Byzantine Monthly Menaion

Volume Three: November

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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 third 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 Ochtoechos. The Typikon will also explain how Prokeimena and Alleluiaria are to be combined.

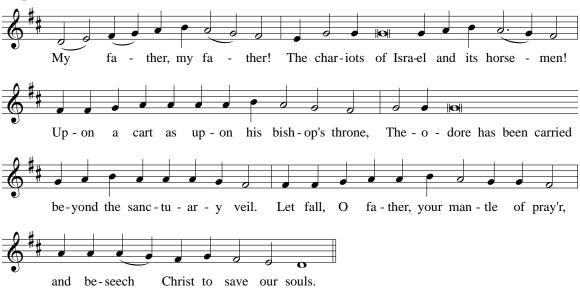
May this series of volumes be a blessing for all who attend daily celebrations of the Divine Liturgy, as well as for those who, unable to be at church each day, still wish to pray with the Church and honor the Lord and his saints.

August 28, 2005 Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian and Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo

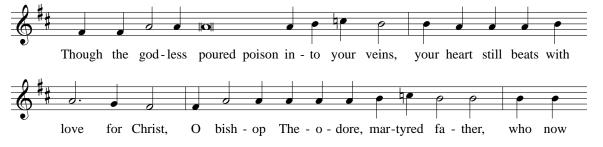
MENAION - NOVEMBER

1 The holy priest-martyr Theodore Romzha. Born in Veliky Bychkiv in Carpatho-Russia in 1911, he came from a poor family and exhibited a vocation to the priesthood. Sent to Rome for studies, he was ordained in 1937 and sent to the country parish of Berzovo. In 1939, he was called to the seminary at Uzhhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1944, despite his youth, he was ordained bishop for the Mukachevo Eparchy. During the Soviet Army's occupation of Carpatho-Russia, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned, and died. (1947)



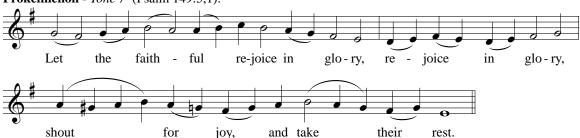


Kontakion of Theodore - *Tone 8*

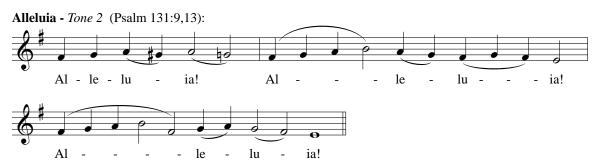




Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



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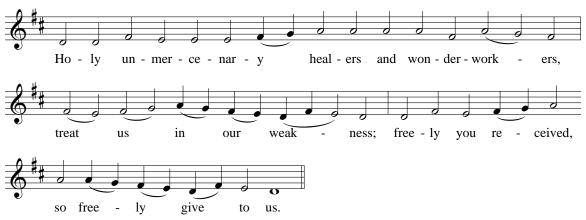
Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.



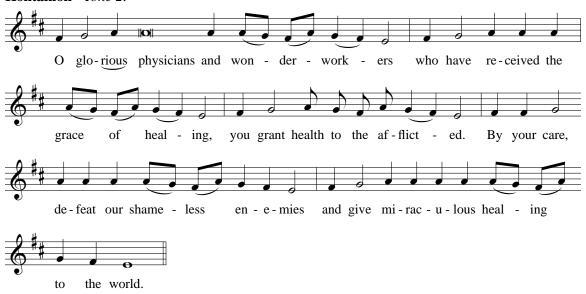
Also on November 1:

The holy unmercenary wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian who, it is said, practiced medicine asking for no money in Cyrrhus in Euphratesia and many were healed by their free cures.

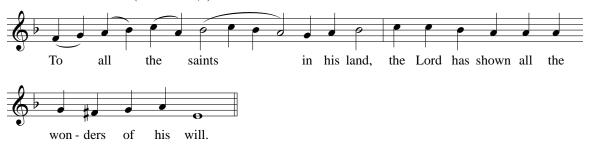
Troparion - *Tone 8:*



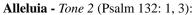
Kontakion - *Tone 2:*



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



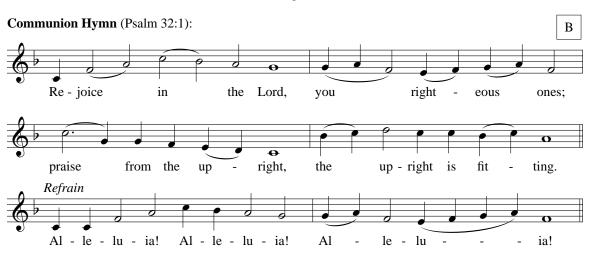
Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.





Verse: Behold, how good and how pleasant when brothers dwell in unity.

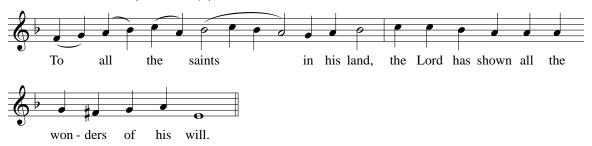
Verse: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forever.



2 The holy martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor, and Anempodistus, and very many companions in Persia, martyrs, who, under Licinius the emperor, suffered under the King Shapur II. (335)



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



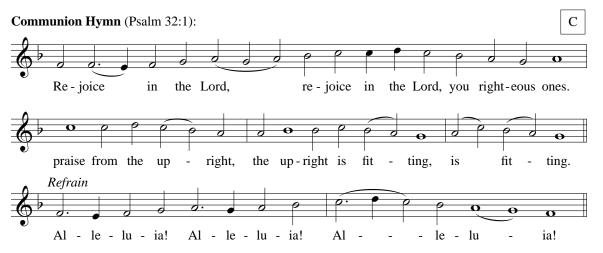
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Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 33:18,20):



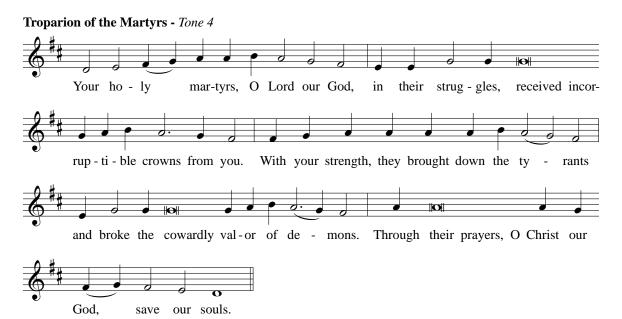
Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.

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

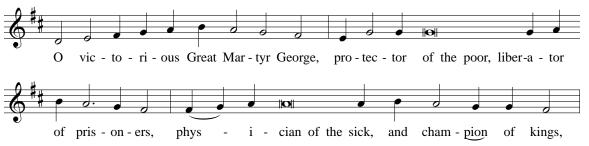


3 The holy martyrs Acepsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest, and Aeithalas the deacon. Acepsimas was eighty years old when the Persian king Sapor began the persecution of Christians in which Acepsimas was seized. He was interrogated, thrown into prison with Joseph and Aeithalas, and then killed. They suffered in the fourth century. (4th century)

Foundation of the church of the holy great martyr George in Lydda, where his relics are kept. This is the anniversary of the translation of the relics of the Great Martyr from Nicomedia to Lydda in Palestine. In the time of the emperor Constantine the Great, a beautiful church was built to house the relics. It remains a place of great pilgrimage.

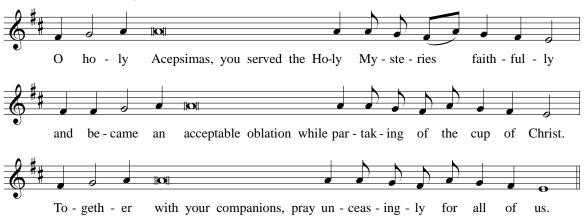


Troparion of the Great Martyr George - *Tone 4*

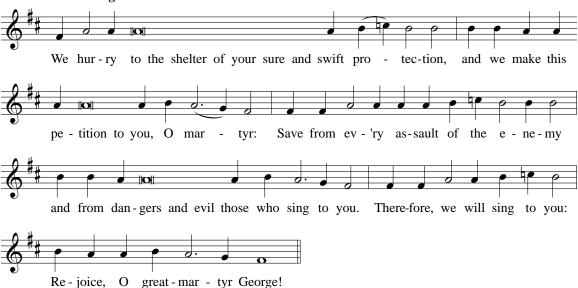




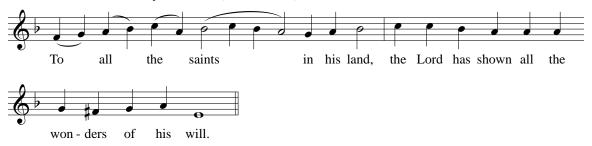
Kontakion of the Martyrs - *Tone 2*



Kontakion of George - Tone 8



Prokeimenon of the Martyrs - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3,8):



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

Prokeimenon of the Great-Martyr - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):



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

Alleluia - Tone 4

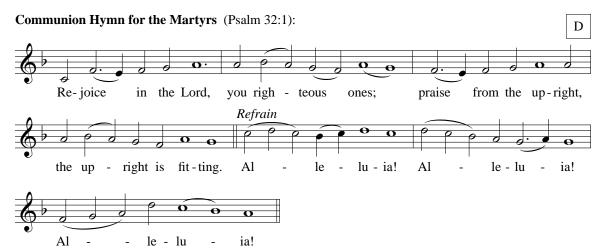


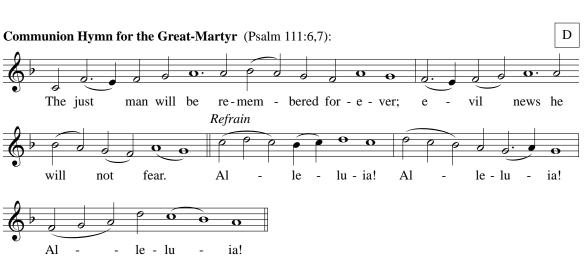
For the Martyrs: (Psalm 33:18,20):

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For the Great Martyr: (Psalm 91:13,14):

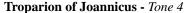
Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon. *Verse:* Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

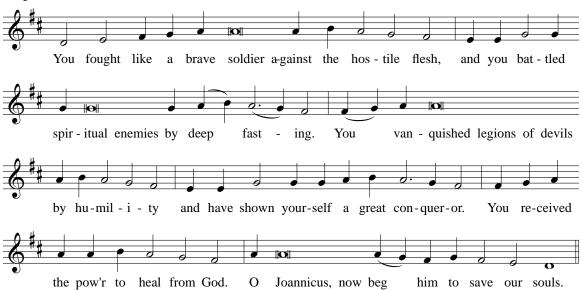




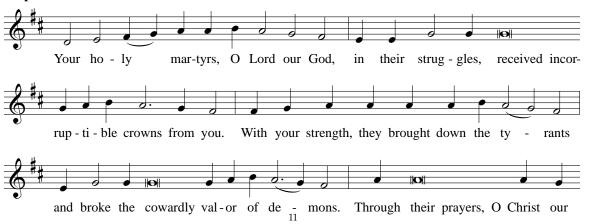
4 Our venerable father Joannicus the Great in the coenobium of Antidium in Bithynia, monk, who, having left the military after more than twenty years in arms, pursued the solitary life in different forests of Mt. Olympus. He was accustomed to end his prayer with these words: "God my hope, Christ my refuge, Holy Spirit my protector." (846)

The holy martyr Nicander, bishop of Myra and the priest Hermas, at Myra in Lycia. Both were ordained by the Apostle Titus. They were distinguished by a great zeal for the Faith and for their great labors in winning pagans for Christ. Because of this, they were tortured in various ways and eventually were buried alive. (1st century)



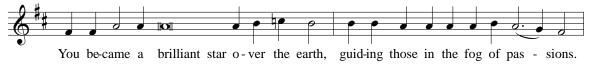


Troparion of Nicander and Hermas - *Tone 4*





Kontakion of Joannicus - Tone 8





You be-came a tru-ly ef-fec-tive doc-tor, for you re-ceived the grace to heal.



