the Lord.
 To-day we re-mem-ber you, O wise Pe - la - gia, and we sing to you.

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!

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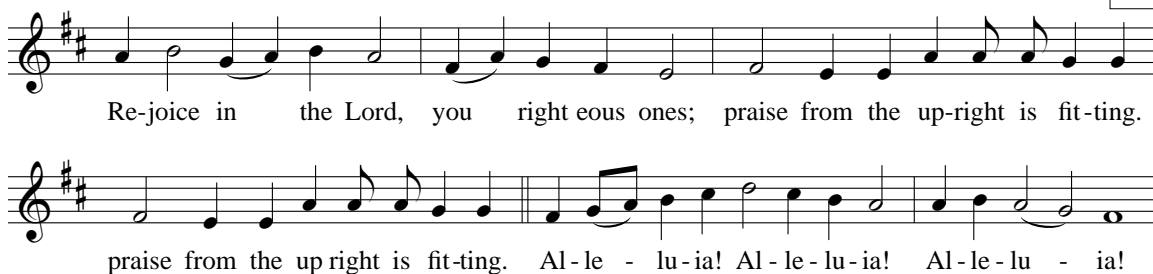
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Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

A



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

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5 The holy and glorious martyr Irene, at Thessalonica in Macedonia. Since she had hidden the sacred books in violation of the edict of Diocletian, she was taken to a public house of ill repute, then burned in a fire by order of the governor Dulcetius. It was under this same governor that her sisters Agape and Chionia had suffered previously. (1st century)

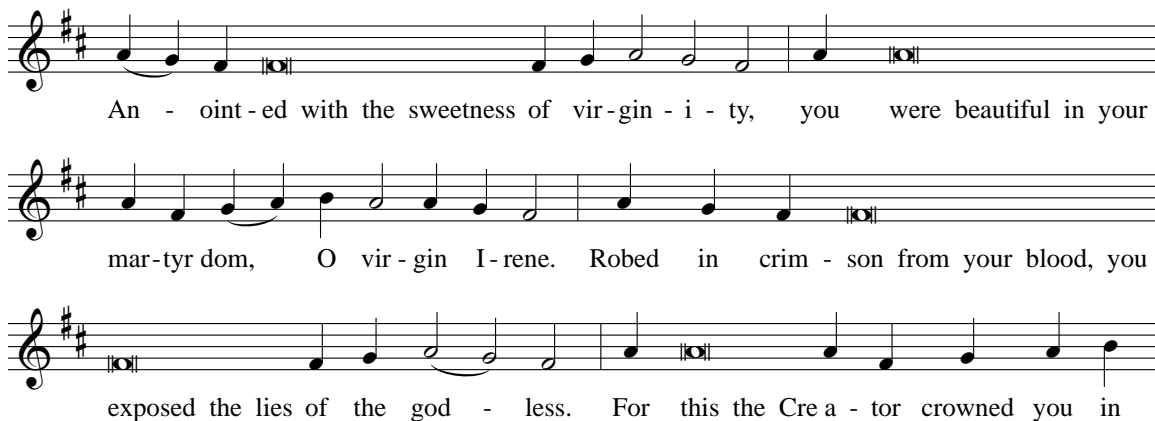
Our venerable father Nicephor, hegumen of the Medikion Monastery. He lived the life of an ascetic as a monk on Mt. Athos with the wise Theoliptos. He was a teacher of Gregory Palamas and wrote a work on mental prayer. Nicephor taught: "Gather your mind and force it to enter into the heart and remain there. When your mind is established in the heart, it should not remain empty, but allow it to continually perform this prayer: O LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME [THE JESUS PRAYER]! Never allow it to be silent. Because of this, the entire chain of virtues will enter into you: love, joy, peace and all others, because of which your every petition to God will be fulfilled later." (14th century)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your lamb I - rene, 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
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Kontakion - Tone 4



An - oint-ed with the sweetness of vir-gin - i - ty, you were beautiful in your
mar-tyr dom, O vir - gin I-rene. Robed in crim - son from your blood, you
exposed the lies of the god - less. For this the Cre a - tor crowned you in

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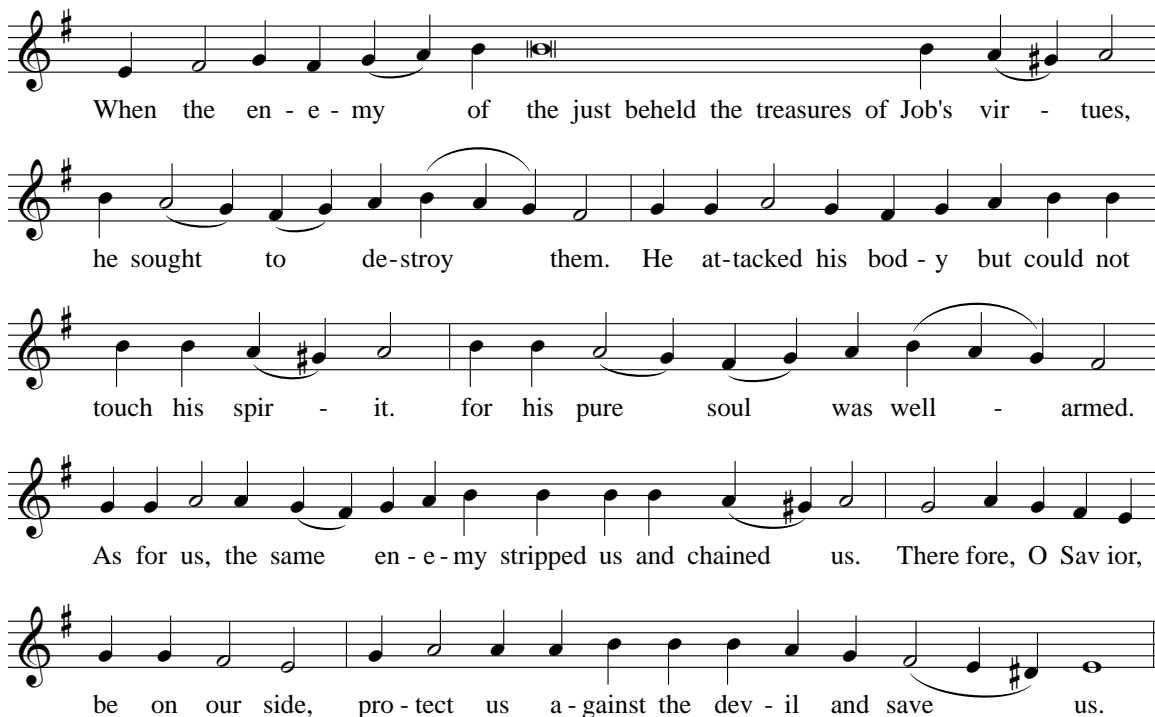
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Re joice in the Lord, you right - eous ones; praise from the up - right,
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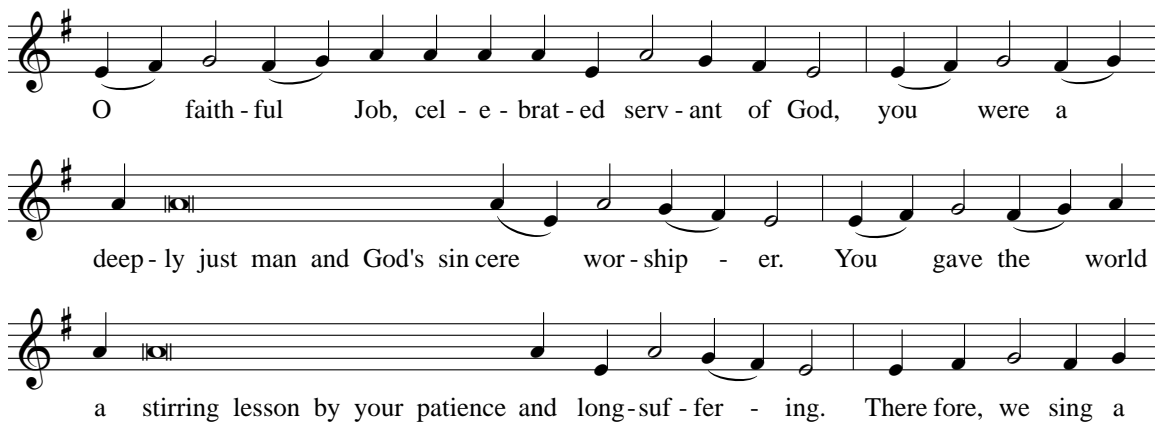
6 The holy and just Job, the Long-Suffering, a man of admirable patience in the land of Uz, who was “simple and upright, fearing God and avoiding evil.” (Job 1:1)

Troparion - Tone 1



When the en - e - my of the just beheld the treasures of Job's vir - tues,
he sought to de-stroy them. He at-tacked his bod - y but could not
touch his spir - it. for his pure soul was well - armed.
As for us, the same en - e - my stripped us and chained us. There fore, O Sav ior,
be on our side, pro - tect us a - gainst the dev - il and save us.

Kontakion - Tone 3



O faith - ful Job, cel - e - brat - ed serv - ant of God, you were a
deep - ly just man and God's sin cere wor - ship - er. You gave the world
a stirring lesson by your patience and long - suf - fer - ing. There fore, we sing a



hymn of praise to your mem o - ry and we hon - or you.

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



Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death



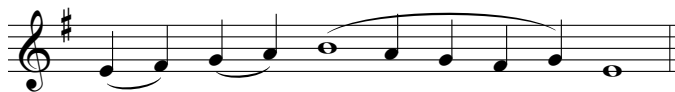
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The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;



e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear, he will not fear.

Refrain



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

7 The appearance of the Sign of the Cross in the heavens at the third hour of the day in Jerusalem, before the Emperor Constantius. (357)

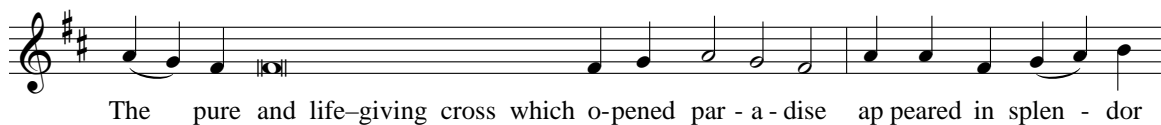
The holy martyr Acacius at the mountain of Skete in Egypt, who, it is said, was a deacon of the Church at Rome. At the time of the emperor Theodosius, he withdrew into solitude. There, perfected in all the virtues, he returned his spirit to God. (303)

Troparion - Tone 8



The sign of your cross ap-peared in a daz-zling glow
more ra-diant than the sun. O Sav-ior, you stretched it
from the ho-ly moun-tain to the place of Cal-va-ry,
man-i-fest-ing in this way the pow-er you have giv-en to it.
Pre-serve our ci-vil au-thor-i-ties in strength and es-tab-lish our
coun-try in peace through the pray'rs of the The-o-to-kos.

Kontakion - Tone 4



The pure and life-giving cross which o-pened par-a-dise ap-peared in splen-dor

o - ver the earth and ex - tend - ed its dazzling rays to the heav - ens.

To - day, we the faithful accept its radiance as our guide to the E - ter - nal Light.

We bear it in our strug - gles as an assurance of vic - to - ry and tri - umph.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 98:5,1):

Ex - alt the Lord, the Lord our God and wor ship at his foot stool;

for he is ho - ly, for he is ho - ly.

Verse: The Lord is King; let the peoples rage.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 73:2,12):

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

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.

Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 4:7):

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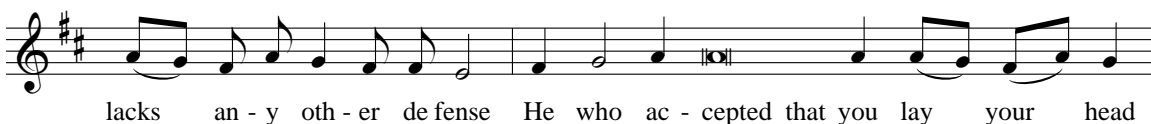
Refrain



8 The holy apostle and evangelist John the Theologian, who, son of Zebedee, with his brother James and Peter was a witness of the transfiguration and also of the passion of the Lord. At the cross he took Mary as his mother, at the command of the dying Lord. In the Gospel and his other writings he shows himself to be a theologian. He was found worthy to contemplate the glory of the incarnate Word, which he saw and proclaimed. (cf. Sept. 26)

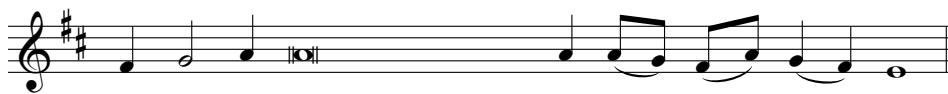
Our venerable father Arsenius the Great, at Mt. Skete in Egypt. It is said that he had been a deacon of the Roman Church. At the time of Theodosius the emperor, he withdrew into solitude and there, having fulfilled all virtues, gave up his spirit to God. (448)

Troparion - Tone 2





The - o - lo - gian, that he may overcome the darkness of pa - gan na - tions,



and beg that he grant us peace and a - bun - dant mer - cy.

Kontakion - Tone 2



O man of purity, who could de - scribe your glo - ry? Man - y are



the miracles and heal - ings you per - form. Since you are a theologian



and the be - lov - ed of Christ, in - ter - cede with him for the sal - va - tion



of our souls.

Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



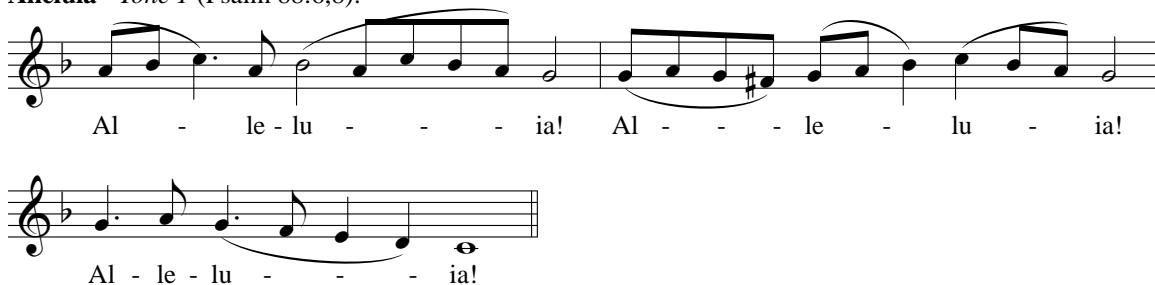
Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage reach - es



to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):



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

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

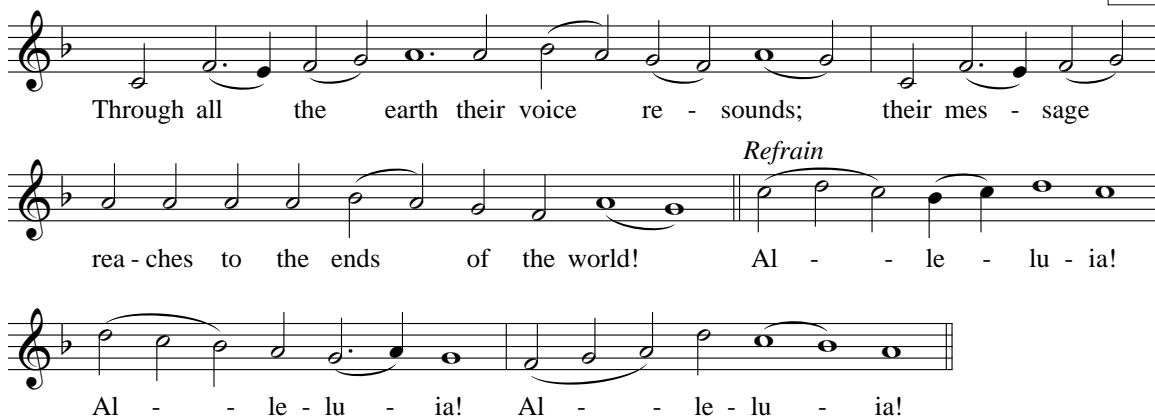
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Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

D



Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage

rea - ches to the ends of the world! Al - - le - lu - ia!