O fa-ther Joannicus, heal those who pe-ti-tion you, that we may ev-er sing to you.

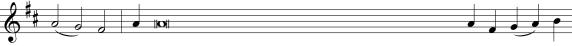
Kontakion of Nicander and Hermas - Tone 4



You were en-light-ened with the a-noint-ing of truth, and you were illumined by



the blood of mar-tyr-dom. With joy you have taken up your place a-mong the

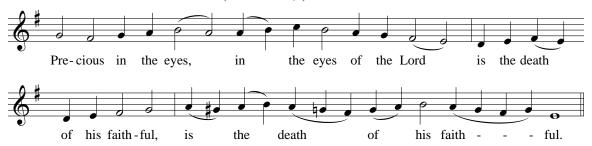


an - gels. We gladly keep your memory today, hoping to obtain pu-ri - fi - ca - tion



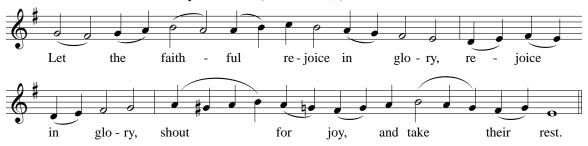
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Prokeimenon of a Venerable - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



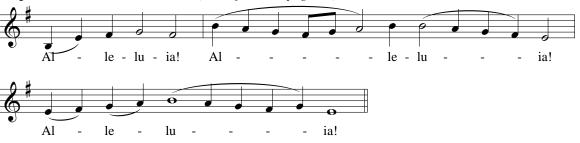
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Prokeimenon of the Priest-Martyrs - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



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Troparion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page XX)*



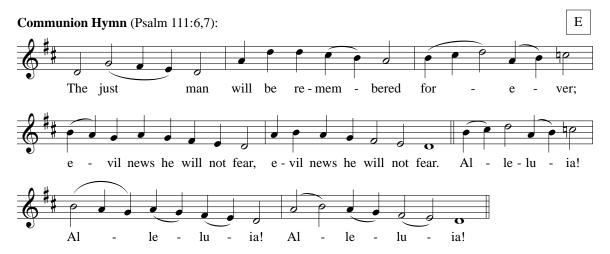
Troparion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page XX)*

Alleluia of the Priest-Martyrs - *Tone* 2 (Psalm 131:9,13):



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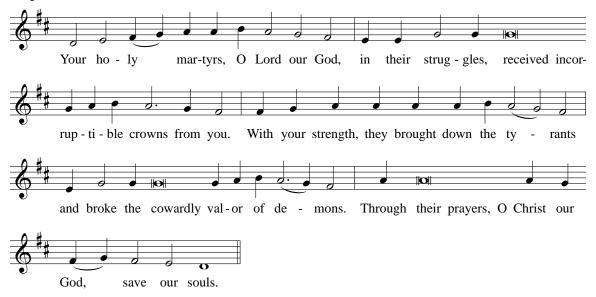
Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.



5 The holy martyrs Galaction and Episteme, husband and wife who joined nearby monasteries immediately after their marriage. They did not see each other for many years, until the persecution which brought them both into court and saw them die on the same day. (253)

The holy priest-martyr Gregory Lakota, bishop of Peremyshl. He was born in the Lemko district in 1883, and studied theology in L'viw. He was ordained priest in 1908, and was subsequently sent for further studies. In 1913 he became a professor of the seminary at Peremyshl, and in 1926 he was ordained bishop, becoming auxiliary bishop of Peremyshl. He was arrested in 1946 by the Soviets and sentenced to ten years in prison, finally dying there as a martyr. (1950)

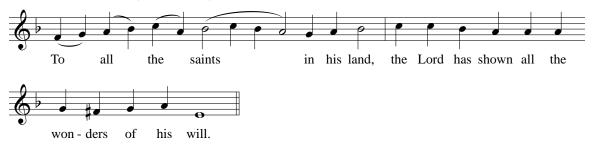
Troparion - Tone 4



Kontakion - *Tone 2*



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



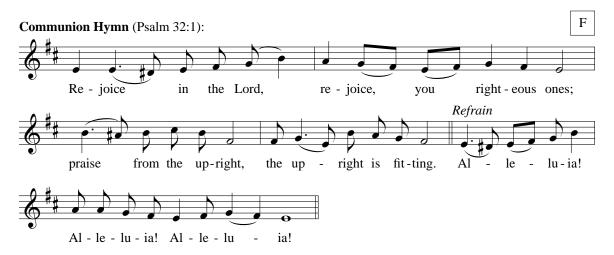
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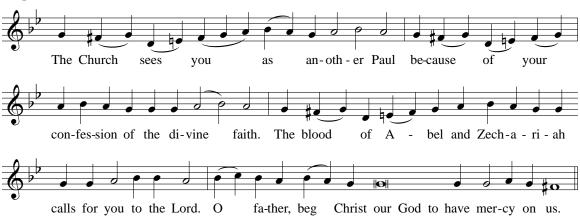
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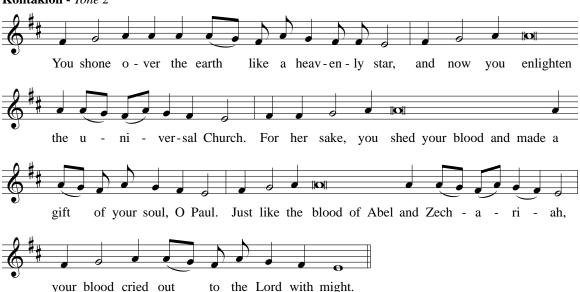


6 Our father Paul the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople, who was frequently exiled by the Arians because of his adherence to the Nicene faith and as often restored in dignity. Finally he was sent by Constantius the emperor to Cucusum, a small village in Cappadocia. In that place, it is said, he was strangled in a conspiracy of the Arians. (351)









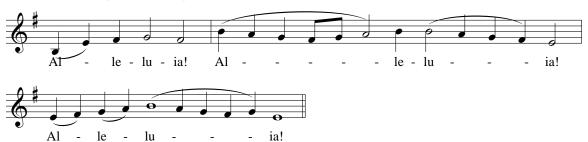
Prokeimenon - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 149:5,1):





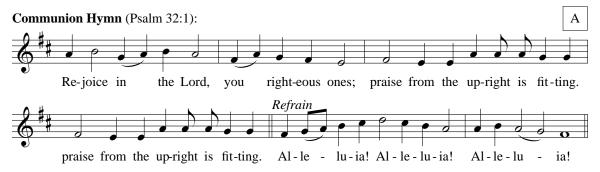
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

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



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

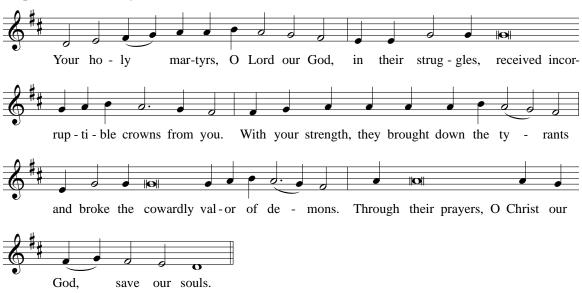
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.



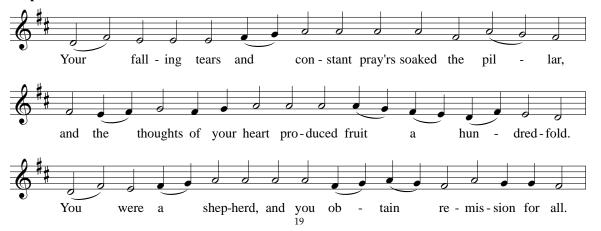
7 The holy thirty-three martyrs at Melitene. Hieron was a devout Christian who cared diligently for his blind mother, Stratonica. He was forcibly impressed into the army, where he refused to worship idols. He was brought before the local governor with thirty-two other local Christians. They went to their death singing the psalm, "Blessed are those undefiled in their way, who walk in the Law of the Lord." (298)

Our venerable father Lazarus the Wonderworker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee. He left for the Holy Land on pilgrimage and became a monk of the monastery of St. Sabbas the Sanctified. After ten years, he settled in Galilee and lived as a stylite. (11th century)

Troparion of the Martyrs - *Tone 4*

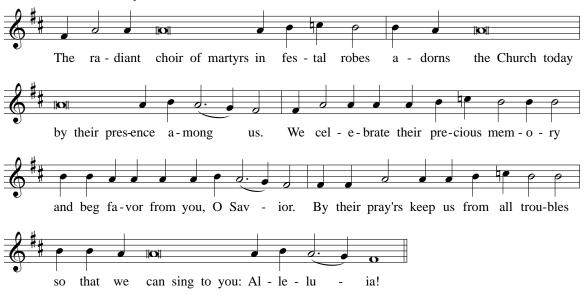


Troparion of Lazarus - *Tone 8*

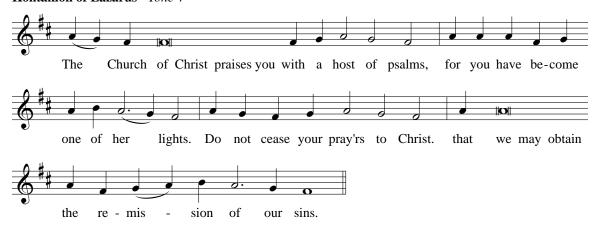




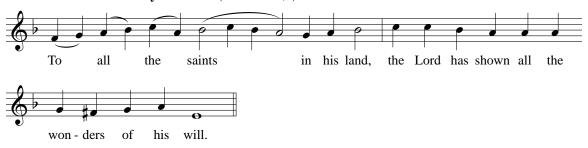
Kontakion of the Martyrs - Tone 8



Kontakion of Lazarus - Tone 4

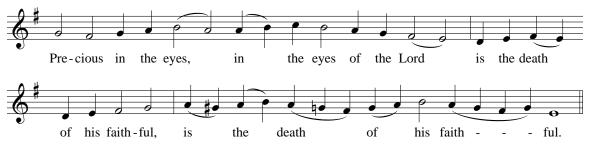


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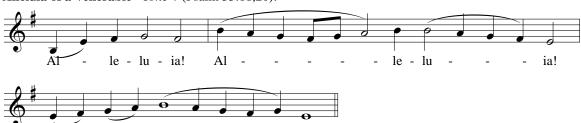
What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me? Verse:

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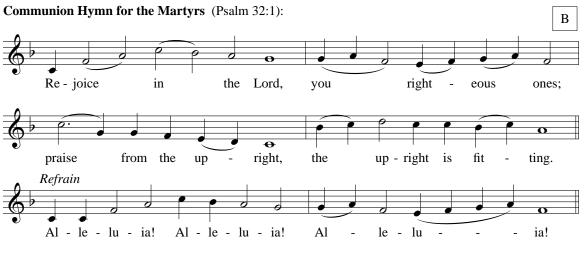
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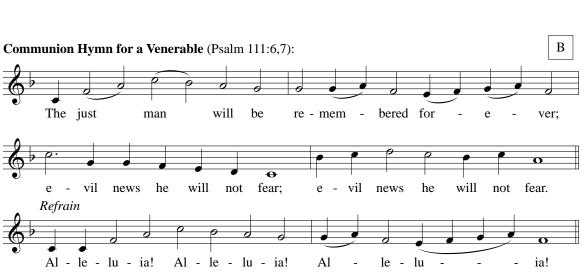
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8 THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE

ANGELIC POWERS. In the time of Pope Sylvester of Rome and Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria, this feast was established to honor Michael and Gabriel the Archangels, and all the holy bodiless powers of heaven in their nine choirs: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.



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Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:4,1):





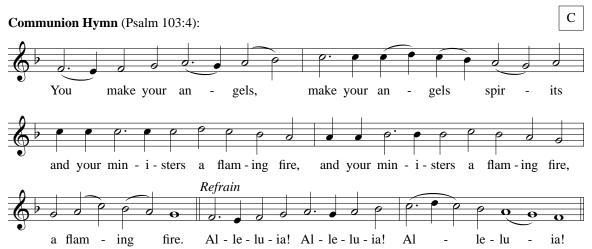
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

Alleluia - *Tone 5* (Psalm 148:2,5):



Verse: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise him all his hosts.

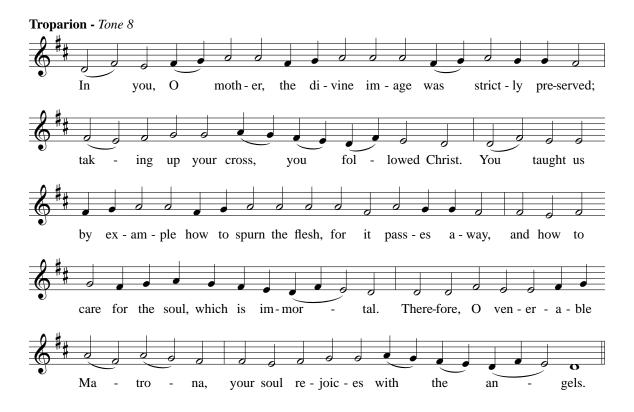
Verse: He spoke and they were made; he commanded and they were created.



9 The holy martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphry of Ephesus, martyred for their faith in the time of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). They were harshly beaten, and then broken to pieces by horses.

Our venerable mother Matrona. From Perga in Pamphylia, she fled a horrible marriage by dressing in men's clothing and, under the name of Babylas, lived in a monastery in Constantinople. She went from monastery to monastery to evade her husband. She lived the monastic life for seventy-five years and fell asleep in the Lord. (492)

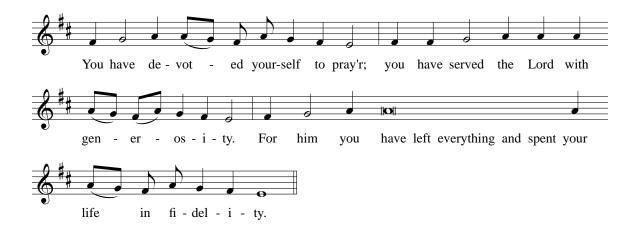
The venerable Theoctista of Lesbos became a nun at the age of seventeen. Saracens descended on the island and enslaved all the people they captured. Theoctista escaped and lived in an abandoned church on the island of Paros for thirty-five years. (881)



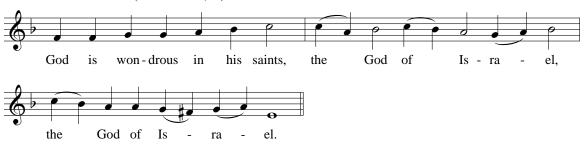




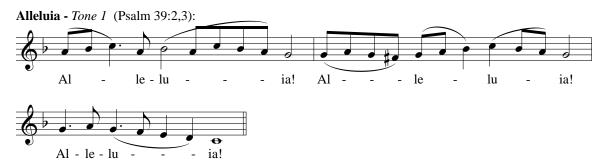
O ven-er-able Matrona, you spent all your strength in fast - ing and ab-sti-nence.



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

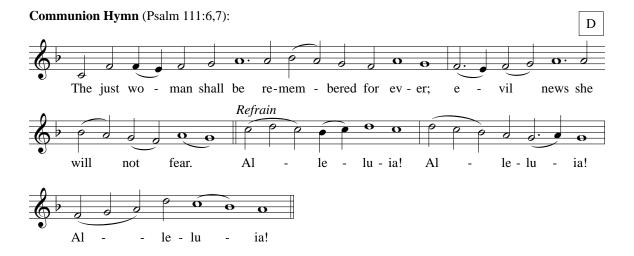


Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.

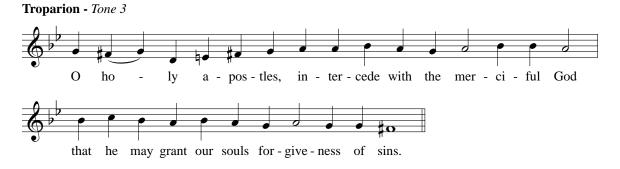


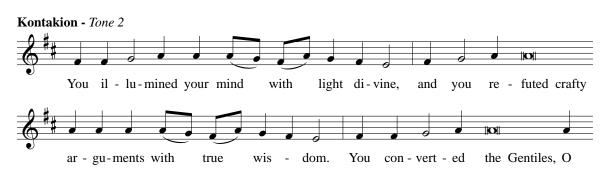
Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

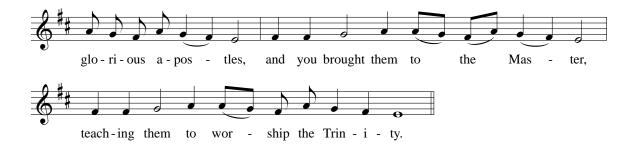
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.



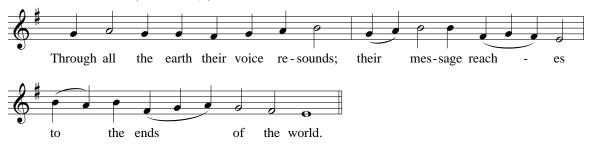
10 The holy apostles Erastus, Olympas and Rhodion and their companions. Erastus was the treasurer of the city of Corinth and ministered to blessed Paul the Apostle.



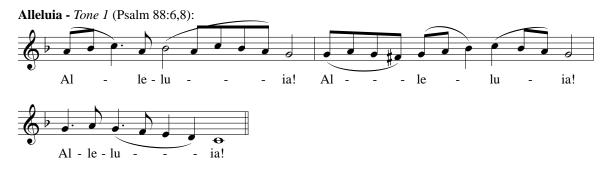




Prokeimenon - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



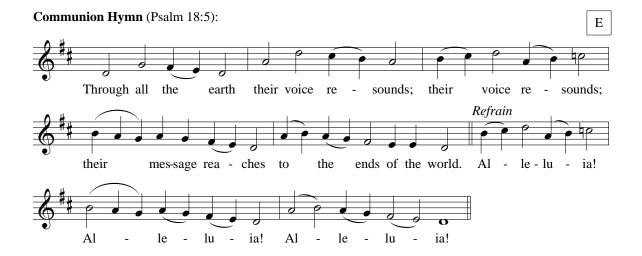
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.



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,

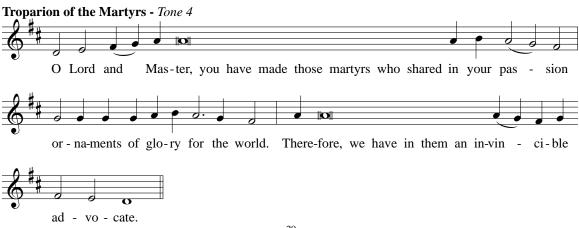
great and awesome above all who surround him.



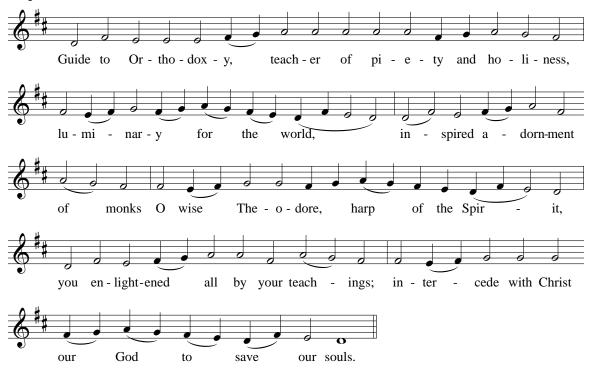
11 The holy martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent. Menas was a soldier from Egypt, who could not bear to look upon the food offering made in sacrifice to idols. Because of this, he left the army and went into the desert to live with wild beasts. Menas was arrested by a pagan governor and tortured and martyred with his companions Victor and Vincent. (304) The holy martyr Stephanis volunteered to die with Vincent. (304) Our venerable father and confessor Theodore the Studite was hegumen of that

Our venerable father and confessor Theodore the Studite was hegumen of that monastery in Constantinople who suffered greatly for his defense of the cult of the holy icons. He was a wise organizer of monastic life, an inspired teacher of the Orthodox faith, and a great ascetic. He died in Constantinople at the age of 68. (826)

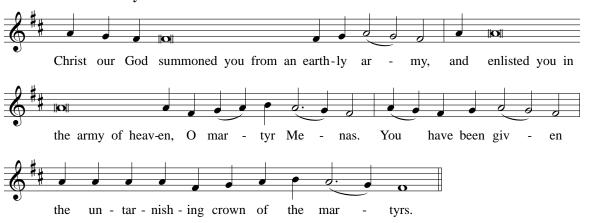
The holy priest-martyr Vincent Eugene Bossilkov. A member of the Passionist community, he admirably shepherded the flock of the Bulgarian Greek Catholic Church, and, when the Communists took control of the country, he refused to renounce the Union with Rome and was put to death in a most cruel manner. (1952)



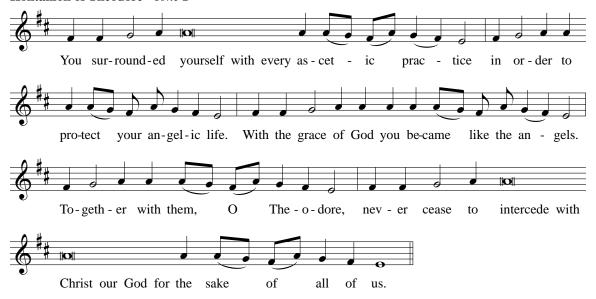
Troparion of Theodore - $Tone \ 8$



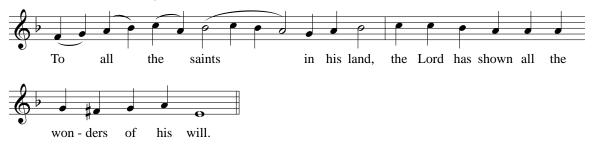
Kontakion of the Martyrs - *Tone 4*



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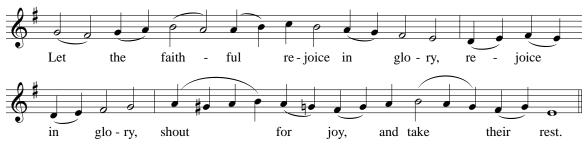


Prokeimenon of the Martyrs - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3,8):



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

Prokeimenon of a Confessor - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



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

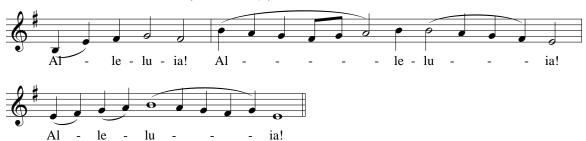
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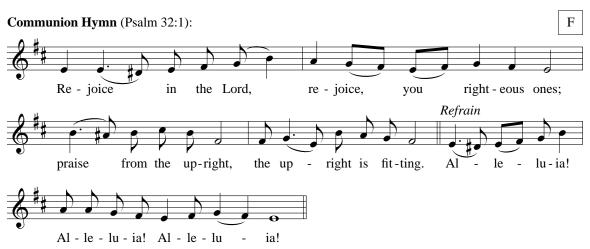
Verse: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.

Alleluia of a Confessor - *Tone* 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):



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

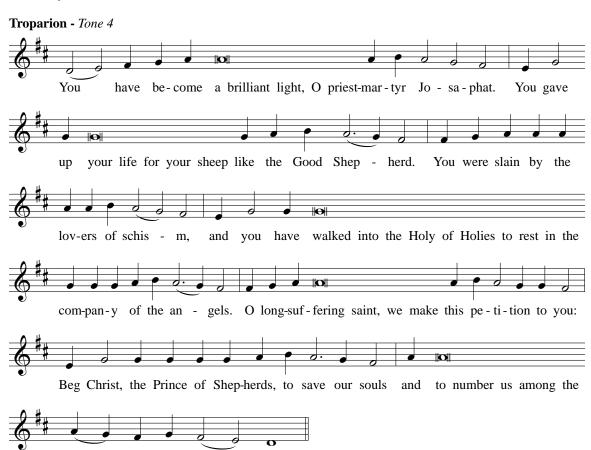
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.