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

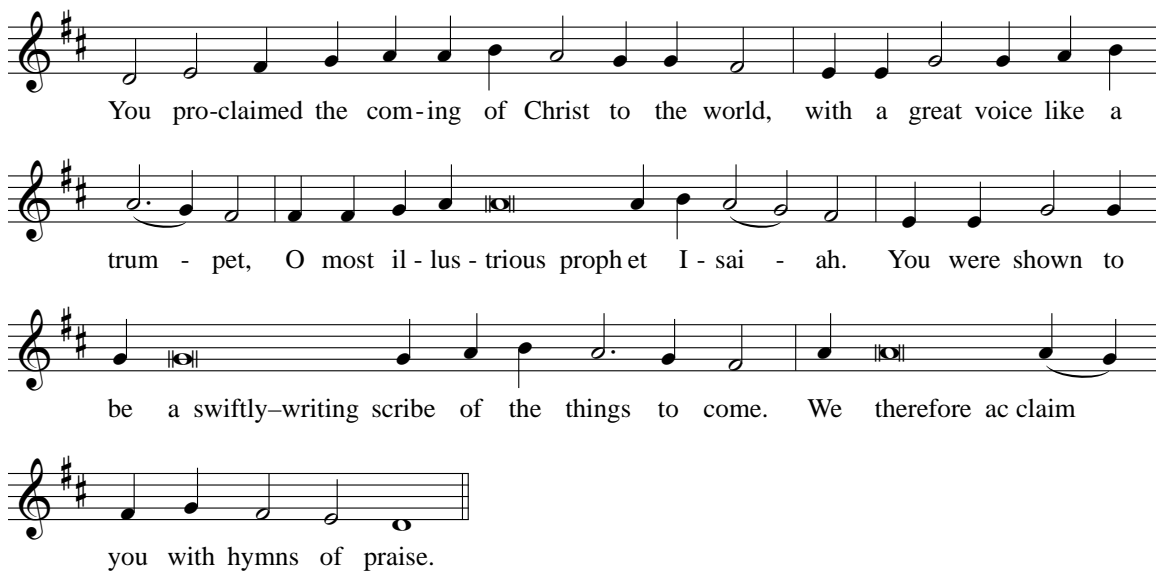
The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn: "Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage". The second staff contains the second line: "rea - ches to the ends of the world! Al - - le - lu - ia!". The word "Refrain" is written above the second staff. The third staff contains the final line: "Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!". The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement.

9 The holy prophet Isaiah, who, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, was sent to reveal the faithful and saving Lord to an unfaithful and sinful people, thus fulfilling the oath sworn by God to David. Among the Jews it is said that the martyr died under King Manasseh [Specifically in the “Assumption of Isaiah,” sawn in two inside a hollow log; cf. Heb. 11:37].

The holy martyr Christopher in Lycia. One of the great wonder-workers, his help is particularly invoked for travelers, against infectious illness and great pestilence. (249)

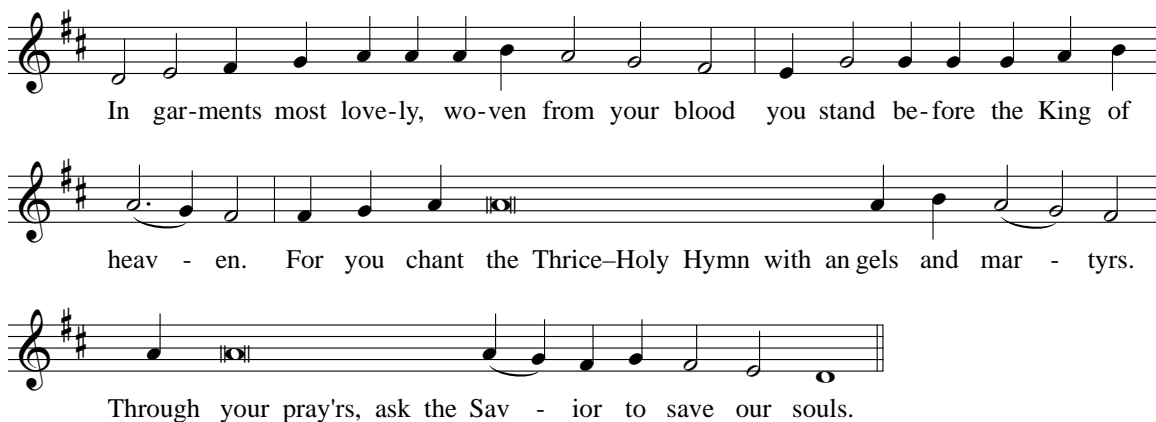
Translation of the relics of our holy Father Nicholas to Bari in the reign of Alexis Comnenus, emperor of New Rome in the year 1087. The body of the saint was taken to Italy because of a Muslim attack on Lycia. (cf Dec. 6)

Troparion for the holy prophet Isaiah - Tone 4



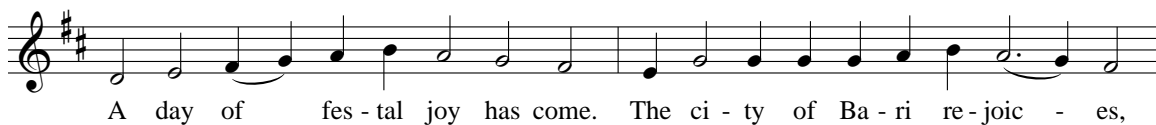
You pro-claimed the com-ing of Christ to the world, with a great voice like a
trum - pet, O most il - lus - trious proph et I - sai - ah. You were shown to
be a swiftly-writing scribe of the things to come. We therefore ac claim
you with hymns of praise.

Troparion of the holy martyr Christopher - Tone 4

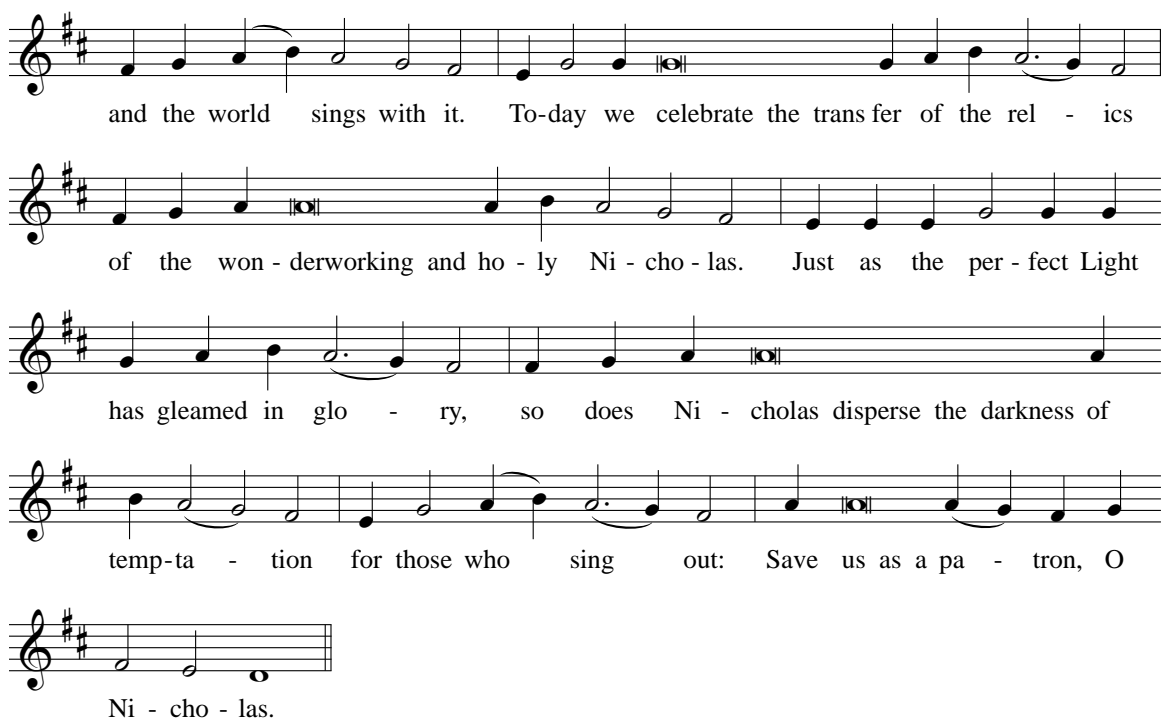


In gar-ments most love-ly, wo-ven from your blood you stand be-fore the King of
heav - en. For you chant the Thrice-Holy Hymn with angels and mar - tyrs.
Through your pray'rs, ask the Sav - ior to save our souls.

Troparion for the translation of the relics of our holy father Nicholas - Tone 4

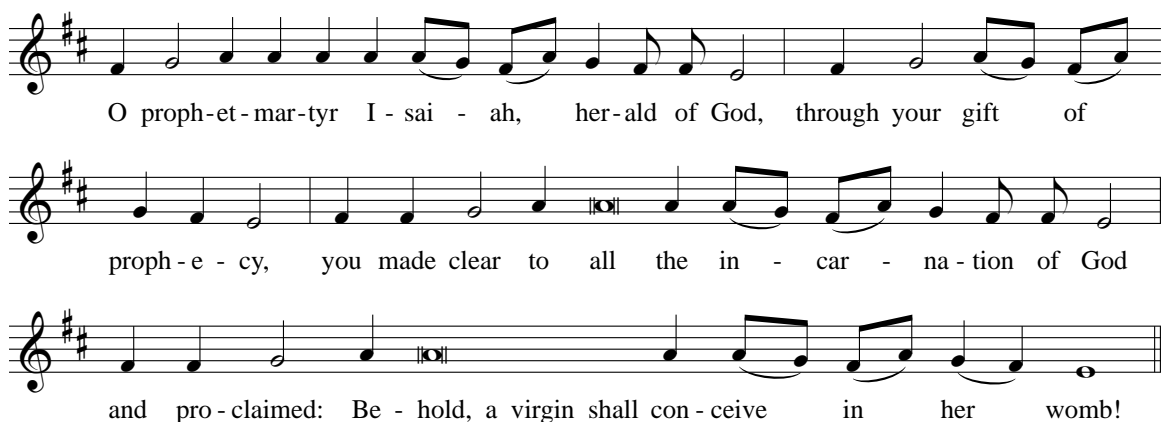


A day of fes - tal joy has come. The ci - ty of Ba - ri re-joic - es,



and the world sings with it. To-day we celebrate the transfer of the relics
of the wonderworking and ho - ly Ni - cho - las. Just as the per - fect Light
has gleamed in glo - ry, so does Ni - cholas disperse the darkness of
temp-ta - tion for those who sing out: Save us as a pa - tron, O
Ni - cho - las.

Kontakion of Isaiah - Tone 2



O proph-et-mar-tyr I - sai - ah, her-ald of God, through your gift of
proph-e - cy, you made clear to all the in - car - na - tion of God
and pro - claimed: Be - hold, a virgin shall con - ceive in her womb!

Kontakion of Christopher - *Tone 4*



You were ter - rify ing both in might and coun ten ance; you will ingly suf fered tempta tion



from those who hat - ed you, those who sought to arouse in you the fire of lust,

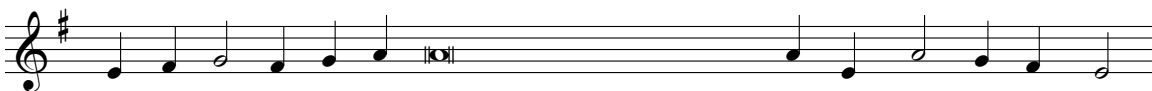


but they fol lowed you in - stead to mar - tyr - dom! Be - cause of this, you are our



strong pro - tec - tor, O great mar - tyr Chris - to - pher!

Kontakion of the translation - *Tone 3*



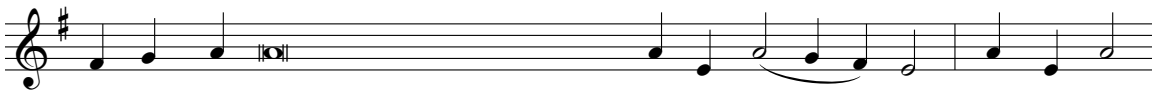
Like a star ris - ing in the East, your re lics have ar is en and come to the West.



The wa - ters of the sea have been hal lowed by your pas - sage,



and the ci - ty of Ba - ri has re ceived grace from you. You are tru - ly

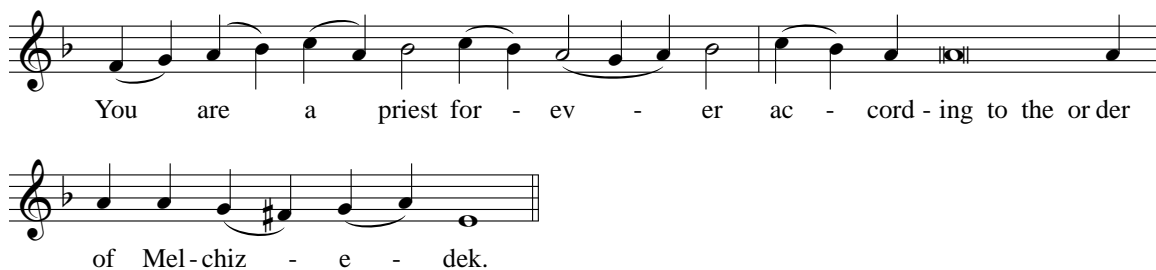


a most won - derful mir a cle - worker and a mer ci - ful pre l - ate; there fore, we



praise you.

Prokeimenon for a Prophet - Tone 4 (Psalm 109:4,1):



You are a priest for - ev - er ac - cord - ing to the order
of Mel - chiz - e - dek.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.

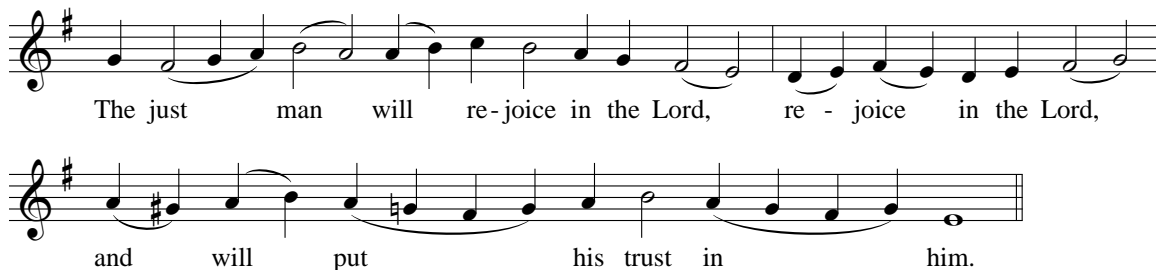
Prokeimenon for a Martyr- Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)



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.

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



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and will put his trust in him.

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

Alleluia for a prophet- Tone 5 (Psalm 98:6; 96:11):



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

Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

Verse: Light dawns for the just, and gladness for the upright of heart.

Alleluia for a martyr- 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):

E



The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;

Refrain



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!

10 The holy apostle Simon the Zealot, one of the Twelve; also called the “Canaanean.” Tradition tells us that it was Simon who was the bridegroom of the wedding which Jesus attended in Cana of Galilee. He preached the Gospel in Mauretania in Africa, and was finally crucified like his Lord.