12 Our venerable father John the Merciful, patriarch of Alexandria. Also called "the Almsgiver," he died at Amathus on the island of Cyprus. He was famous for his compassion to the poor. Filled with love toward all, he built very many churches, hospitals, and orphanages and worked with the greatest care to relieve every misfortune of the city. To this end, he gave away the goods of the Church and diligently urged the rich to help them out with their wealth. (620)

Our venerable father Nilus was a government official in Constantinople. He and his wife, seeing the state of morals there, joined monasteries in Egypt (the women) and on Mt. Sinai (the men). He lived the monastic life for sixty years and died at the age of eighty. (450)

The holy martyr Josaphat, bishop of Polotsk. Josaphat Kuncewicz, bishop of the Greek Catholic Church and martyr, spurred his flock to Catholic unity by his constant effort and nurtured the Byzantine-Slavic Church by his pious love. At Vitebsk in Belarus (then under the control of Poland), he was cruelly seized by an angry mob and died for the unity of the Church and in defense of the Catholic truth. (1623)



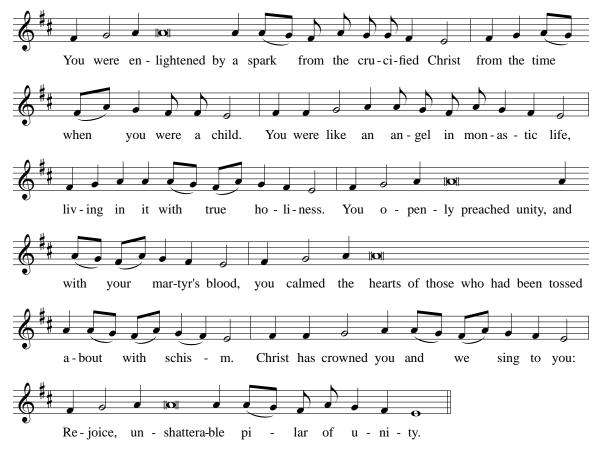
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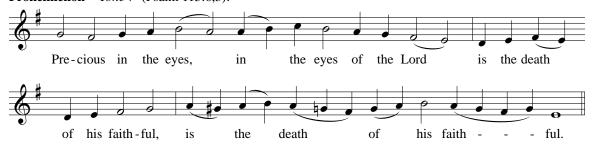
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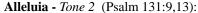
Kontakion - Tone 2



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



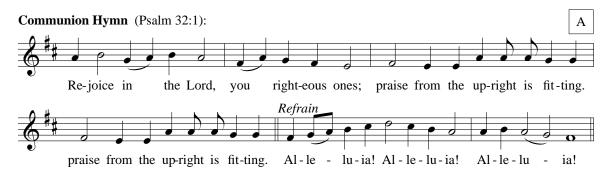
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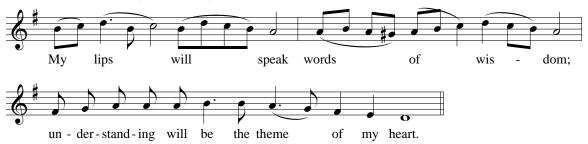


13 Our holy father John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople. Born in Antioch, he was ordained to the priesthood and found worthy of the title Chrysostom because of his golden eloquence. Chosen for the see of Constantinople, he showed himself to be the best pastor and teacher of the faith. He was forced into exile by his enemies. When he was recalled from his exile by a decree of Pope Saint Innocent I, having suffered many evils from the accompanying soldiers, he returned his soul to God on the fourteenth day of September at Comana in Pontus. (407)

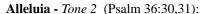
Troparion - *Tone 8*

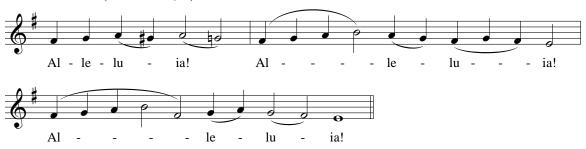


Prokeimenon - *Tone 1* (Psalm 48:4,2):



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





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

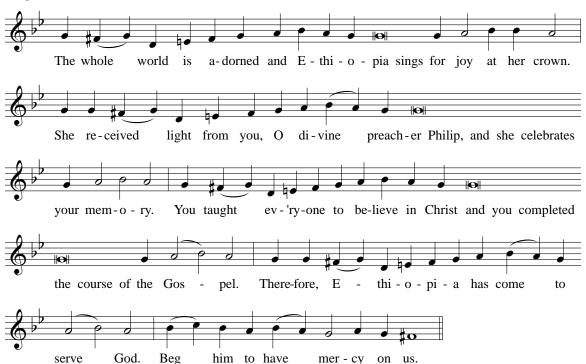
Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.



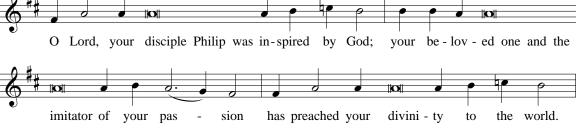
14 The holy and illustrious apostle Philip. Philip, who like Peter and Andrew was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and had become a disciple of John the Baptist, was called by the Lord to follow him. He preached in Phrygia with John the Theologian, and Bartholomew. Philip was crucified there upside down on a tree.

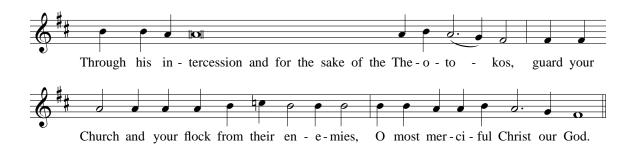
Our holy father Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica. When Gregory completed his secular studies, he withdrew to the Holy Mountain and became a monk of (successively) Vatopedi and the Great Lavra. He was made Metropolitan of Salonica in 1347, and governed that church for twelve years. He is famous as both an ascetic and a theologian. (1359)



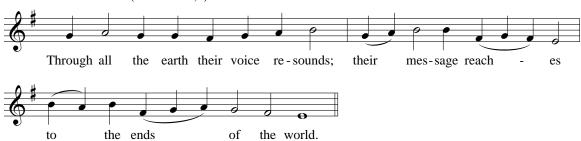


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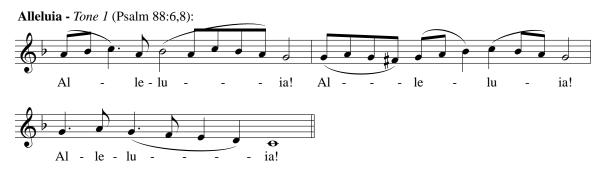




Prokeimenon - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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



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

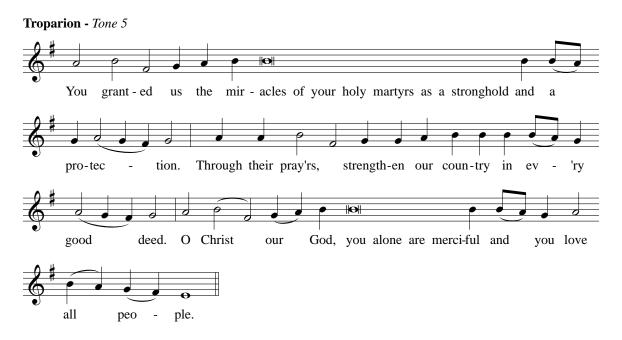
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy,

great and awesome above all who surround him.





15 The holy martyrs and confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habib. Gurias, ascetic, and Samonas suffered at Edessa in Osrhoene. They were condemned to death under Diocletian the emperor by the prefect Mysian after lengthy and savage torture and then were beheaded by the sword. Habib was a deacon who suffered for the faith later. (322)

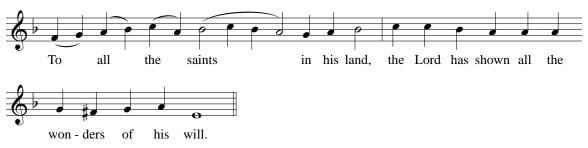


Kontakion - Tone 2





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



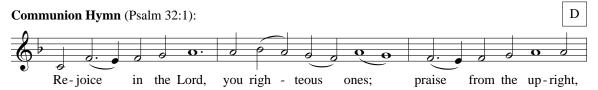
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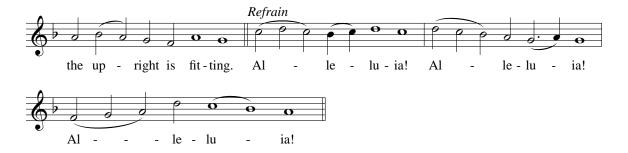
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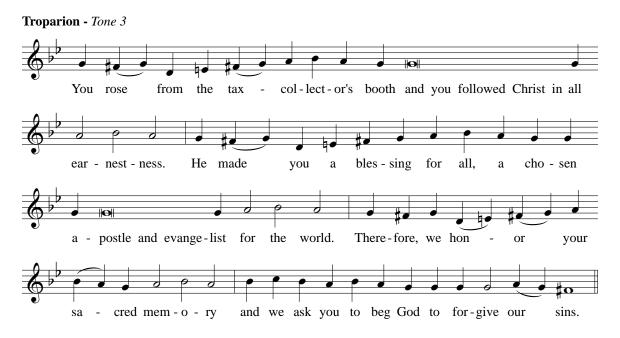
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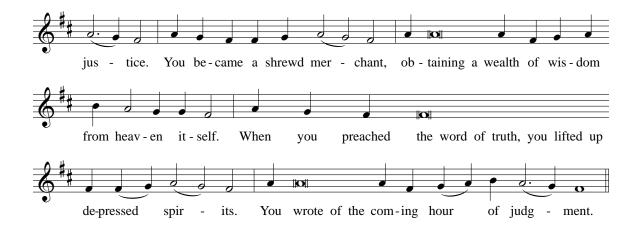


16 The holy apostle and evangelist Mathew who, named Levi, was called by Jesus to follow him and leave his job of publican or tax collector. Chosen among the Apostles, he wrote a Gospel in which Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham, is particularly proclaimed to fulfill the Old Testament.

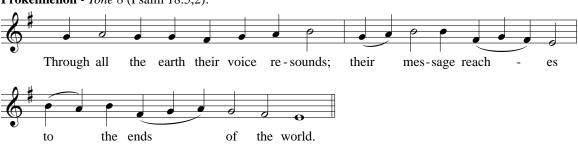




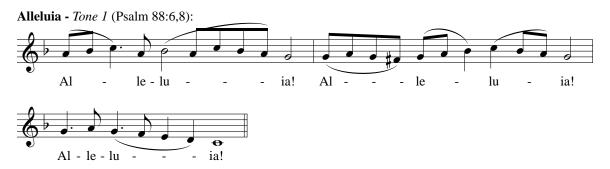
You cast off the yoke of gath-er-ing tax - es, and you put on the yoke of



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



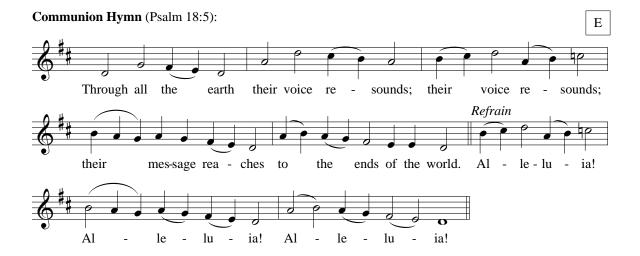
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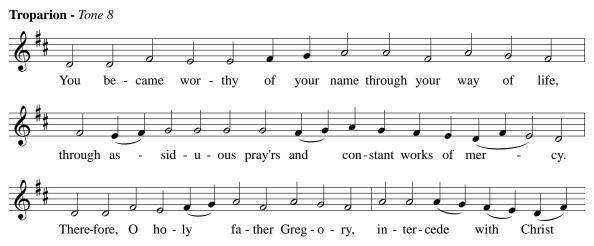
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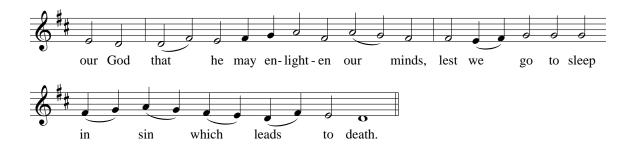
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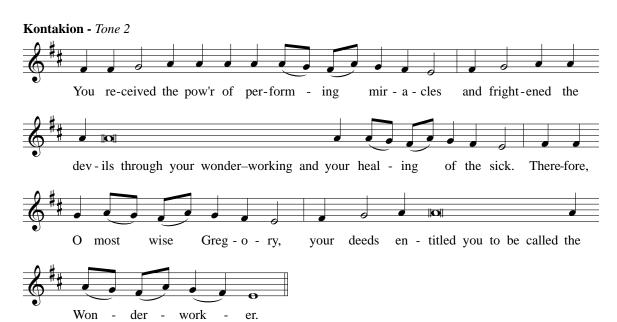


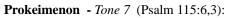
17 Our holy father Gregory the Wonder-worker, bishop of Neocaesarea in Pontus, who embraced the Christian faith as a youth, progressed in both human and divine knowledge, was ordained a bishop and was famous for his teaching, virtue and apostolic labors. Because of very many marvels he performed, he is called Wonder-worker/Thaumaturgus. (270)

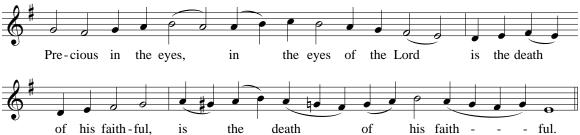
The holy priest-martyr Josaphat Kotsylovsky. Born in the Lemko district in 1876, he graduated with a degree in theology from Rome, and was ordained priest in 1907. Not long after, he was appointed vice-rector of the seminary at Ivano-Frankivsk. He entered the novitiate of the Basilian Order in 1911. In 1917, he was ordained bishop of Peremyshl. In September of 1945, the Polish Communist government arrested him, and he died for the Faith two years later in Kiev. (1947)



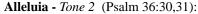




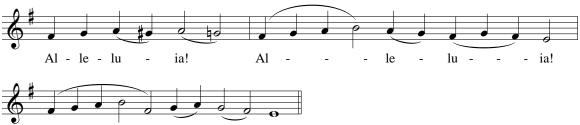




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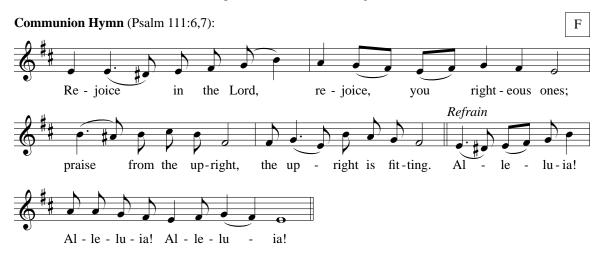
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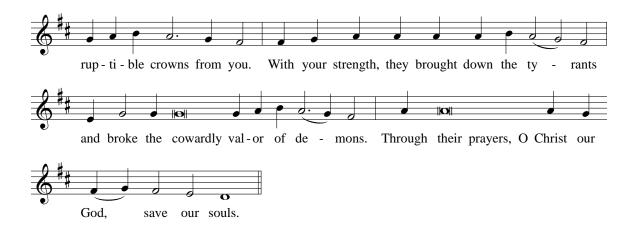
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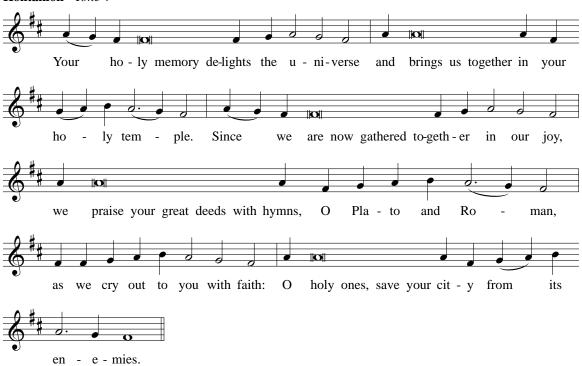
18 The holy martyrs Plato and Roman. Born in the town of Ancyra in Galatia, Plato showed early and great perfection in virtue. Because he did not hide his faith, he was called before the governor for trial. After having been cruelly tortured, he was beheaded and died in 266. Roman was a deacon of the Church in Caesarea. Boldly accusing the governor of idolatry, he was tortured and killed. (303)



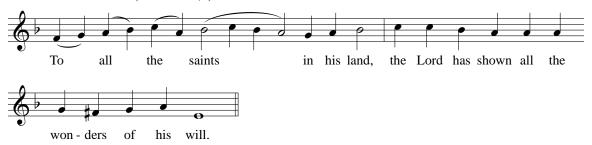




Kontakion - Tone 4



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



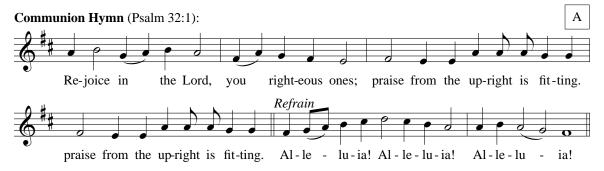
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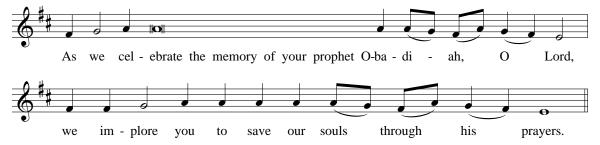
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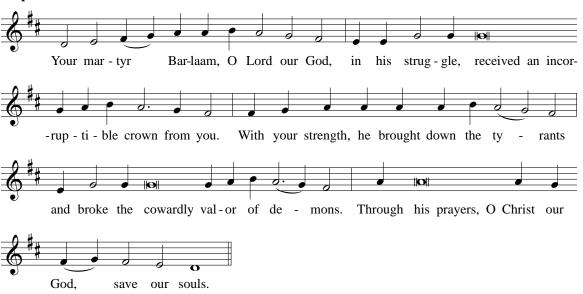
19 The holy prophet Obadiah, who after the exile of the people of Israel announced the wrath of the Lord against the enemy nations.

The holy martyr Barlaam at Antioch in Syria. He was rustic and unpolished but strong in the wisdom of Christ. He withstood the fire with incense placed on his hand by the unconquered constancy of his faith. Because of the ferocity of the tyrant, he came to his palm of martyrdom. (304)

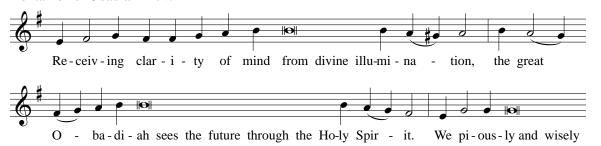
Troparion of Obadaiah - *Tone 2*



Troparion of Barlaam - Tone 4



Kontakion of Obadiah - Tone 1





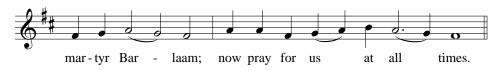
Kontakion of Barlaam - Tone 4



You be-came a renowned per-son be-cause of your might, and you offered yourself



like incense as a sac-ri-fice in the fire to Christ. You re-ceived a crown of honor, O



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



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

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



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

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



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 of a Martyr - *Tone 4* (Psalm 91:13,14):



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.

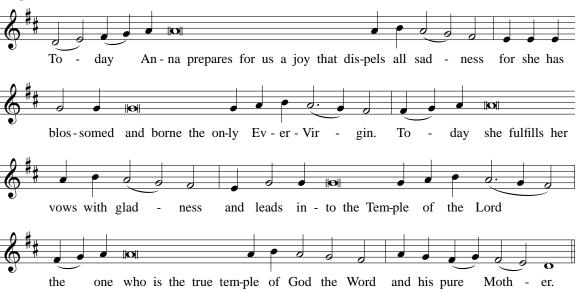


20 Prefestive day of the Entrance of the Theotokos.

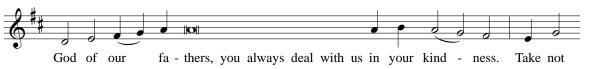
Our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite at Constantinople, monk. He first professed the monastic life and then the life of an anchorite. Then he made a journey and settled for a long while in Thessalonica. Finally he returned his soul to God at Constantinople where he fought vigorously in defense of the holy Images. (9th century) Our holy father Proclus, archbishop of Constantinople, who vigorously proclaimed blessed Mary to be the Theotokos ("she who gave birth to God"). He returned the body of St. John Chrysostom from exile in a triumphal translation. His episcopate was so adorned with blessings that at the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon he was thought worthy to be called the Great. (446)

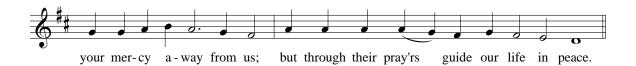
Our venerable mother Josaphata Hordashevska, in the town of Chervohohrad near L'viv in Galicia, who served wherever the need was greatest in the Institute of the Sisters Servant of Mary Immaculate. She founded this community to serve the Greek-Catholic Church in Galicia and Canada. (1919)

Troparion of the Prefeast - *Tone 4*

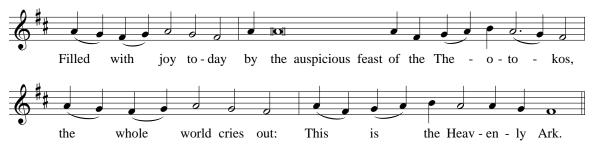


Troparion of Gregory - Tone 4

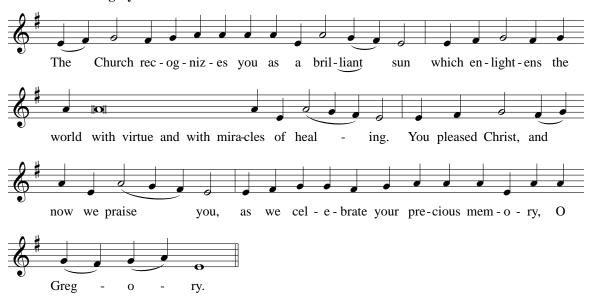




Kontakion of the Prefeast - Tone 4



Kontakion of Gregory - Tone 3



Kontakion of Proclus - Tone 4





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



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



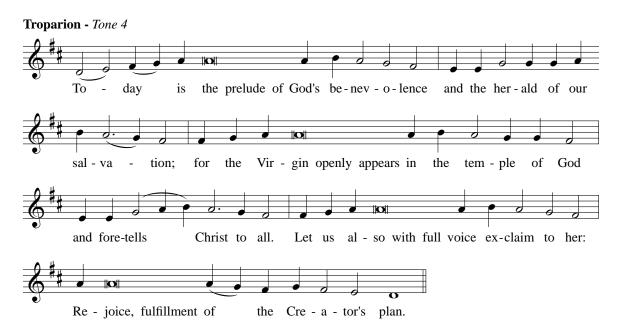
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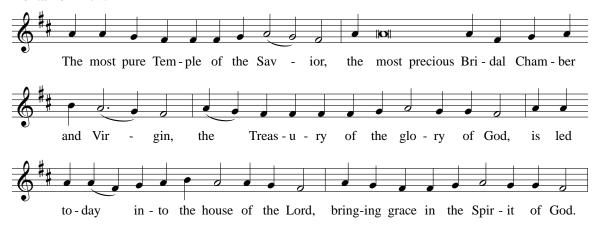


21 THE ENTRANCE OF OUR MOST BLESSED LADY, THE THEOTOKOS

AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE. The day after the dedication of the basilica of the New St. Mary's, built near the wall of the temple in Jerusalem, that dedication is celebrated which the future mother of God showed of her own accord toward God from her infancy. By the movement of the Holy Spirit she was immaculate, filled with grace at her conception.