Troparion - Tone 3

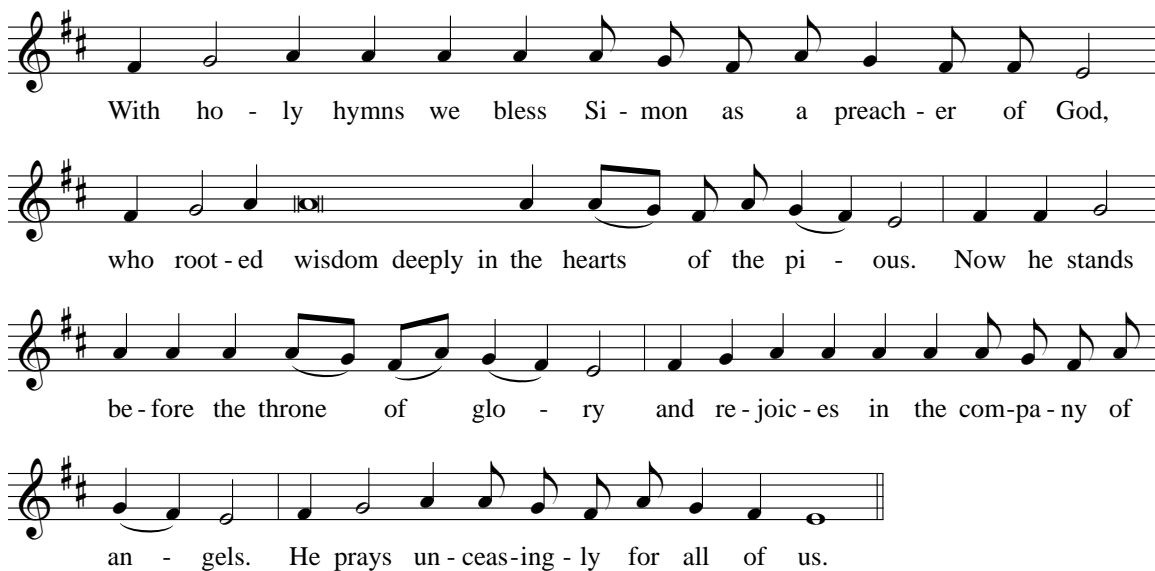


O ho - ly A - pos - tle Si - mon, in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God



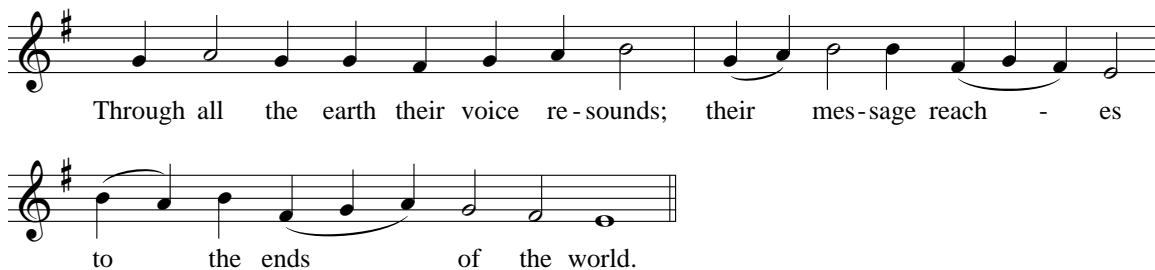
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Kontakion - Tone 2



With ho - ly hymns we bless Si - mon as a preach - er of God,
who root - ed wisdom deeply in the hearts of the pi - ous. Now he stands
be - fore the throne of glo - ry and re - joic - es in the com - pa - ny of
an - gels. He prays un - ceas - ing - ly for all of us.

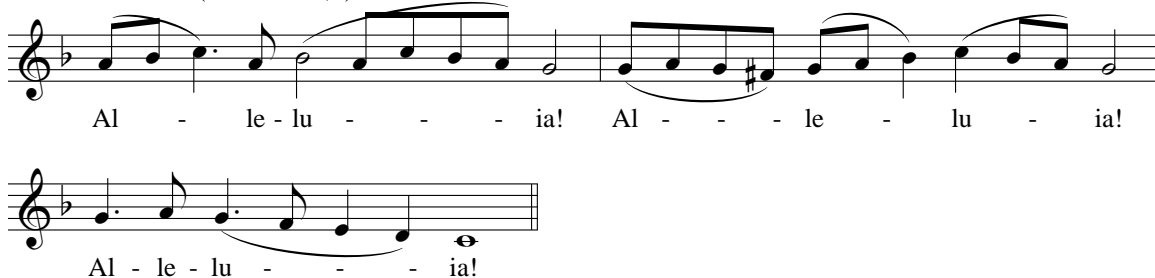
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage reach - es
to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):



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

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

F

Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage re - aches
Refrain
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11 The foundation of Constantinople in 330.

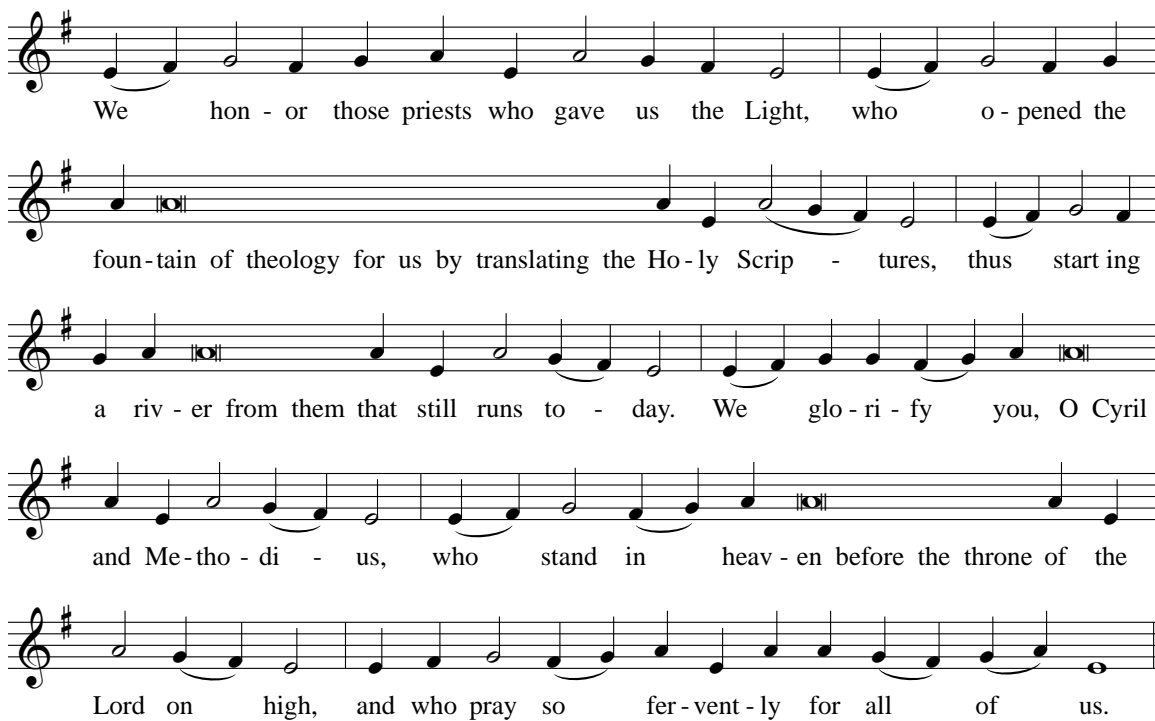
The holy priest-martyr Mocius at Byzantium. A Roman by birth and a priest in Amphipolis in Macedonia, he suffered at the time of Diocletian. He destroyed a statue of the god Dionysius by his prayers, which roused some of the pagans to fury against him, but led others to faith. (250)

Our holy fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles to the Slavs, were brothers, born in Thessalonica in the first half of the ninth century. Since Methodius had been a soldier among the Slavs in Macedonia, he was considered an excellent candidate for carrying the Gospel to the Khazars. After the invention of the first Slavonic alphabet by Cyril, they began translating the Gospel and the liturgical books into Church Slavonic. At the invitation of Prince Rastislav, they went to Moravia to spread and confirm the Faith. They went to Rome at the invitation of the Pope, and Cyril fell ill and died there on Feb. 14, 869. Then Methodius returned to Moravia and continued his apostolic work until his death on April 6, 885.

Troparion - Tone 4

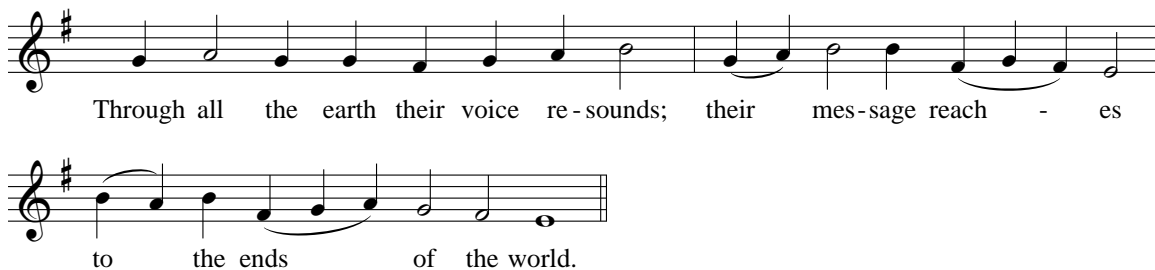
As e - quals of the apostles and teach - ers of the Slavs, beg the Mas - ter of all to
 con - firm us in the faith and in u - nity of heart, O Cyril and Me - tho - di - us.
 Beg him for peace in the world and mer - cy on our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3



We hon - or those priests who gave us the Light, who o - pened the
foun-tain of theology for us by translating the Ho - ly Scrip - tures, thus start ing
a riv - er from them that still runs to - day. We glo - ri - fy you, O Cyril
and Me - tho - di - us, who stand in heav - en before the throne of the
Lord on high, and who pray so fer - vent - ly for all of us.

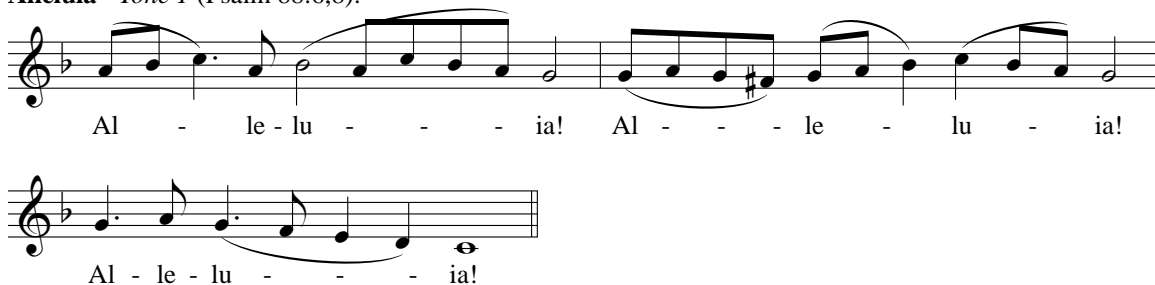
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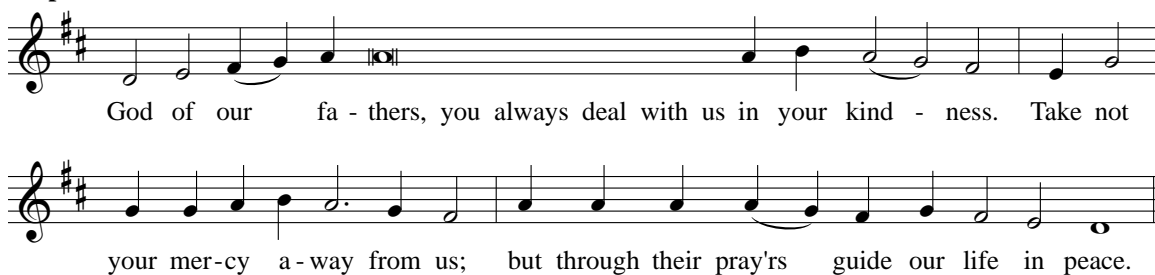
Refrain

to the ends of the world. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

12 Our holy father Epiphanius, bishop at Salamina in Cyprus. He excelled in manifold erudition and knowledge of the sacred Scriptures, in the sanctity of his life, and in zeal for the Catholic faith. He stood out marvelously in his largesse to the poor and in a host of miracles. (403)

Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople, who was remarkable in his teaching and virtues. He refuted with great boldness Emperor Leo the Isaurian who promulgated an edict against the holy icons. (740)

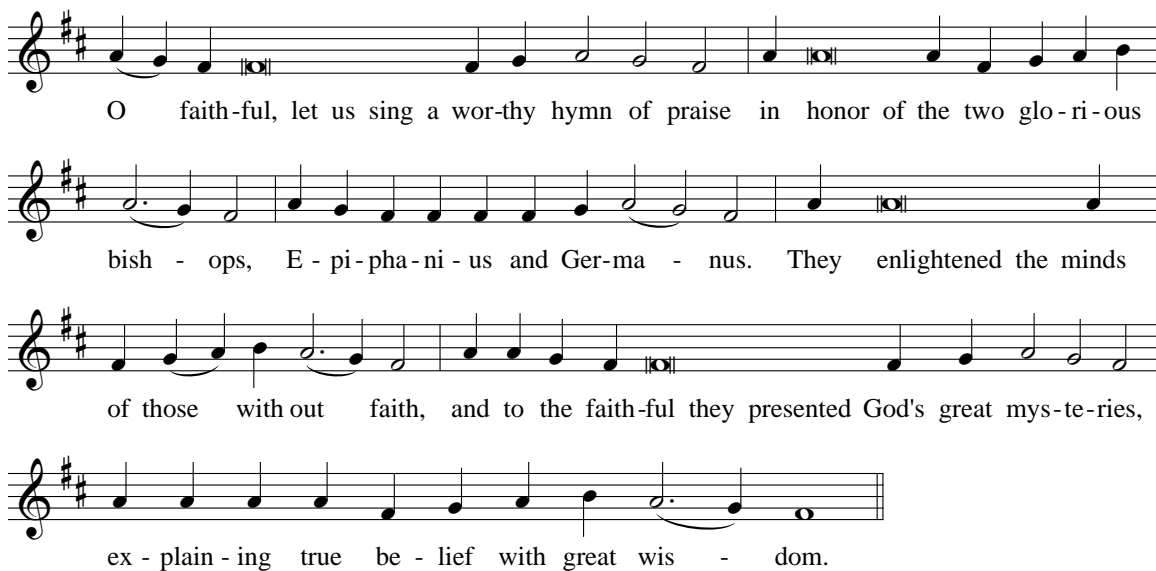
Troparion - Tone 4



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

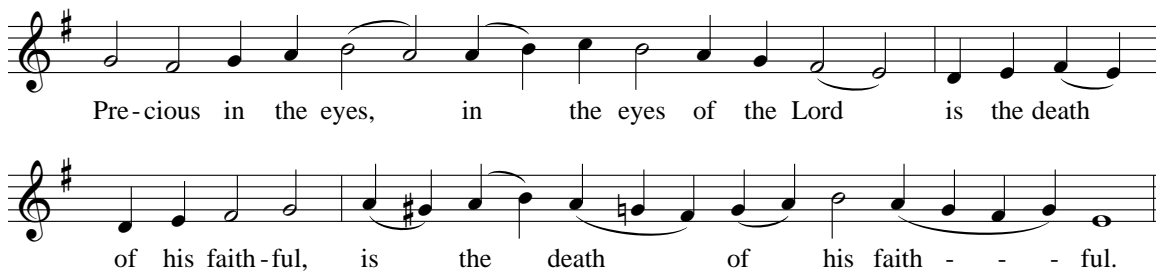
your mer-cy a - way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion - Tone 4



O faith-ful, let us sing a wor-thy hymn of praise in honor of the two glo-ri-ous
bish - ops, E - pi - pha - ni - us and Ger - ma - nus. They enlight-ened the minds
of those with out faith, and to the faith-ful they presented God's great mys-te-ries,
ex - plain - ing true be - lief with great wis - dom.