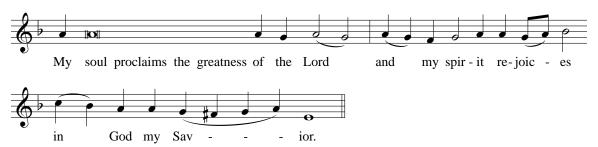








Prokeimenon - *Tone 3* (Luke 1:46-48):



Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

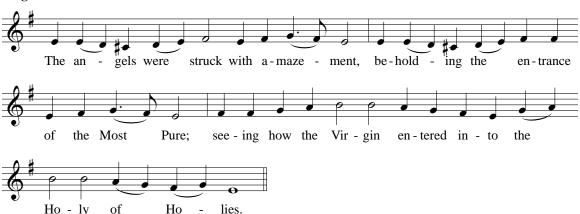
Alleluia - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):



Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. *Verse:* The rich among the people will seek your favor.

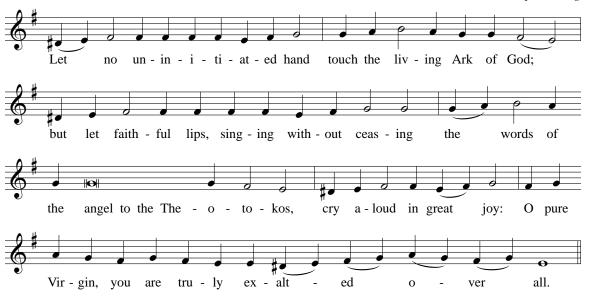
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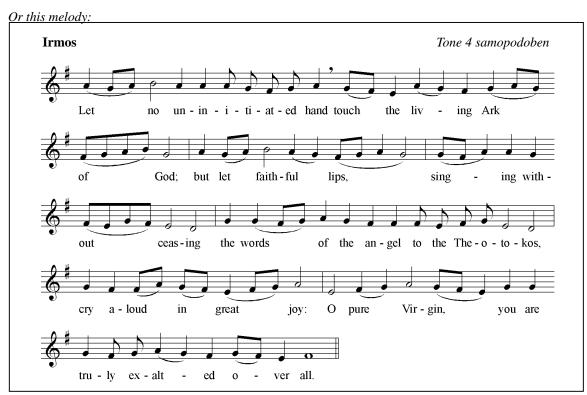
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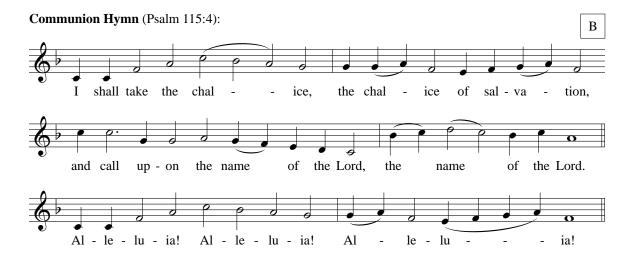




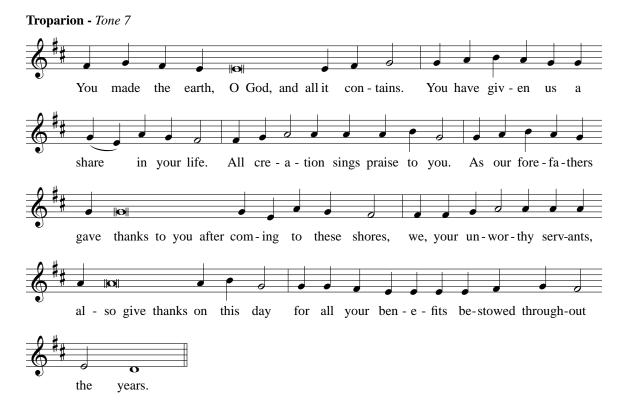
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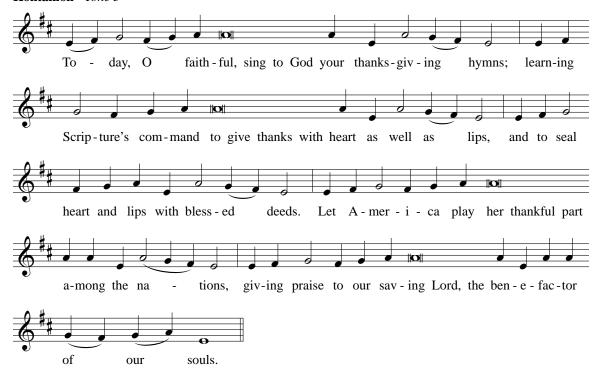




Thursday after November 21 - THANKSGIVING DAY



Kontakion - *Tone 3*



Prokeimenon - Tone 2 (Psalm 115:8,3):



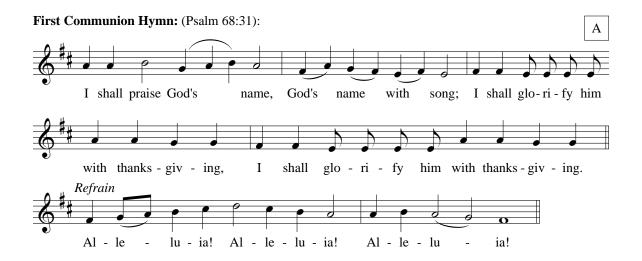
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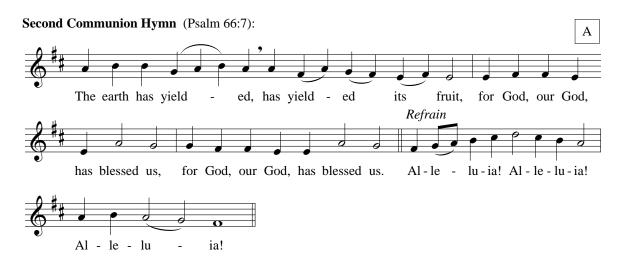
Alleluia - *Tone* 5 (**Psalm** 117:21,28):



Verse: I shall thank you for you have answered and you are my Savior.

Verse: You are my God, I thank you; my God, I praise you.





22 Postfestive day of the Entrance

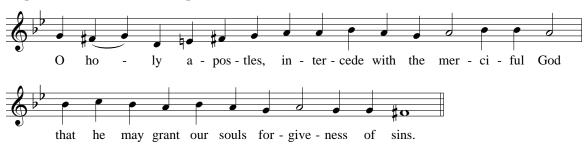
The holy Philemon and his companions of Colossae, for whose love in Christ Jesus blessed Paul the Apostle rejoiced and who is venerated together with his wife St. Apphia.

The holy martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius and Maximus. St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr, who it is said attained that double palm for the love of Christ at Rome in the cemetery of Callistus on the Appian Way and whose name provides the ancient title of a church, Trastevere [across the Tiber]. She was martyred after she buried with loving care the bodies of the martyrs Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus. (c.230)

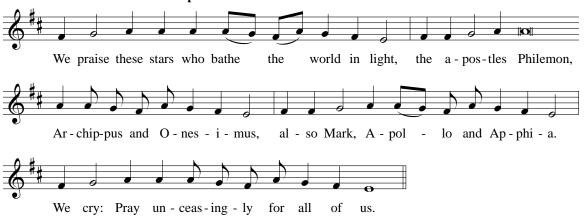
Troparion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page 55)*

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Troparion of Philemon and companions - *Tone 3*



Kontakion of Philemon and companions - *Tone 2*



Kontakion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page 55)*

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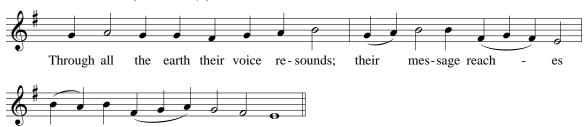
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Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;

from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

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

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

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Alleluia of the Entrance - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 44:11,13): (music found on page 56)

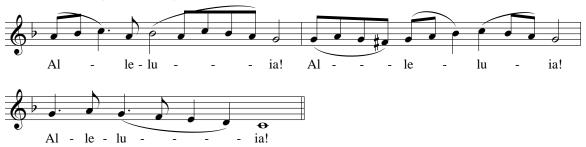
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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

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



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.

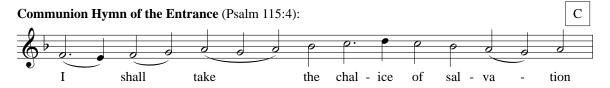
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Magnification (music found on page 56)

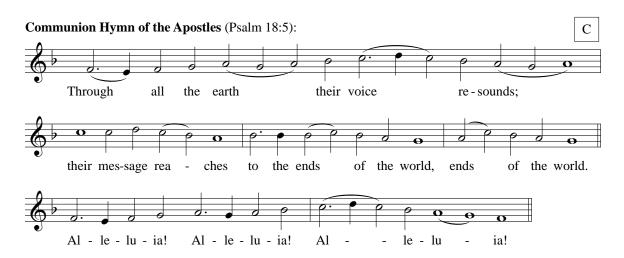
The angels were struck with amazement, beholding the entrance of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

Irmos: (music found on page 57)

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.





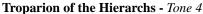


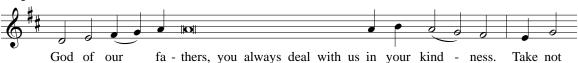
23 Postfestive day of the Entrance.

Our holy fathers Amphilocius, bishop of Iconium, in Lycaonia, who, a companion of Saints Basil and Gregory of Nazianzus in the desert and a colleague in the episcopate, famous for his holiness and teaching, underwent many trials for the Catholic faith (395) and Gregory, bishop of Agrigento, a great wonderworker and bishop who took part in the Fifth Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in 553. (7th century)

Troparion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page 55)*

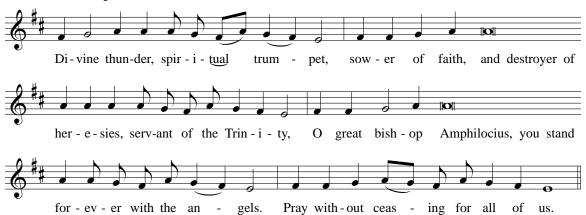
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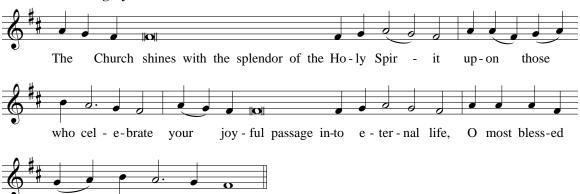


Kontakion of Amphilocius - *Tone 2*



Kontakion of Gregory - Tone 4

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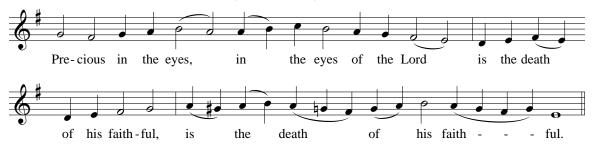
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Prokeimenon of the Hierarchs - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



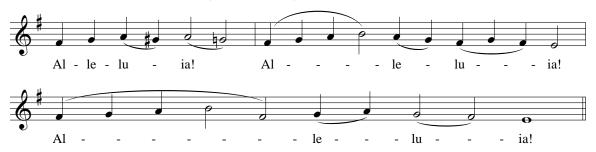
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia of the Entrance - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13): (music found on page 56)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. *Verse:* The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Alleluia of the Hierarchs - *Tone* 2 (Psalm 131:9,13):



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.

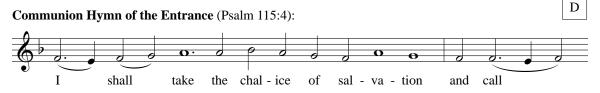
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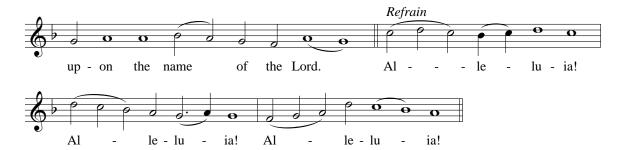
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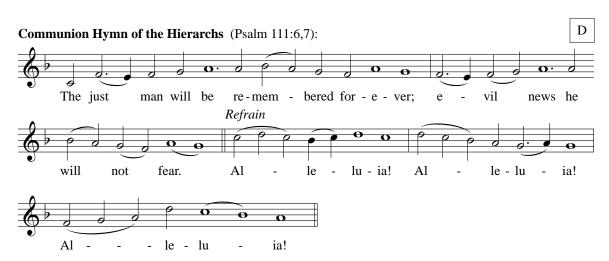
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24 Postfestive day of the Entrance.

The holy great martyr Catherine, about whom it is told that she was an Alexandrian and a martyr, filled with sharpness of mind and wisdom no less than with strength of soul. Her body is honored in pious veneration in a famous coenobium on Mt. Sinai. (310) The holy great martyr Mercury was an Armenian soldier in the army of the emperor Decius. In a battle, an angel of the Lord appeared to Mercury and steeled him for combat. After this victory, he was made a commander by the emperor, but was denounced to him as a Christian by jealous soldiers. He was beheaded in Cappadocia, sometime between 251-259.

Troparion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page 55)*

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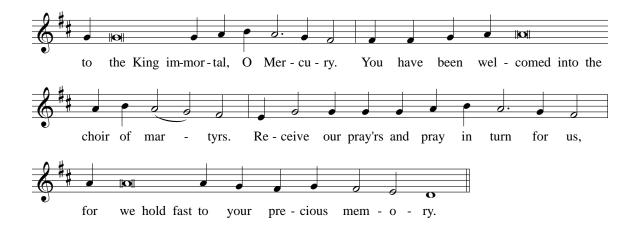
Troparion of Catherine - *Tone 4*



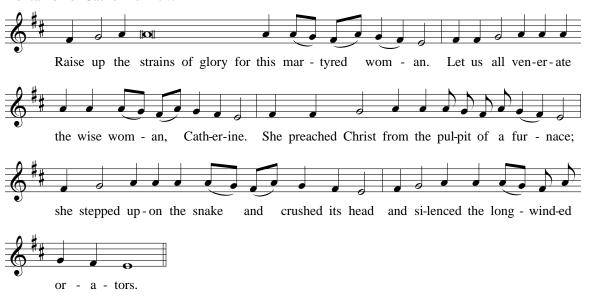
Troparion of Mercury - *Tone 4*



Hav-ing passed through mar-tyrdom like a true sol - dier, you have marched on

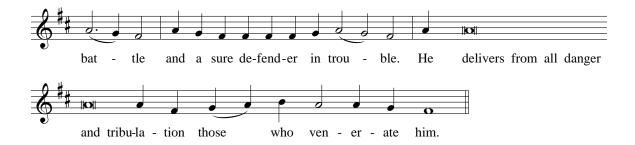


Kontakion of Catherine - *Tone 2*



Kontakion of Mercury - Tone 4





Kontakion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page 55)*

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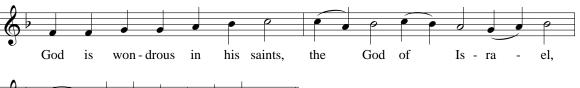
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Prokeimenon of a Woman- Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 67: 36, 27)





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

Alleluia of the Entrance - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13): (music found on page 56)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. *Verse:* The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Alleluia of a Venerable Martyr - *Tone* 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):



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

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

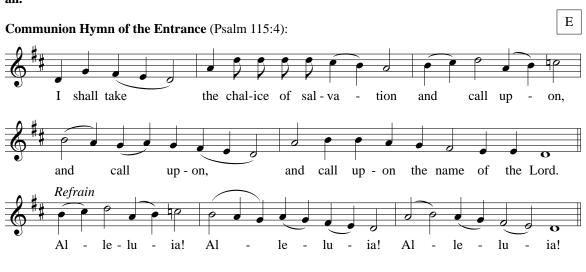
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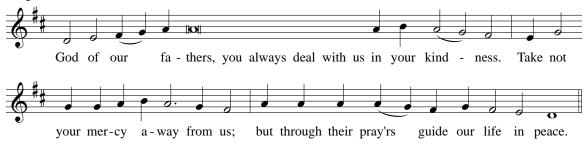
25 Leave-taking of the Entrance.

Our holy fathers and martyrs Clement, pope of Rome, and Peter, bishop of Alexandria. Clement ruled the Church of Rome third after blessed Peter the Apostle and wrote an outstanding letter to the Corinthians to strengthen the peace and concord among themselves. The burial of his body on this day in Rome is honored, his relics having been restored to the Eternal City by Saints Cyril and Methodius. (101) Peter came to the throne of Alexandria in the year 299, and died a martyr by the grave of the holy Apostle Mark. He fought against Arius and his teaching, and drove him out of the city. (311)

Troparion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page 55)*

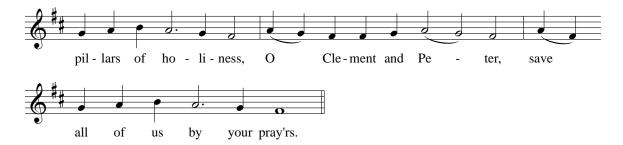
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Kontakion of the Hierarchs - Tone 4





Kontakion of the Entrance - *Tone 4 (music found on page 55)*

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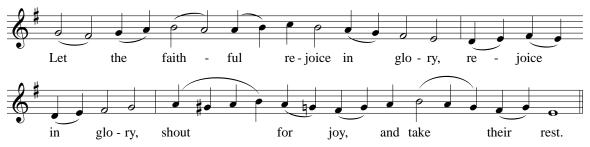
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Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Communion Hymn of the Entrance (Psalm 115:4):

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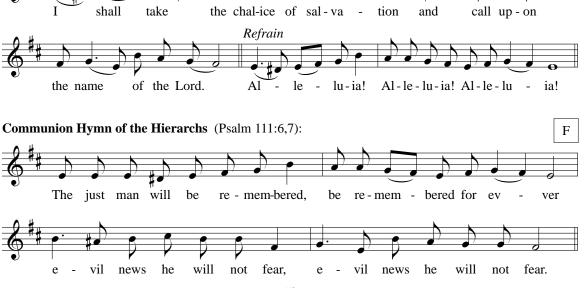
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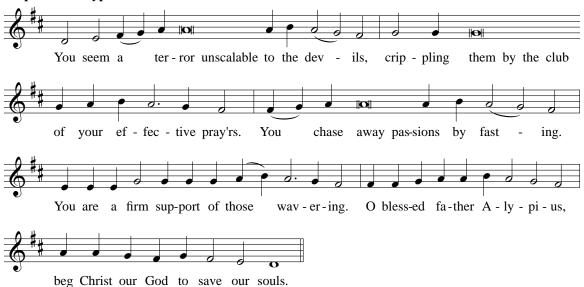




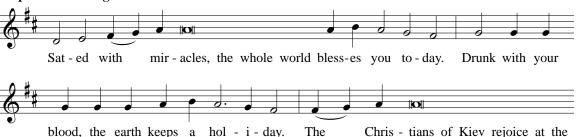
26 Our venerable father Alypius the Stylite at Hadrianopolis in Paphlagonia, deacon, who died near the age of one hundred. (640)

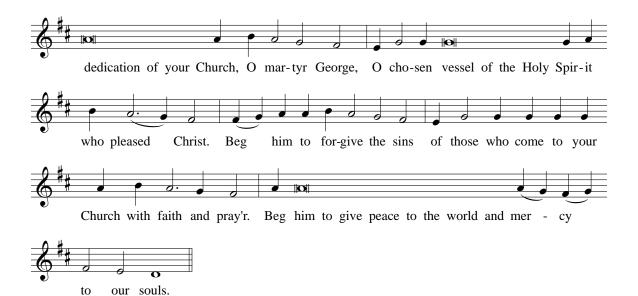
The commemoration of the dedication of the church of the holy great martyr George in Kiev



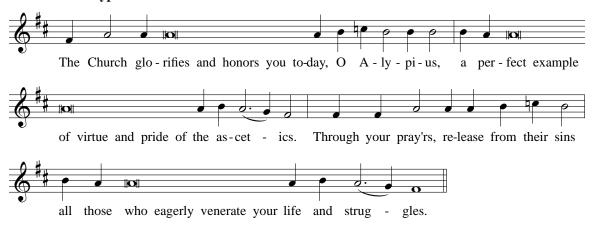


Troparion of George - Tone 4

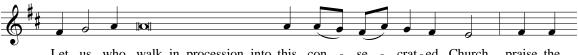




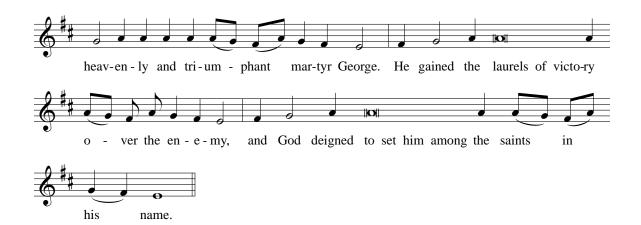
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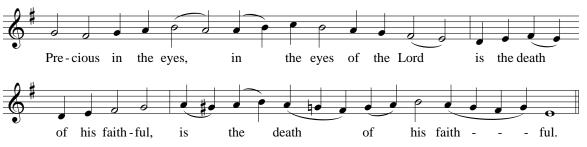
Kontakion of George - Tone 2



Let us who walk in procession into this con - se - crat-ed Church

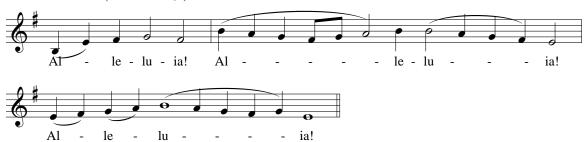


Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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



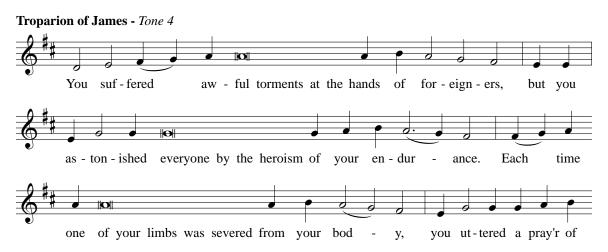
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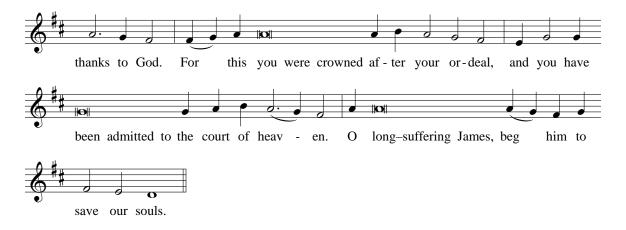
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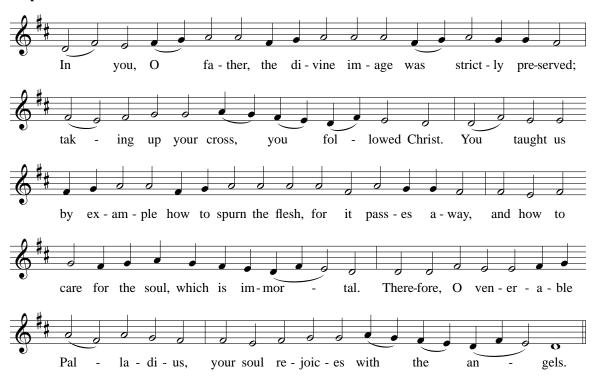
27 The holy martyr James the Persian. A noble at the Persian court, James offered sacrifice to idols despite his baptism. His mother and wife reproached him, begging him to repent. Moved by this, he repented bitterly and returned to Christ. The king sentenced him to death by being cut to death, bit by bit, until the end. He praised God and forgave his persecutors till they cut off his head. His holy head was taken to Rome, and a part of his relics are venerated in Portugal, where his feast is kept on May 22. (400)