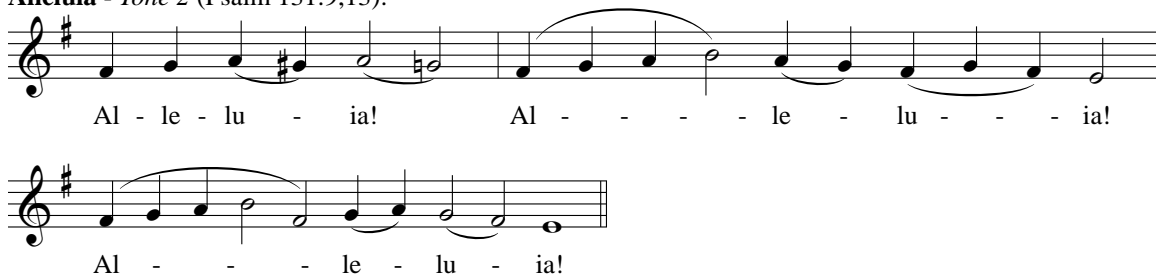
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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 2 (Psalm 131:9,13):



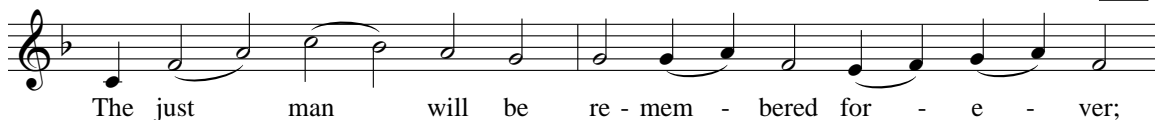
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - - le - lu - - - ia!
Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

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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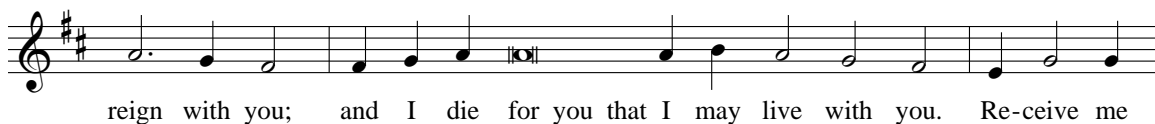
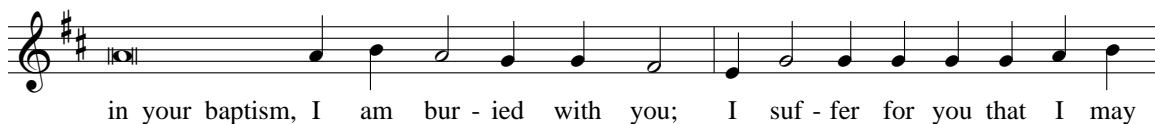
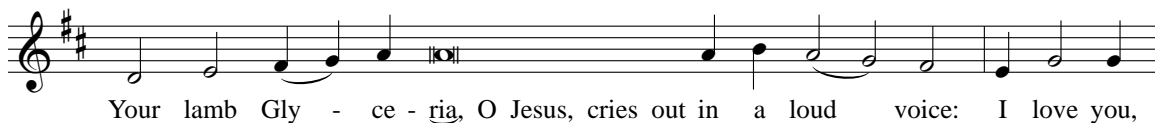


Refrain



13 The holy martyr Glyceria at Heraclea in Thrace. She was the daughter of a governor of Rome. After her father's death left her in poverty, she went to live in Thrace. She was dragged before the local authorities and told to worship the idols. She refused, and was cast into prison. Eventually she was thrown to the lions and gave her life. (141)

Troparion - Tone 4





as a spotless sacrifice im-mo-lat-ed with love for you. By her pray'rs, O mer-ci-ful



One, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3



O Gly-ce-ria, you loved the Virgin Ma-ry, Moth-er of God and con-se - crat-ed



your vir-gin-i - ty to Christ. A - flame with love for the Lord, you fought the good



fight un - til death. For this, O mar-tyred vir - gin, Christ our God crowns you



with a dou - ble crown.

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



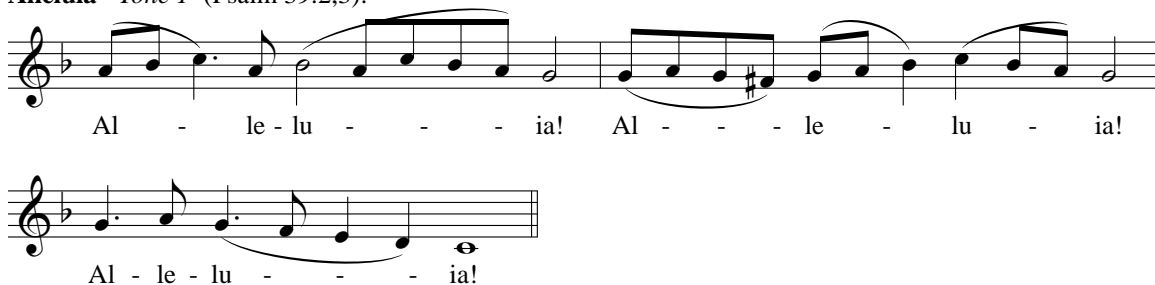
God is won-drous in his saints, the God of Is - ra - el,



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!

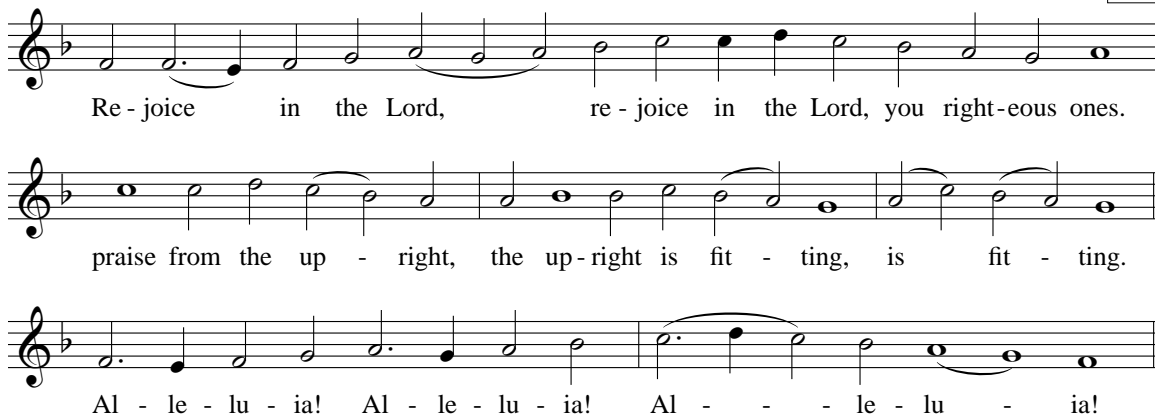
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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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):



Re - joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones.

praise from the up - right, the up-right is fit - ting, is fit - ting.

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

The musical notation is in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line has lyrics 'Re - joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones.' The second line has lyrics 'praise from the up - right, the up-right is fit - ting, is fit - ting.' The third line has lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!'.

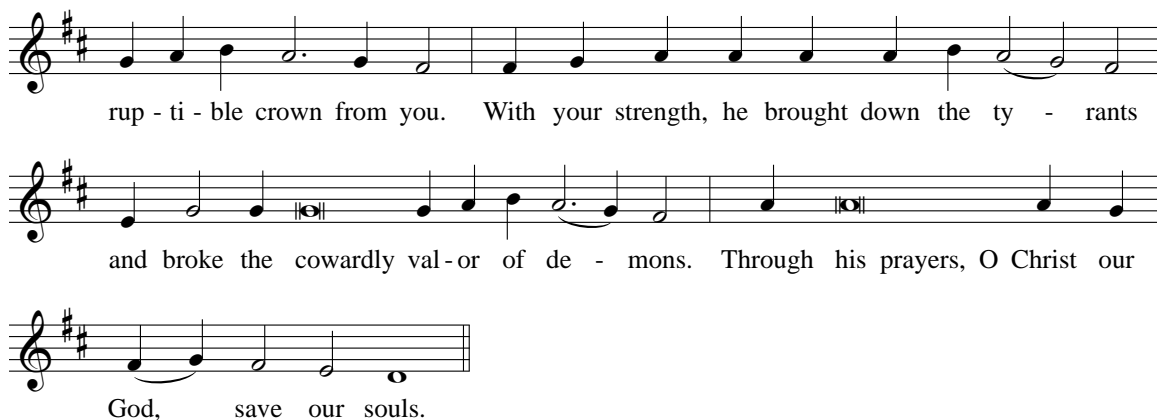
14 The holy martyr Isadore, on the island of Chios, put to death by the emperor Decius. His final words were, “Even if you kill my body, you have no power over my soul. I have the true and living God, Jesus Christ, who lives in me and will be with me at my death; and I am in him and shall remain in him, and will not cease to confess his holy name while the spirit remains in my body.” (251)

Troparion - Tone 4



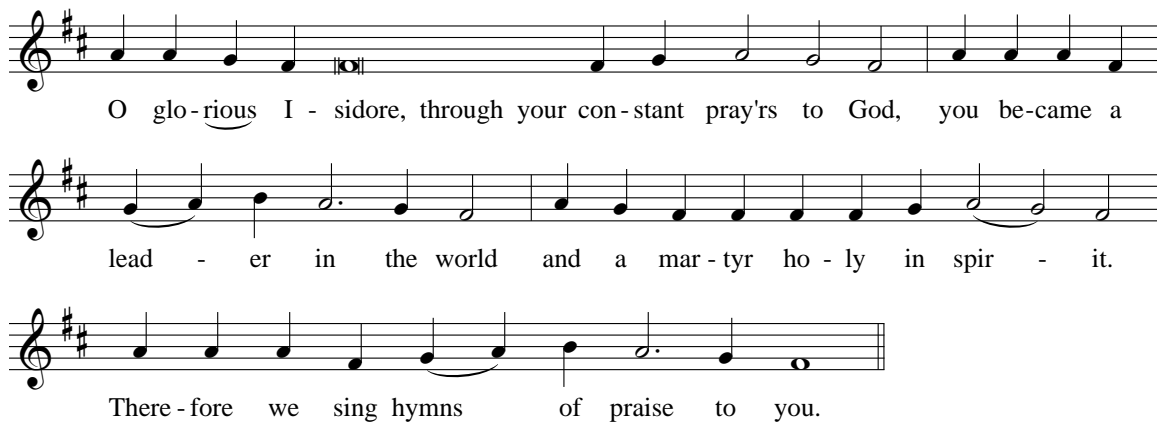
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rup - ti - ble crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through his prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4



O glo - rious I - sidore, through your con - stant pray'rs to God, you be - came a
lead - er in the world and a mar - tyr ho - ly in spir - it.
There - fore we sing hymns of praise to you.

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



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

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

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

D




The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver; e - vil news he

Refrain



will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!




Al - - le - lu - - ia!


15 Our venerable father Pachomius the Great, a soldier who converted to Christianity. He received the monastic tonsure from the hermit Palaemon, founded monasteries and grouped houses subject to one monastic rule under the jurisdiction of a head Hegumen. (346)

Our venerable father Isaiah the wonderworker, bishop of Rostov (1090)

Troparion - 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 Pa - cho - mi - us,
 pray to Christ our God that he may save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3

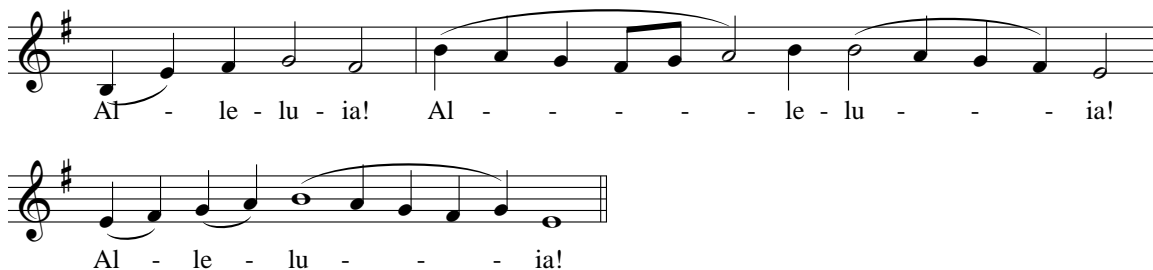
You be - came a light for the ends of the earth. You peo - pled
 the des - ert with monks like a ci - ty. You weak - ened your bod - y
 by your ab - stin - ence. You took up your cross and cru - ci - fied your - self.
 pray un - ceas - ing - ly for all of us.

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):

E



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!

16 Our venerable father Theodore, disciple of St. Pachomius, hegumen of Taberna, called “the Sanctified.” Theodore became the hegumen of all Pachomius’ monasteries, and lived to a great old age, guiding a multitude of monks on the way of salvation. (368)

The holy martyrs Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia. Vitus, a child, with his nurse Crescentia and her husband Modestus, were driven out of the home of Vitus’ parents when they found out their child had become a Christian. They were martyred under the emperor Diocletian. (c. 302) The relics of St. Vitus are venerated in Prague in the Czech Republic.

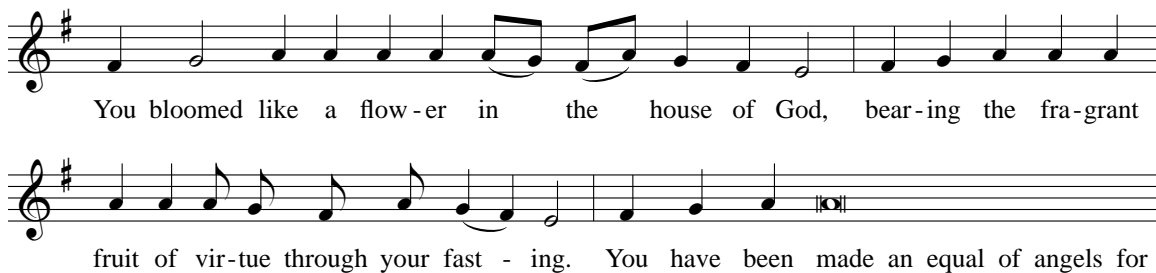
The holy priest-martyr Vitalis Vladimir Bajrak. Born in Galicia, he entered the Basilian monastery in 1933. He was made hegumen in 1941. In 1945, the Soviets arrested him and sent him to a labor camp at Drohobych, where he died in Great Week. (1946)

Troparion - Tone 1



You made the wil-der-ness your dwell - ing, O fa-ther The - o-dore,
the bear-er of God. You be-came an an - gel in the flesh and a won-der -
work - er. Through fasts. vi-gils and pray'rs, you ob-tained from God
spe-cial gra-ces to heal the sick and to sanc-ti - fy the souls of those who come
to you with trust. Glo-ry to the One who gave you strength! Glo-ry to the
One who crowned you! Glo-ry to the One who through your inter-ces-sion grants
heal - ing to all!

Kontakion - Tone 2



You bloomed like a flow-er in the house of God, bear-ing the fra-grant
fruit of vir-tue through your fast - ing. You have been made an equal of angels for



this, O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther.

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



Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death



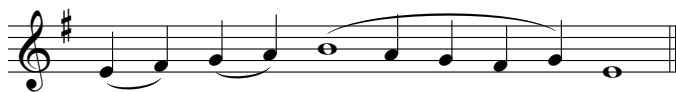
of his faith-ful, is the death of his faith - - - ful.

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

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



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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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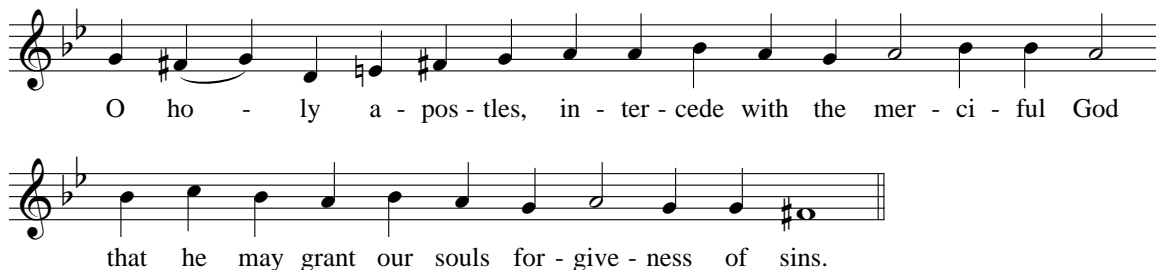
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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!

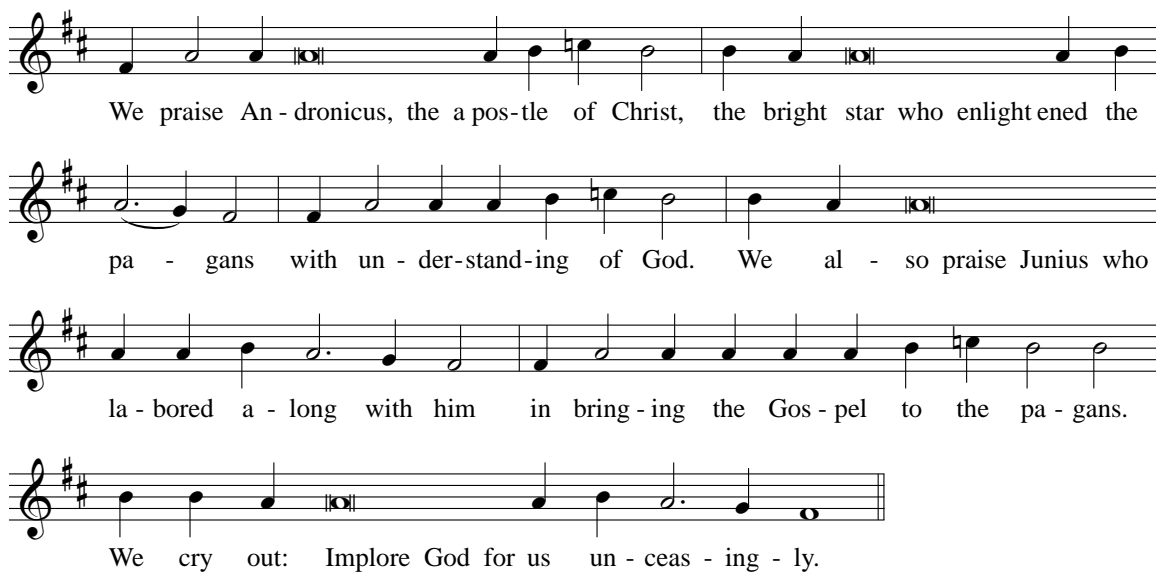
17 The holy apostle Andronicus and his companions. One of the Seventy, he was a kinsman of the apostle Paul, as he wrote in Romans 16:17. He was made the Bishop of Pannonia, and preached the gospel throughout that land. He and his companions were martyred for the Faith.

Troparion - Tone 3



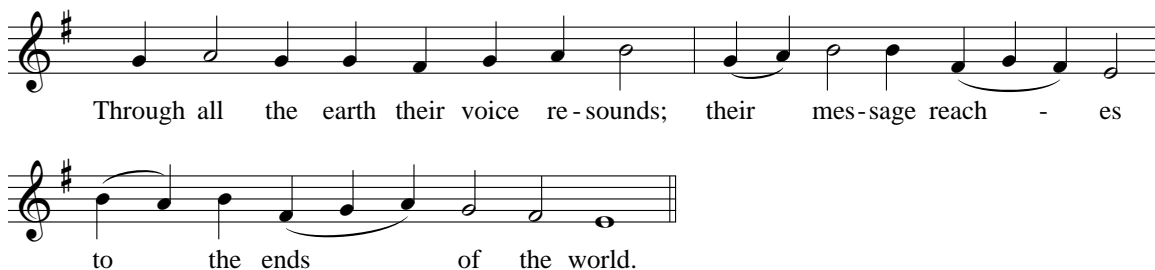
O ho - ly a - pos - tles, in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Kontakion - Tone 8



We praise An - dronicus, the a - pos - tle of Christ, the bright star who enlightened the
pa - gans with un - der - stand - ing of God. We al - so praise Junius who
la - bored a - long with him in bring - ing the Gos - pel to the pa - gans.
We cry out: Implore God for us un - ceas - ing - ly.

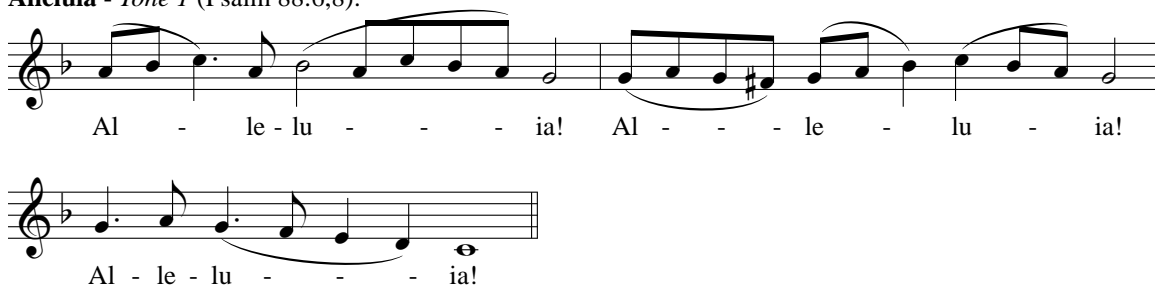
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Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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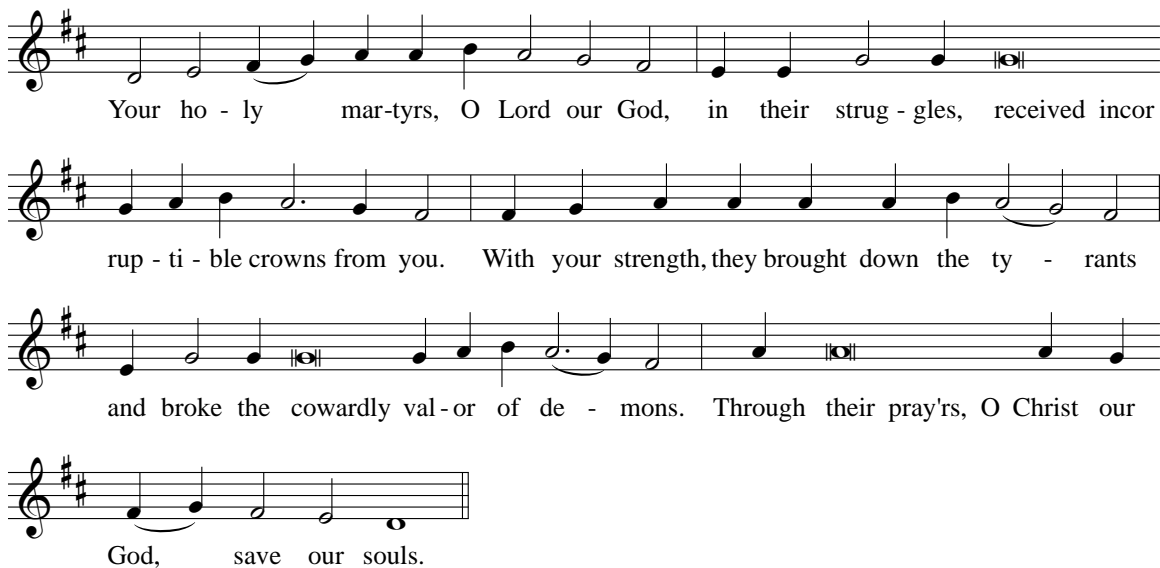


Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes sage rea-ches
to the ends of the world. *Refrain*
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

18 The holy martyr Theodotus of Ancyra and Thecusa his paternal aunt, of Alexandra, Claudia, Phaina, Euphrasia, Matrona, and Julitta, at Ancyra in Galatia, virgins, who were first publicly exposed by the governor and then (with stones tied to their necks) were drowned in a pond. (303)

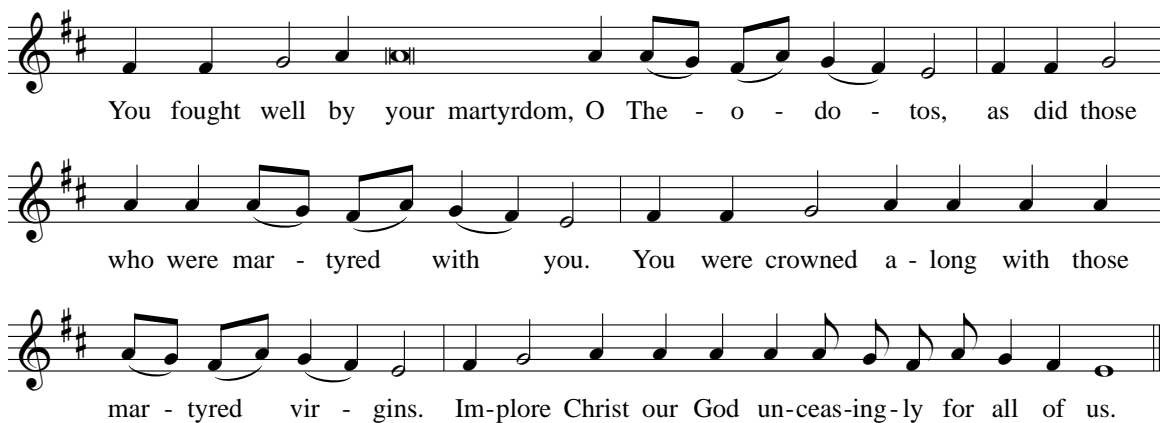
The holy martyrs Peter, Denis, and their companions all met their deaths in as they courageously confessed Christ as Lord and underwent torture and death for his name. (250)

Troparion - Tone 4



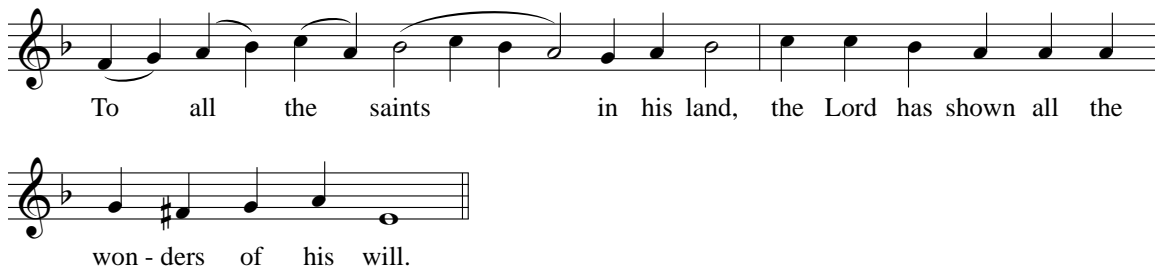
Your ho - ly mar - tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor -
rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their pray'rs, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2



You fought well by your martyrdom, O The - o - do - tos, as did those
who were mar - tyred with you. You were crowned a - long with those
mar - tyred vir - gins. Im - plore Christ our God un - ceas - ing - ly for all of us.

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.

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):



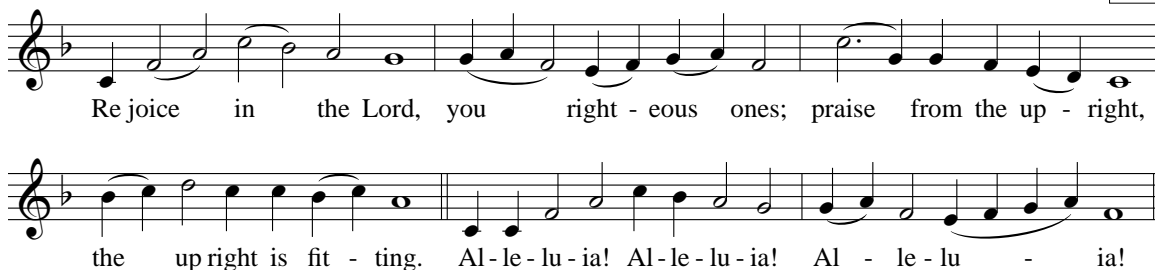
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.

Verse: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

B



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

19 The holy martyr Patrick, bishop of Prusa, and his companions, martyred in the reign of the emperor Julian the Apostate. Taken to a boiling spring, the governor asked if Christ would save them. Patrick replied, “If he wills, he can keep me whole and uninjured, although I would wish, in this water, to be parted from this temporal life that I may live eternally with Christ; but let his holy will be done, without which not a hair of a man’s head can fall.” (c.361-363)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your mar - tyr Pa - trick, O Lord our God, in his strug - gle, received an incor

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

Kontakion - Tone 4

As a bea - con fed by the virtues of the priest - hood, you were emblazoned
 with the blood of mar - tyr - dom. Stand - ing be - fore Christ with those who
 died with you, re - member us, O pre - cious mar - tyr Pa - trick.

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

20 The holy martyr Thaleus at Aegea in Cilicia. Born in Lebanon, he was an eighteen-year-old redheaded young man, a physician by profession. He courageously confessed Christ as God and was tortured for days, finally dying under the headsman's axe (284)

Troparion - Tone 4



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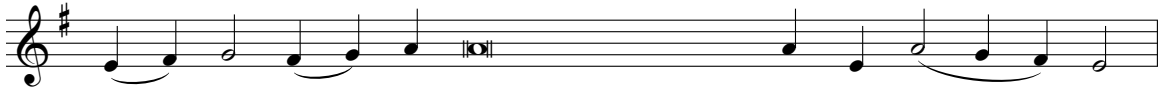


God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3



Be - com - ing a com - pan - ion of martyrs and a good war - rior,



you were a pleas - ing soldier to Christ, the King of Glo - - ry.



You wiped out the glo - ry of idols by en - dur - ance and pain;



there - fore, O wise Tha - le - leus, we praise your mem - o - ry.

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



The just man will re - joice in the Lord, re - joice 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):

D




The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver; e - vil news he

Refrain



will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!




Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

21 The holy emperor Constantine and his mother Helen, equal to the apostles.

Constantine reigned in ancient Rome and in Byzantium (which became New Rome), and was the first Christian emperor, champion of the Faith. Though he was not baptized until on his deathbed, he considered himself a Christian, and called the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325 to settle the Arian heresy. (337) On the Via Labicana in old Rome, Helen, the mother of Constantine the emperor is remembered. She single-mindedly worked to help the needy and piously visited churches, mingling with the crowds. Having made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to see the places of the Nativity, Passion, and Resurrection of Christ, she honored the manger and cross of the Lord by building basilicas worthy of respect. (327)

Troparion - Tone 8



See - ing the cross in the sky like Paul, and like him you re - ceived



a call from the Di - vine. You com - mit - ted the roy - al ci - ty

in - to the hands of the Lord. Save this ci - ty al - ways in peace, O on - ly
 Lov - er of us all, through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos.

Kontakion - Tone 3

To - day Con - stan - tine and his moth - er re - veal the cross,
 that most pre - cious tree which puz - zles the Jews. It is the
 ar - mor of Christian authorities a gainst en - e - mies. It has proved it - self
 awe - some in war by its man - y mir - a - cles.

Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

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 to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:20d, 20:2):

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

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: I have exalted one chosen from the people.

Verse: O Lord, your strength gives joy to the king; how your saving help makes him glad.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their voice re - sounds;

their mes - sage rea - ches to the ends of the world. *Refrain* Al - le - lu - ia!

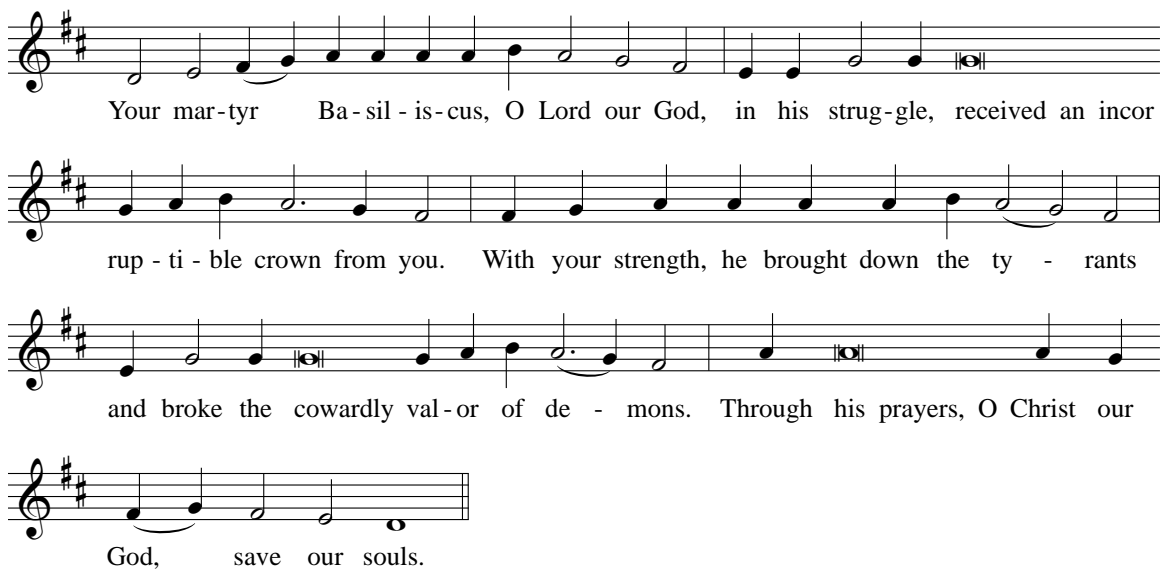
Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

22 The holy martyr Basiliscus, at Comana in Pontus, was a soldier crucified with two comrades. A cousin of St. Theodore the Recruit, he suffered much for the sake of Christ, and through his preaching and example brought many to the Faith. (308)

Commemoration of the Second Ecumenical Council of Constantinople, 381. Held in the time of the emperor Theodosius the Great, its purpose was to confirm the Orthodox teaching about God the Holy Spirit. This condemned the false teachings of Macedonius, bishop of Constantinople, who said that the Holy Spirit was a creature, not equal in Godhead to the Father and the Son. This council added to the text of the Creed that had been previously affirmed at Nicea in 325.