Our venerable father Palladius. (6th-7th century)
The holy icon of the Mother of God, called "the Sign"

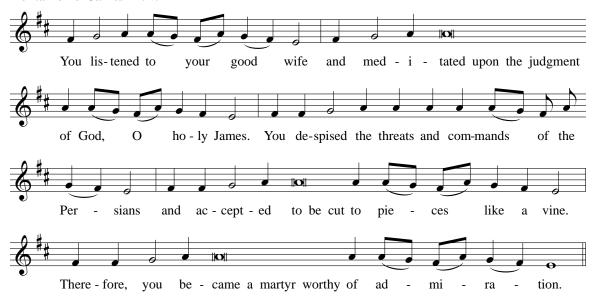




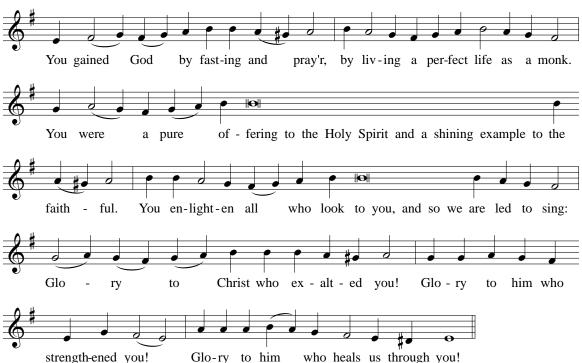
Troparion of Palladius - *Tone 8*



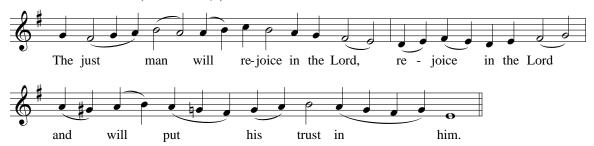
Kontakion of James - Tone 2



Kontakion of Palladius - Tone 1



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



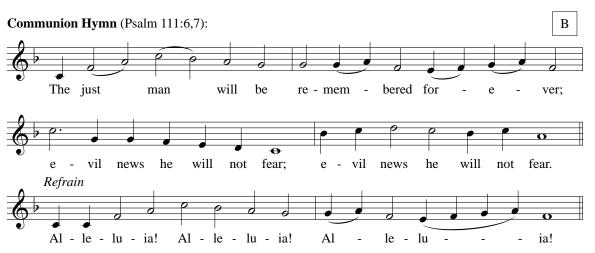
Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

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



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

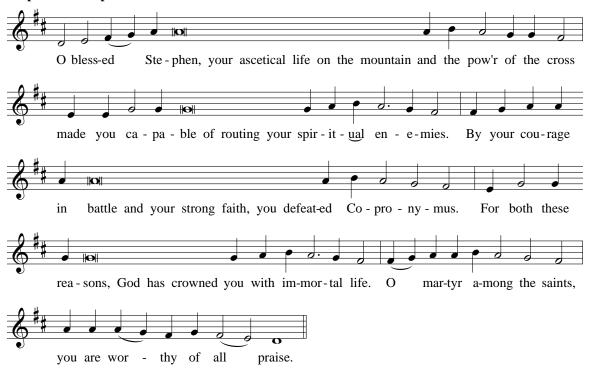
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.



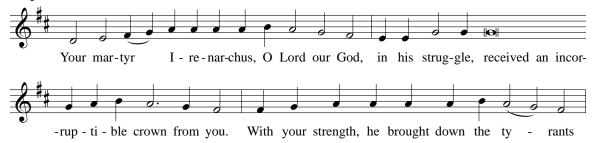
28 The holy venerable martyr Stephen the Younger at Constantinople, monk and martyr, who, under Constantine Copronymus, was tortured by various punishments for the cult of sacred Images and confirmed the Catholic truth by his shed blood. (767) The holy martyr Irenarchus at Sebaste in Armenia. He was a torturer. It is related that he was converted to Christ by the steadfastness of Christian women martyrs. Under Diocletian the emperor and Maximus the governor, he was struck down with an axe.

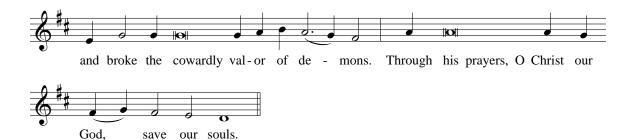
Troparion of Stephen - *Tone 4*

(4th century)

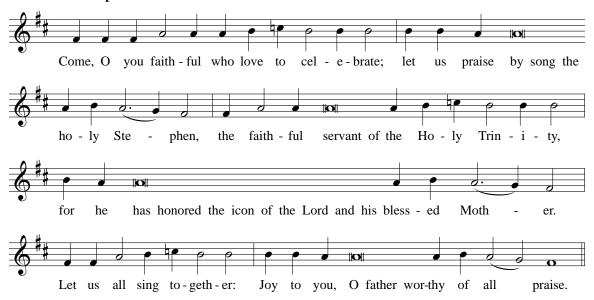


Troparion of Irenarchus - *Tone 4*

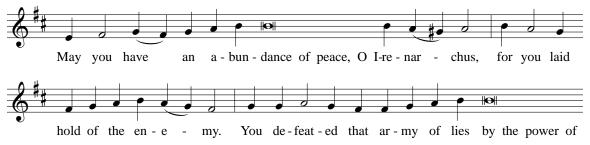


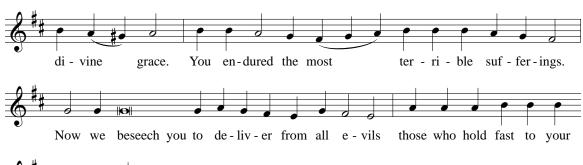


Kontakion of Stephen - Tone 8



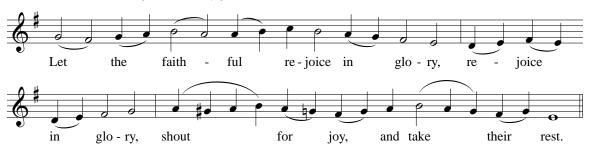




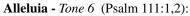




Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



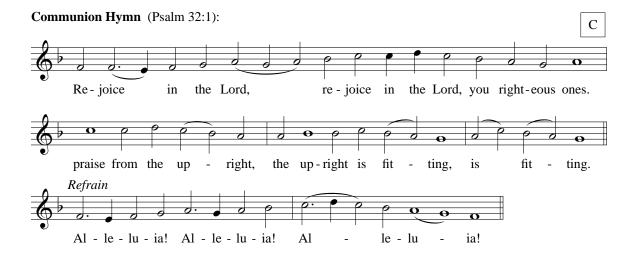
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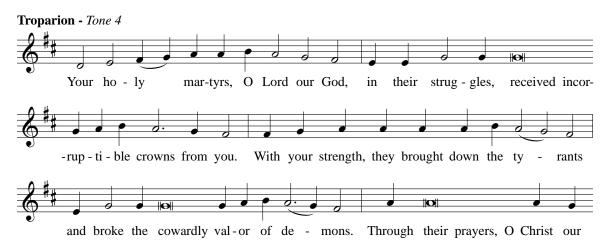
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.



29 The holy martyr Paramon was martyred in Bithynia in Asia Minor along with 370 other Christains during the persecution of the governor Aquilinus. (250)

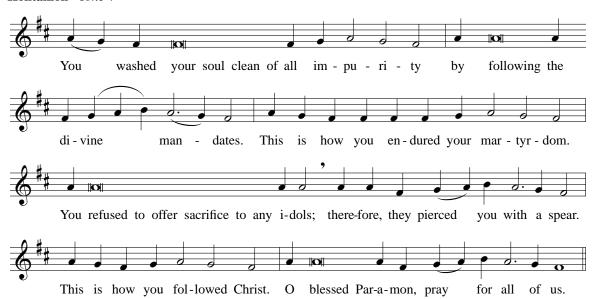
The holy martyr Philemon at Ancyra in Galatia. It is said that he, in the persecution of Aurelian the emperor and under Felix the governor, was taken to the fire. Then his hands and feet and head were pierced with nails and he consummated his martyrdom.

Our venerable father Acacius, mentioned in "The Ladder" was a novice living under an evil Elder. Through all of the abuse the Elder gave, Acacius was patiently trusting that the Lord would bring good out of evil. He died an early death and testified from the grave against the elder, who repented.

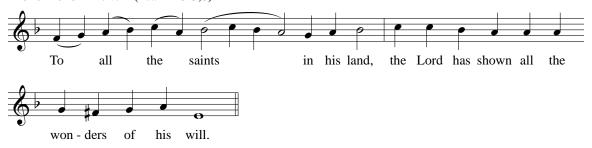




Kontakion - Tone 4



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

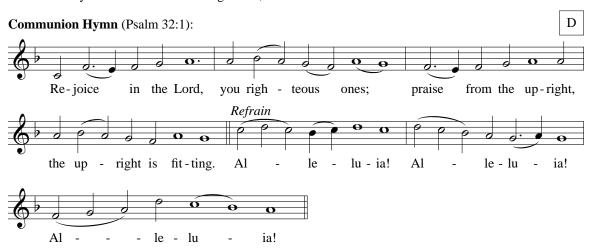


Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

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

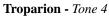


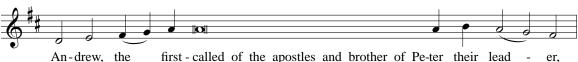
Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them. *Verse:* Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.



30 The holy and glorious apostle Andrew, the First-Called. Born in Bethsaida, he was the brother of Simon Peter and a fisherman with him. He was called first from the disciples of John the Baptist at the Jordan by the Lord Jesus. Andrew followed him and even brought his brother to the Lord. After Pentecost it is said that he preached the Gospel in Achaia and at Patrae was tied to a cross. The Church in Constantinople considers him their praiseworthy and remarkable patron.

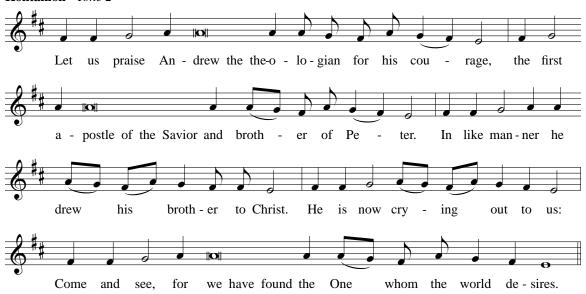
The holy Frumentius, enlightener of Ethiopia. Frumentius was shipwrecked off the coast of Ethiopia and captured by the people living there. After having begun preaching the Gospel to the people, he went to St. Athanasius the Great in Alexandria to tell him of the situation. Athanasius ordained Frumentius bishop, and he returned to Ethiopia. His zeal, his preaching, and his miracles brought the whole country to Christ during his lifetime. (370)



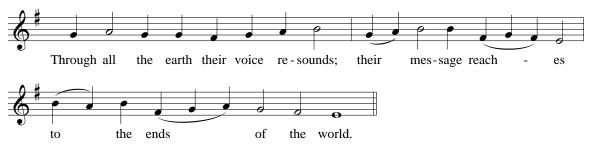




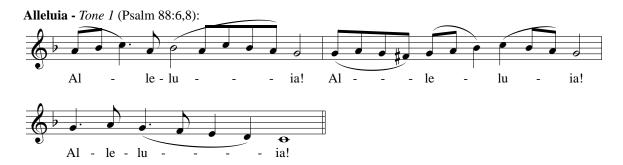




Prokeimenon - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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



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.