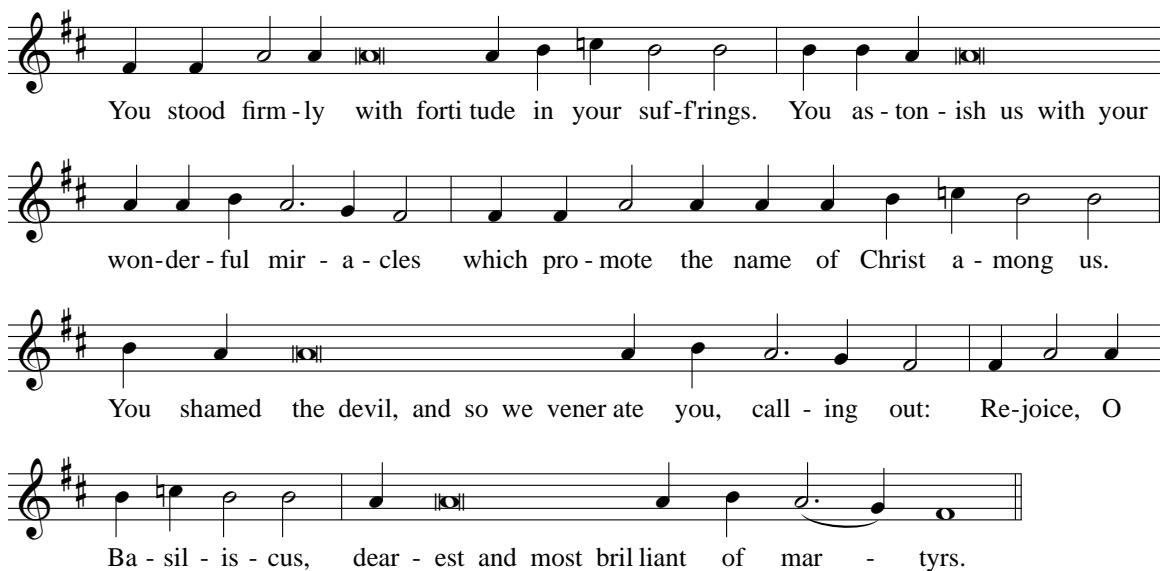
The Holy and Righteous Melchisedek, King of Salem

Troparion - Tone 4



Your mar-tyr Ba-sil - is - cus, O Lord our God, in his strug-gle, received an incor-
rup - ti - ble crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val-or of de - mons. Through his prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8



You stood firm-ly with forti tude in your suf-frings. You as-ton - ish us with your
won-der - ful mir - a - cles which pro - mote the name of Christ a - mong us.
You shamed the devil, and so we vener ate you, call - ing out: Re-joyce, O
Ba - sil - is - cus, dear - est and most brilliant of mar - tyrs.

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



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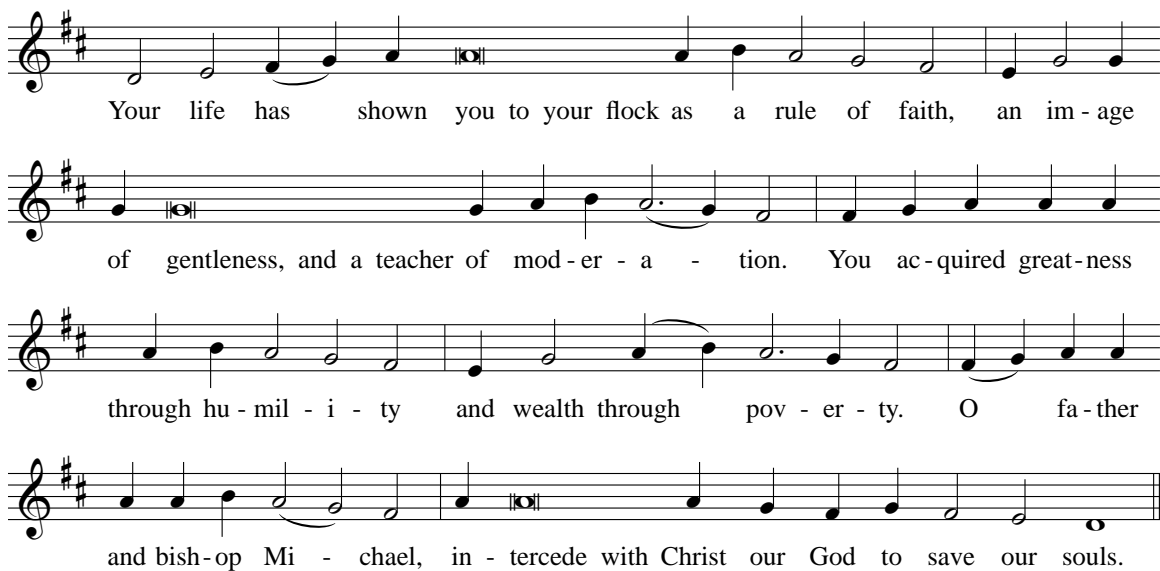


The just man will be re - mem - bered, be re - mem - bered for ev - ver
Refrain
e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!
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23 Our venerable father and confessor Michael, bishop of Synnada. As a peacemaker he fostered peace and concord between the Greeks and the Latins. He was sent into exile because of the cult of holy icons and died far from his home. (818)

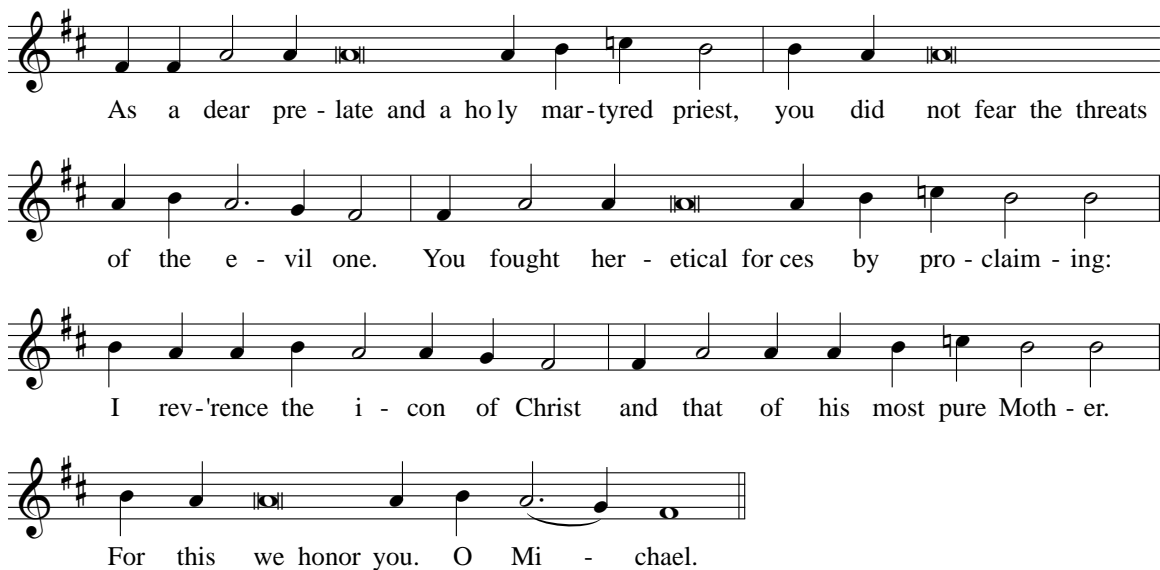
The venerable Euphrosyne, hegumena of the Monastery of our Holy Savior in Polotsk was the daughter of Prince Vseslav of Polotsk. When her parents wished her to marry, she ran away to a monastery and became a nun. Euphrosyne professed many women in the monastic life, which she led prayerfully and powerfully. She died on pilgrimage to Jerusalem (1173)

Troparion - Tone 4



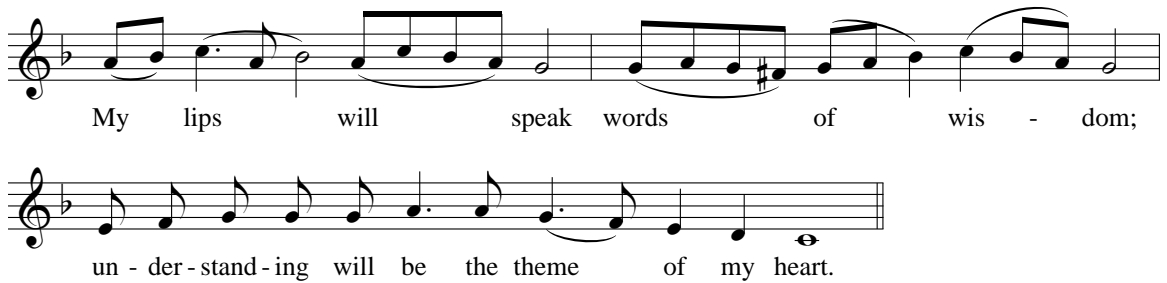
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im-age
of gentleness, and a teacher of mod-er-a-tion. You ac-quired great-ness
through hu-mil-i-ty and wealth through pov-er-ty. O fa-ther
and bish-op Mi-chael, in-tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8



As a dear pre-late and a holy mar-tyred priest, you did not fear the threats
of the e-vil one. You fought her-etical forces by pro-claim-ing:
I rev-'rence the i-con of Christ and that of his most pure Moth-er.
For this we honor you. O Mi-chael.

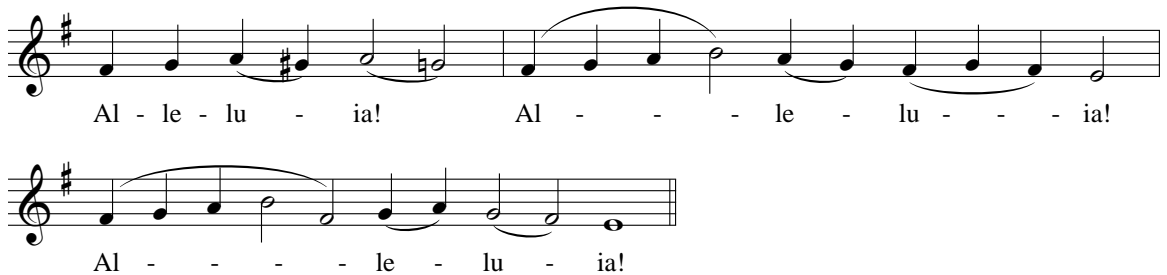
Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):



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 just man's mouth utters wisdom and his lips speak what is right.

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

B



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!

24 Our venerable father Simeon, of the Wondrous Mountain in Syria, priest and anchorite. He lived in conversation with Christ and the angels atop a column for forty-five years and was granted power over the demons and the powers of nature. He is also known as St. Simeon Stylites the Younger. (596)

Troparion - Tone 1

You made the wil-der-ness your dwell - ing, O fa-ther Sim - e - on,
the bear - er of God. You be - came an an - gel in the flesh and a won - der -
work - er. Through fasts. vi - gils and pray'rs, you ob - tained from God
spe - cial gra - ces to heal the sick and to sanc - ti - fy the souls of those who come
to you with trust. Glo - ry to the One who gave you strength! Glo - ry to the
One who crowned you! Glo - ry to the One who through your inter - ces - sion grants
heal - ing to all!

Kontakion - Tone 2

You turned from the things of earth to search for those of heav - en.

You built a tower in which you lived as in another heaven.
 manifesting your miracles upon the earth. O venerable father,
 intercede unceasingly with Christ our God for all of us.

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):

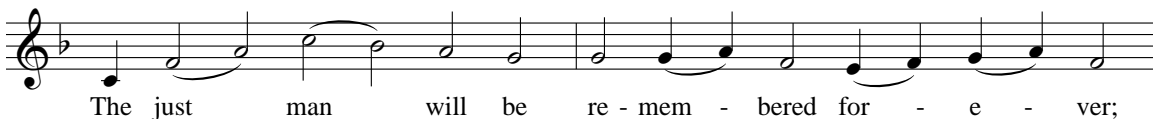
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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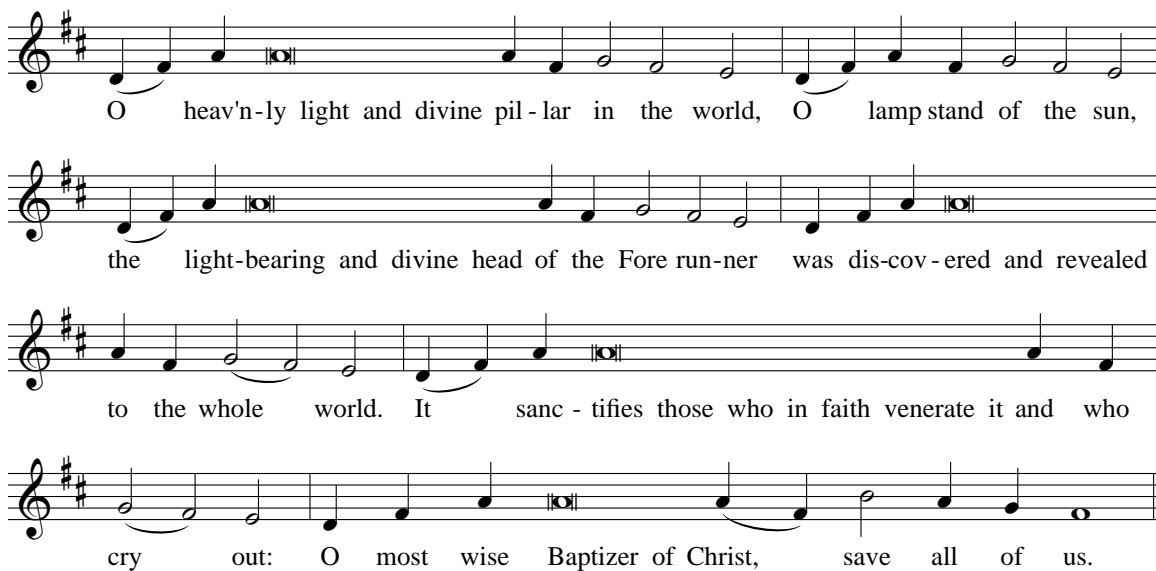
25 The third finding of the head of the holy prophet, forerunner, and Baptist, John, during the episcopate of Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople and the reign of the emperor Michael III.

The holy priest-martyr Nicholas Cehelskyj. Ordained by Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, he was a zealous priest who took care of the spirituality, education, and welfare of his parishioners in Soroka, where he also built the church. He exercised this ministry along with his wife and his four children. In 1946, the Soviets arrested him and deported him to the labor camp of Mordovia, Russia, where he suffered unimaginable hardships and died for the Faith. (1951)

Troparion - Tone 4



Kontakion - Tone 6



O heav'n-ly light and divine pil-lar in the world, O lamp stand of the sun,
the light-bearing and divine head of the Fore run-ner was dis-cov-ered and revealed
to the whole world. It sanc - tifies those who in faith venerate it and who
cry out: O most wise Baptizer of Christ, save all of us.

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



The just man will re-joice in the Lord, re - joice 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):



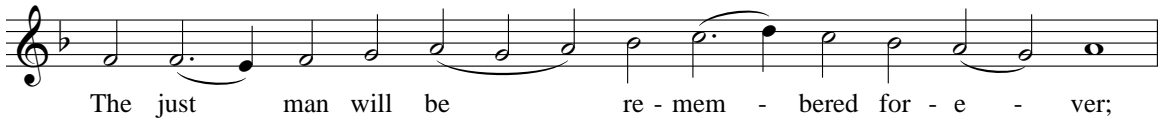
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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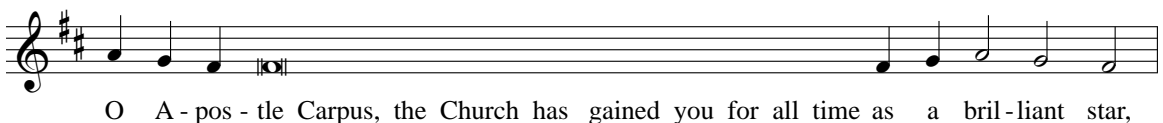
26 The holy apostle Carpus, one of the Seventy. Some Greek authors consider him to be the bishop of Berea; some, bishop of Berylus; and yet others, bishop of Crete.

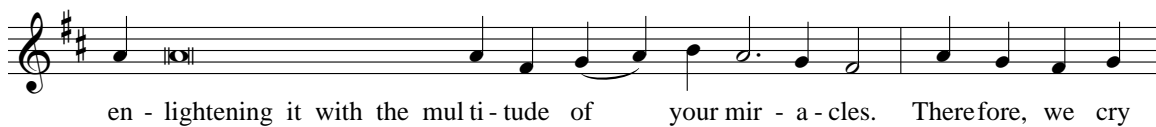
Our holy father Augustine of Canterbury, Enlightener of England who together with other monks was sent by Pope St. Gregory the Great to preach the word of God to the nation of the Angles. He was welcomed by Ethelbert the king of Kent, and, imitating the apostolic life of the primitive Church, converted the king himself and many others to the Christian faith. He founded several Episcopal sees in England. (c. 605)

Troparion - Tone 3

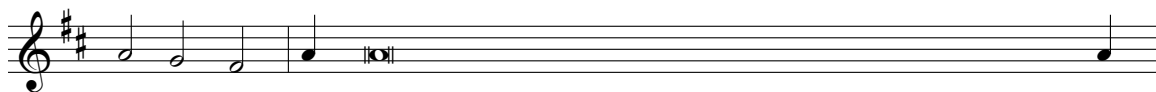


Kontakion - Tone 4





en - lightening it with the mul ti - tude of your mir - a - cles. Therefore, we cry



out to Christ: O most merciful Lord, save those who in faith honor the memo ry



of your a - pos - tle.

Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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to the ends of the world.

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Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

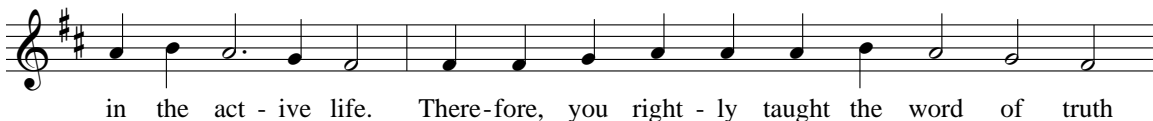
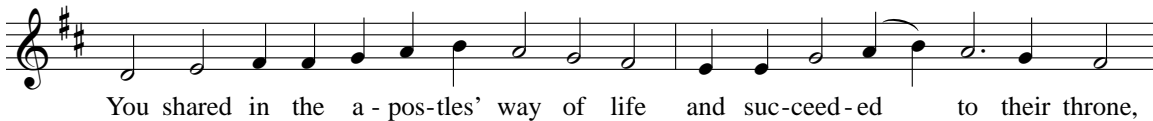
Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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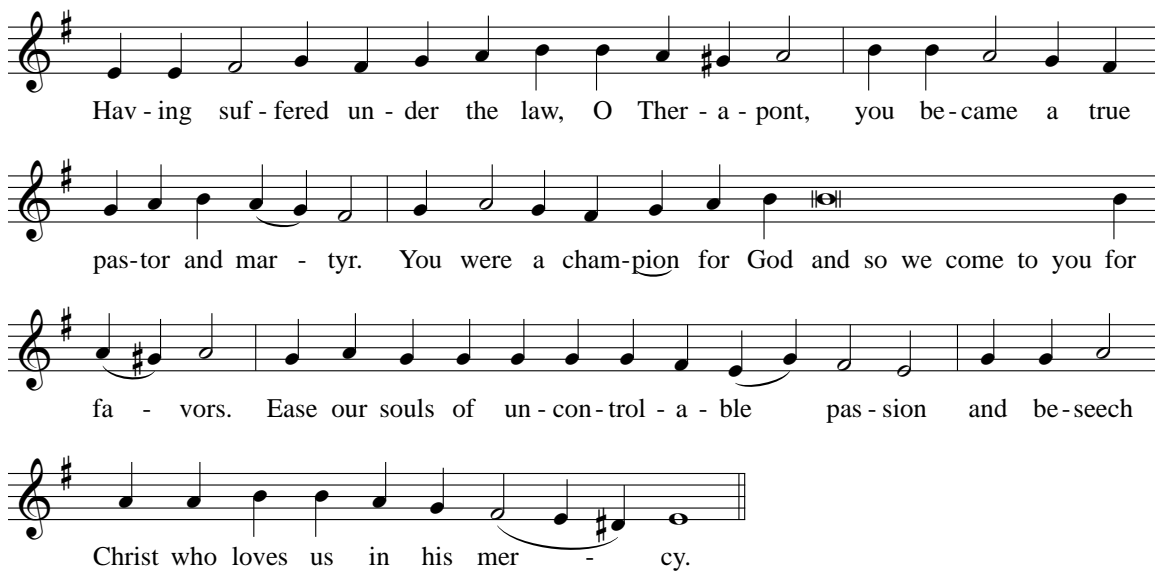


27 The holy bishop martyr Therapont of Sardis died for the faith in the reign of emperor Valerian. He brought many to the faith, and was attacked cruelly by the pagan townspeople of Sardis. (259)

Troparion - *Tone 4*

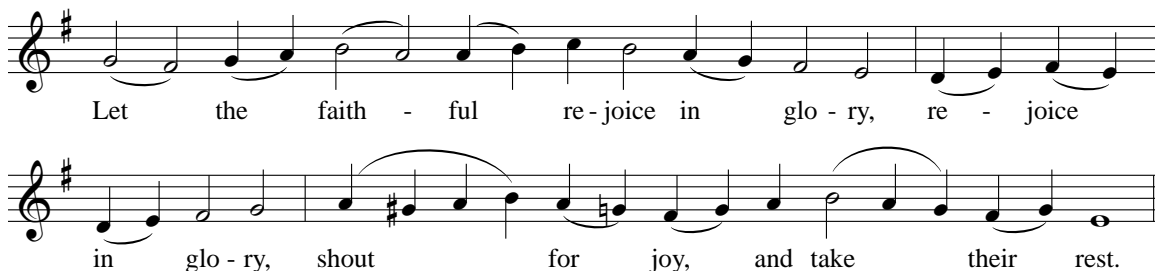


Kontakion - Tone 1



Hav - ing suf - fered un - der the law, O Ther - a - pont, you be - came a true
pas - tor and mar - tyr. You were a cham - pion for God and so we come to you for
fa - vors. Ease our souls of un - con - trol - a - ble pas - sion and be - seech
Christ who loves us in his mer - cy.

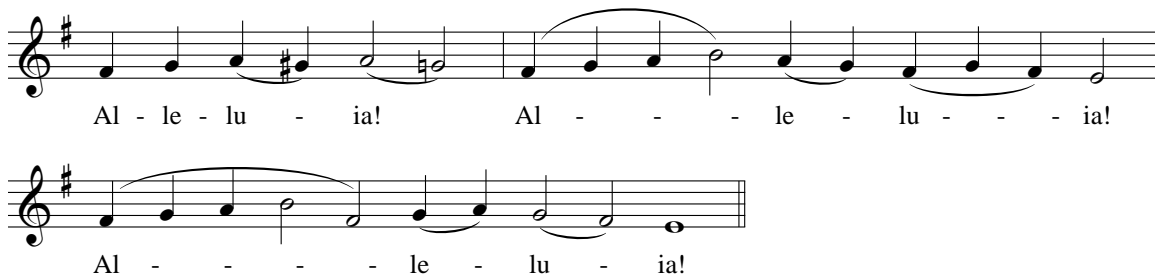
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



Let the faith - ful re - joice in glo - ry, re - joice
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):

E

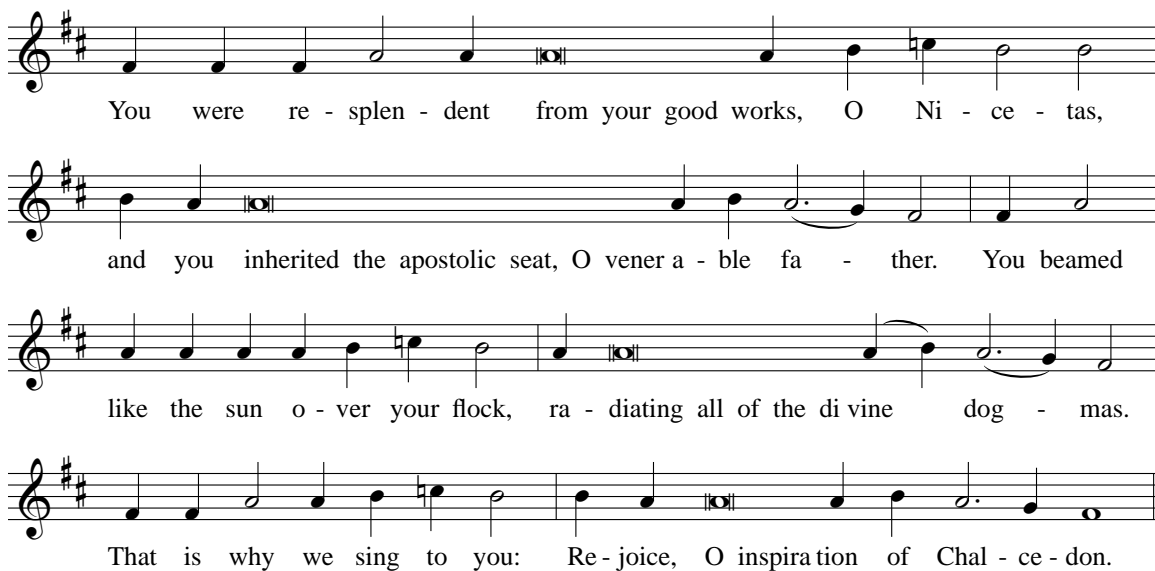
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28 Our venerable father Nicetas, bishop of Chalcedon. As a bishop, he was particularly compassionate to the poor, and cared for many widows, orphans, and beggars. When emperor Leo the Armenian began his campaign against the holy icons, Nicetas came courageously to their defense. He was finally driven into exile for the faith. (836)

Troparion - Tone 4

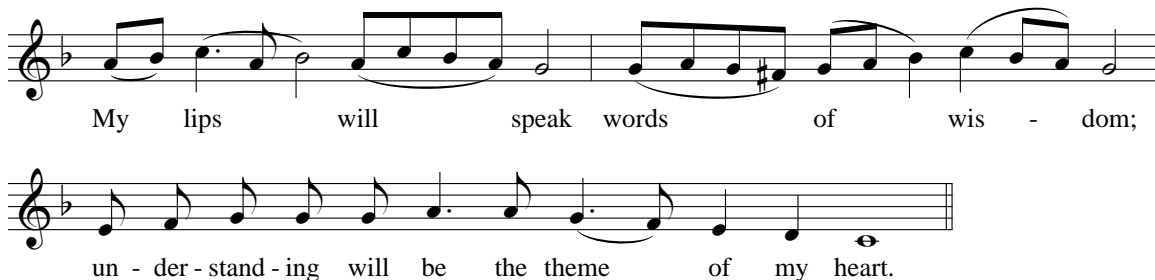
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im - age
of gentleness, and a teacher of mod - er - a - tion. You ac - quired great - ness
through hu - mil - i - ty and wealth through pov - er - ty. O fa - ther
and bish - op Ni - ce - tas, in - tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8



You were re - splen - dent from your good works, O Ni - ce - tas,
and you inherited the apostolic seat, O vener a - ble fa - ther. You beamed
like the sun o - ver your flock, ra - diating all of the di vine dog - mas.
That is why we sing to you: Re - joice, O inspira tion of Chal - ce - don.

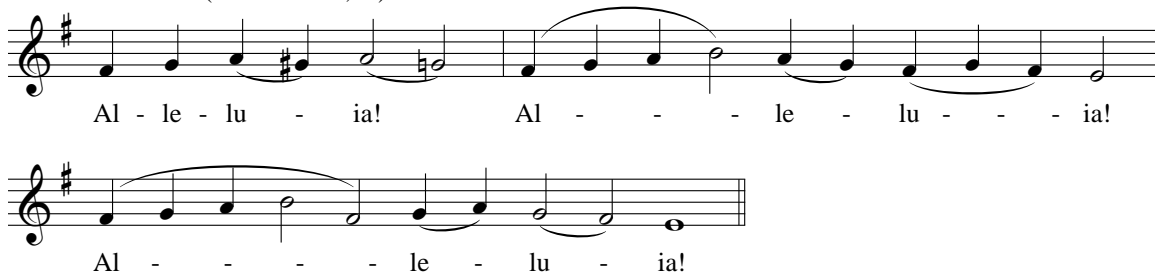
Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):



My lips will speak words of wis - dom;
un - der - stand - ing 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 just man's mouth utters wisdom and his lips speak what is right.

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

F



The just man will be re - mem - bered, be re - mem - bered for ev - ver

Refrain



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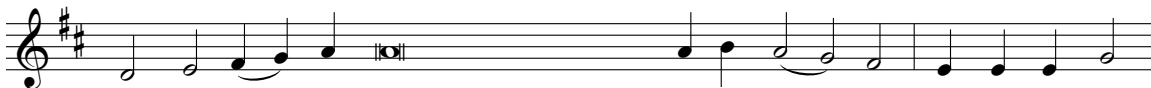


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

29 The holy venerable martyr and virgin Theodosia. She was a monastic, who defended the ancient icons of Christ on the bronze gates of the imperial home when the emperor's men came to cast them down. Because of this, emperor Leo the Isaurian commanded her to be slain. (730)

Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, 325. This council was summoned by the emperor Constantine the Great and held during the week before Pentecost. Its purpose was to deal with the false teachings of Arius, the priest of Alexandria who said that Christ was created from God in time, and that he is not truly "God of God." At this council, many of the words which we confess in the Creed were assembled to proclaim the Orthodox faith.

Troparion - Tone 4



You were a friend of Christ and a dwelling of the Spir - it, and you embraced



the blessing of mar - tyr - dom joy - ful - ly. You shamed the enemy who wars against



the hu - man race. You slew Co - pronymus by your pa - tient en - dur - ance.



You en - tered heaven by the sword of faith. Seek mercy and peace for those who

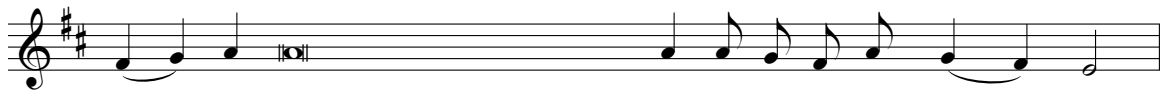


ven - er - ate you.

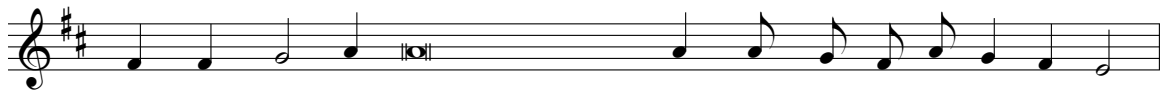
Kontakion - Tone 2



By your la - bors you obtained a life of rest and peace.



By shed - ing your blood you vanquished the en - e - my of Christ's Church.



With the heav'n - ly hosts you now rejoice in heav'n, O The - o - do - si - a,



and shel - ter those who hon - or your mem - o - ry.

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



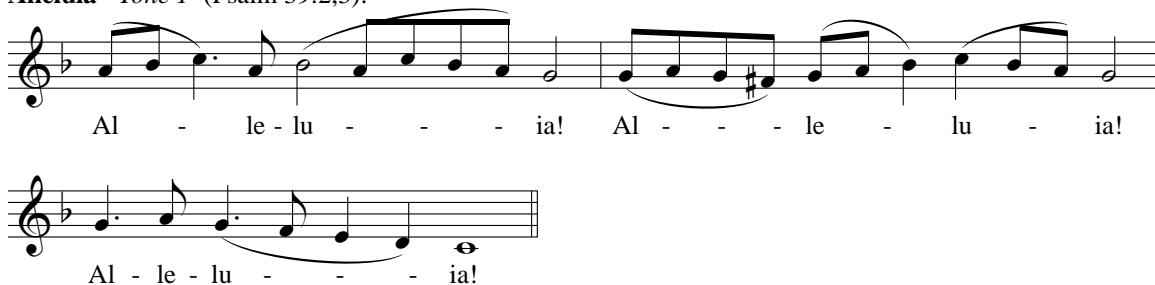
God is won - drous in his saints, the God of Is - ra - el,



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!

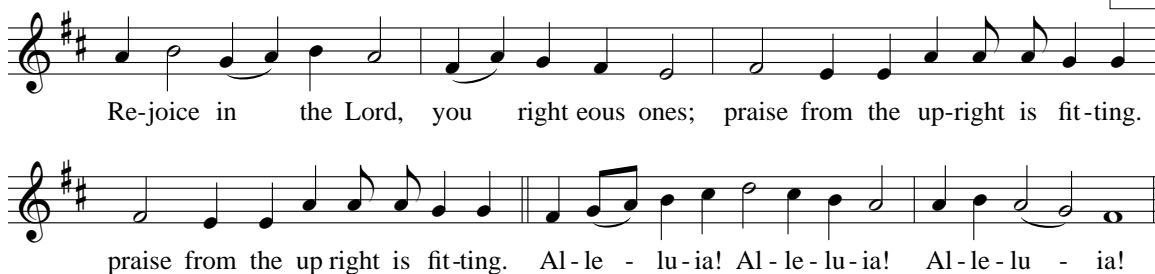
The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!". The second staff continues the melody with "Al - le - lu - - - ia!".

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):

A



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

praise from the up right is fit-ting. Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in D major. The first staff contains the melody for "Re-joice in the Lord, you right eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.". The second staff continues the melody with "praise from the up right is fit-ting. Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!".

30 Our venerable father Isaac, hegumen of the Dalmatian Monastery, who suffered greatly for the Orthodox faith during the reign of the Arian emperor Valens, and was confirmed in his position by the emperor Theodosius the Great. (383)

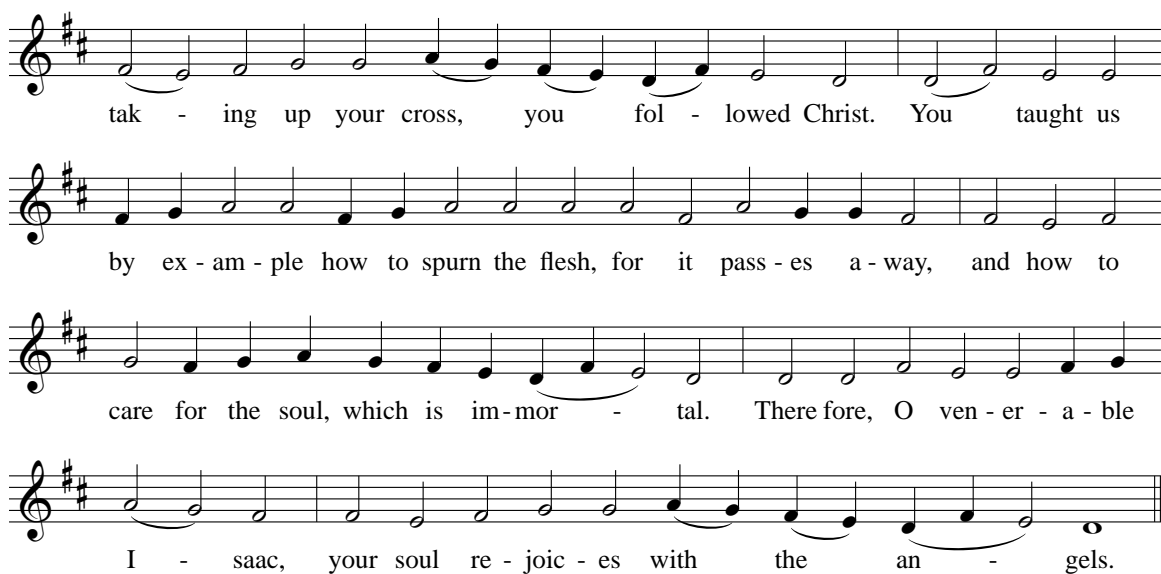
Our venerable mother Macrina, the grandmother of St. Basil the Great, was outstanding for her intellect and piety. In the reign of Diocletian, she abandoned her home and hid in the desert places with her husband Basil. Stripped of everything but their love for God, they settled in an ancient forest and spent seven years there. They both died peacefully, after great sufferings for the Faith. (4th century)

Troparion - Tone 8



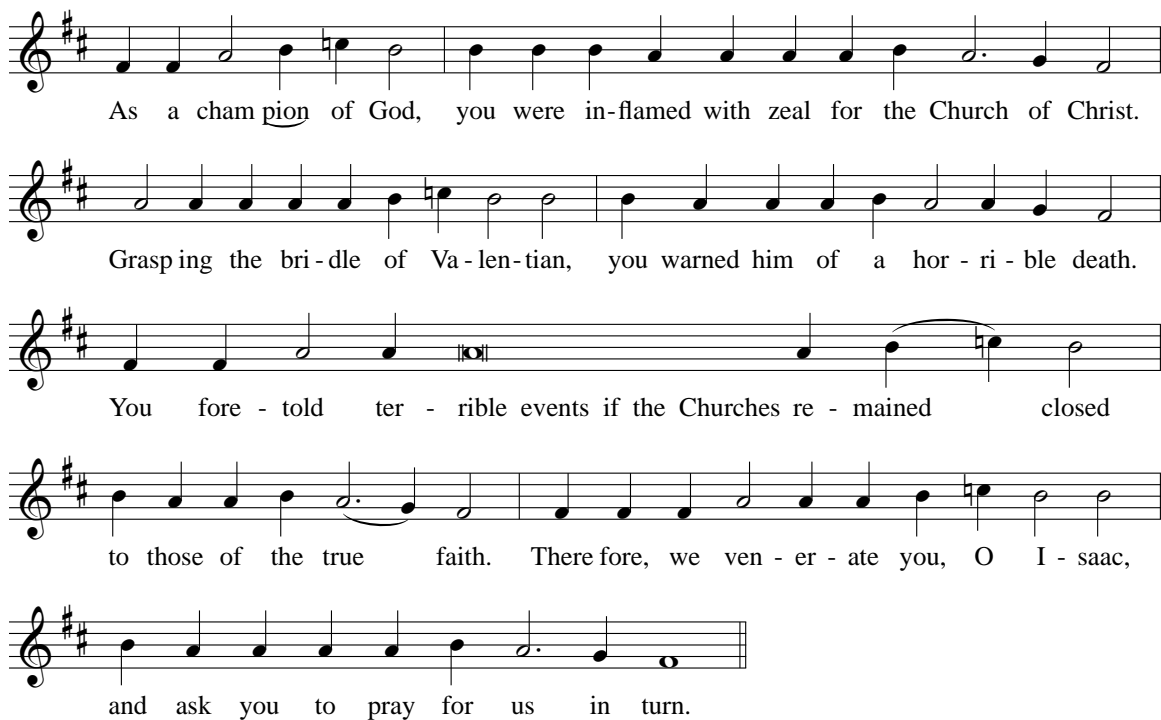
In you, O fa - ther, the di - vine im - age was strict - ly pre served;

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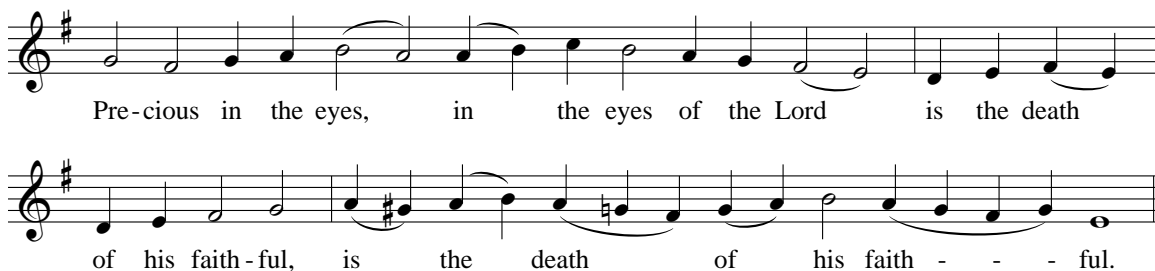
tak - ing up your cross, you fol - lowed Christ. You taught us
 by ex - am - ple how to spurn the flesh, for it pass - es a - way, and how to
 care for the soul, which is im - mor - tal. There fore, O ven - er - a - ble
 I - saac, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion - Tone 8



As a cham pion of God, you were in - flamed with zeal for the Church of Christ.
 Grasping the bri - dle of Va - len - tian, you warned him of a hor - ri - ble death.
 You fore - told ter - rible events if the Churches re - mained closed
 to those of the true faith. There fore, we ven - er - ate you, O I - saac,
 and ask you to pray for us in turn.

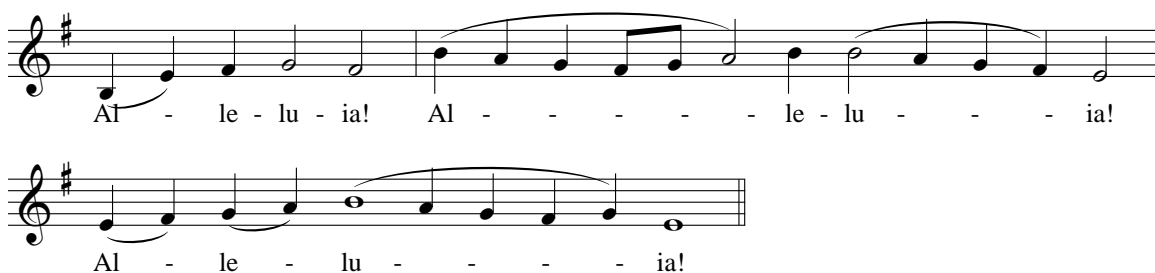
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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):

B

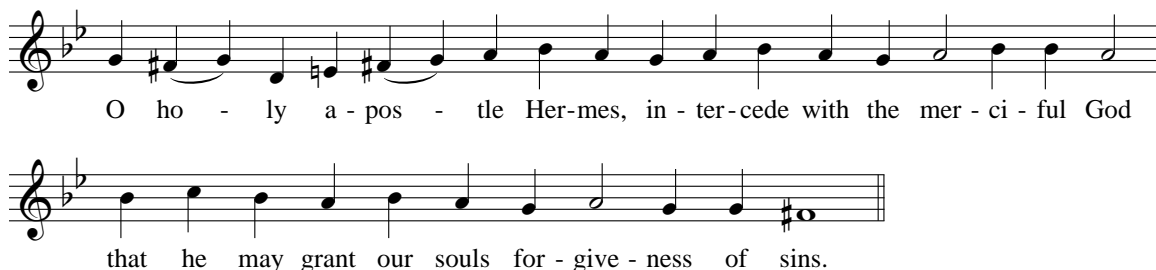


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Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

31 The holy apostle Hermes, bishop of Philippi, a disciple of St. Paul (cf Romans 16:14). According to tradition, he composed the instructive book, “The Shepherd of Hermas.”

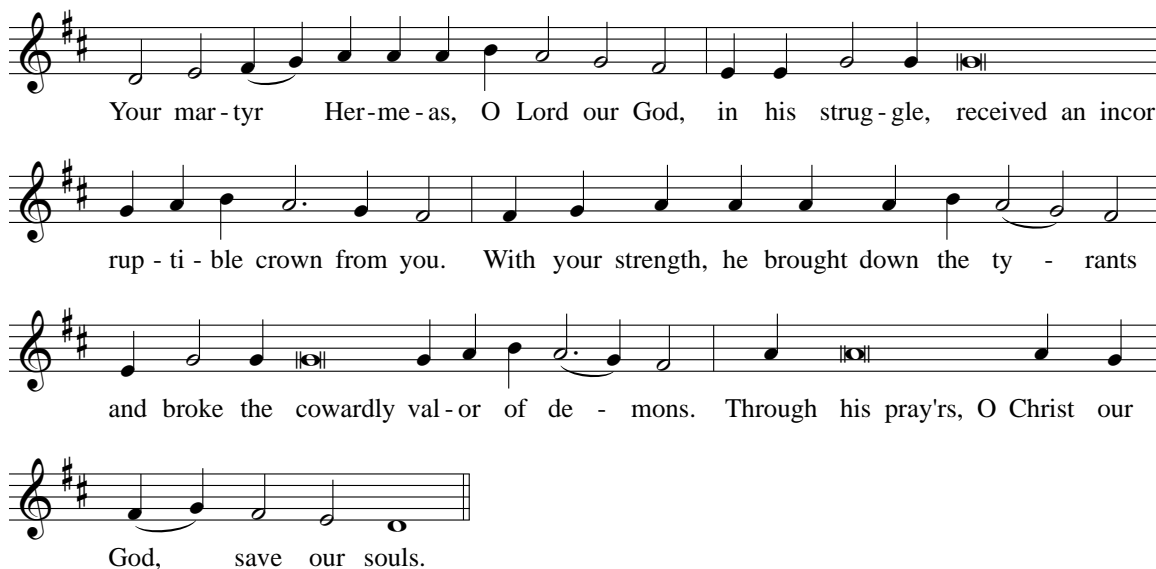
The holy martyr Hermeas at Comana in Pontus, martyr, in the reign of Anoninus Pius. He was a soldier in the imperial army till old age, when he suffered death for his chief emperor, Christ Jesus. (c. 160)

Troparion of the Apostle - Tone 3



O ho - ly a - pos - tle Her-mes, in - ter-cede with the mer - ci - ful God
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Troparion of the Martyr - Tone 4



Your mar-tyr Her-me-as, O Lord our God, in his strug-gle, received an incorrup - ti - ble crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the ty - rants and broke the cowardly val-or of de - mons. Through his pray'rs, O Christ our God, save our souls.

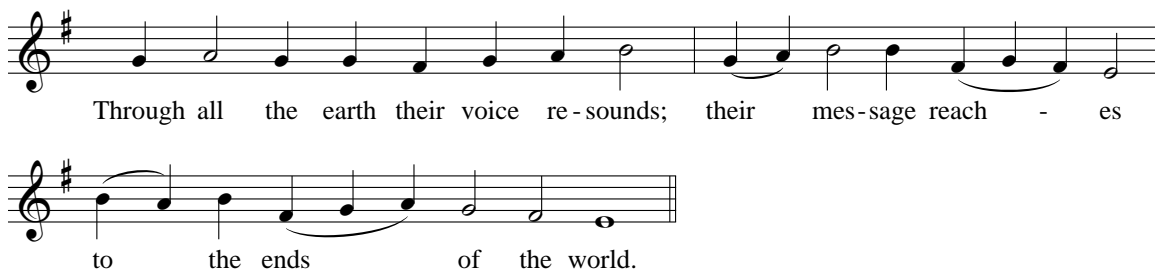
Kontakion of the Apostle - Tone 3

You glim mered o - ver the earth like a star, sup - port - ing
Paul, that beam from the Di vine Light who en - light ens the whole world.
There - fore, O Her - mes, we ven - er - ate you.

Kontakion of the Martyr - Tone 6

You fought well for Christ, finding strength and courage in your old age.
Hav - ing o - verturned the plots of evil con ceived by sin - ners,
you were kept from the harm of poisoned food, O Her - me - as.
You cried out loudly: God is with me, and no one can pre vail
a - gainst me.


Prokeimenon for an Apostle - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach - es
to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

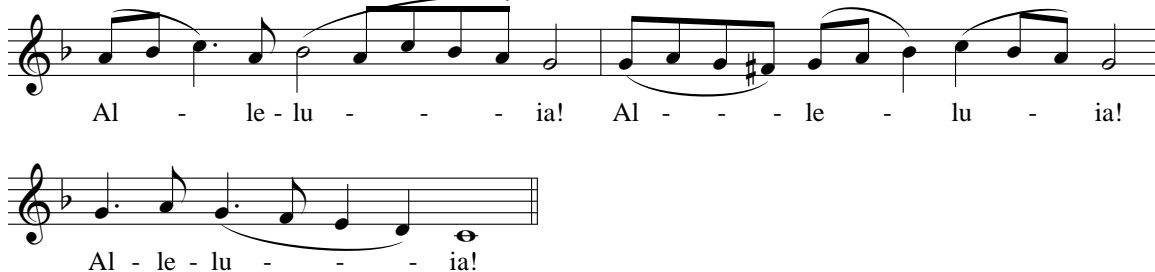
Prokeimenon for a Martyr - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)



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

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

Alleluia for an Apostle - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):



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

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

Alleluia for a Martyr - 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 for an Apostle (Psalm 18:5):

C



Through all the earth their voice re - sounds;



their mes - sage rea - ches to the ends of the world, ends of the world.


Refrain



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

Communion Hymn for a Martyr (Psalm 111:6,7):

C



The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;



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Refrain



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