Commons for Classes of Saints

THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

Troparion - Tone 4:

Let us humble sinners now flee with fervor to the Theotokos.

Let us prostrate in repentance and cry out from the depths of our souls:

O Lady, help us and have mercy on us. Hurry to assist us for we are perishing because of our many sins. Do not turn us away empty-handed. For you alone we have as our protector.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 6:

We have no other help and no other hope but you, most pure Virgin.

You are our help; in you we hope and we praise you. We are your servants; do not let us be put to shame.
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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

Refrain
THE PRECIOUS, HOLY, AND LIFE-CREATING CROSS

**Troparion - Tone 1:**

Glory…Now and ever…

**Kontakion - Tone 4:**

Christ our God, who were willingly raised up-on the cross, grant your mercies to the new peo-ple who bear your name. By your pow-er grant joy to the Church.

Give her vic-to-ry o-ver e- vil with your in-vincible troph-y, the weap-on of peace, as an al-ly.

**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):

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):

Troparion - Tone 4:
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

Kontakion - Tone 2:

Lead-ers of God's armies and ministers of di-vine glo-ry, com-mand-ers of an-gels and guides of mor-tals, plead on our behalf for what we need and for great mer-cy; since you are the lead-ers of the heav-en-ly hosts.

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

You make your an-gels spir-its and your min-i-sters a flam-ing fire, and your min-i-sters a flam-ing fire.

Glory...Now and ever...
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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 103:4):

You make your angels, make your angels spirits and your ministers a flaming fire, and your ministers a flaming fire.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN

Troparion - Tone 2:

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with praise, but for you, O Forerunner, the Lord's testimony is enough. You were shown
to be more honorable than the prophets since you were deemed worthy to baptize in the waters the Lord you had proclaimed. Therefore, you fought for the truth, and with joy proclaimed the good news to those in Hades, that God has appeared in the flesh to take away the sins of the world and to grant us great mercy.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 3:**

Today she who once was barren gives birth to Christ's foreunner. He himself is the fulfillment of all prophecy; for in the Jordan, he imposed his hand upon the Word of God whom the prophets had foretold and was shown to be his prophet, herald, and foreunner.
**Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):**

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice 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):**

Refrain

The just man will be remembered, be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Troparion - Tone 2:

As we celebrate the memory of your prophet Isaiah, O Lord,
Je - re - mi - ah,
Dan - iel.
E - ze - ki - el,
Ho - se - a,
Jo - el,
A - mos,
O - ba - di - ah,
Jo - nah,
Na - hum.
Hab - ba - kuk,
Ze - pha - ni - ah,
Hag - gai,
Ze - cha - ri - ah,
Ma - la - chi,

we implore you to save our souls through his prayers.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 4:

Your pure heart was enlightened by the Spirit and became a vessel of
ra - di - ant proph - e - cy. Be - cause you saw as present the e - vents yet to come
Prokeimenon - 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.

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

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

ONE HOLY APOSTLE

Troparion - Tone 3:

O holy Apostle (Name), intercede with the merciful God that he may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 4:

O Apostle (Name), the Church has gained you for all time as a brilliant star, enlightening it with the multitude of your miracles. Therefore, we cry
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

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

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.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

Through all the earth their voice resounds;

their message reaches to the ends of the world.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TWO OR MORE HOLY APOSTLES

Troparion - Tone 3:

Oh holy apostles, intercede with the merciful God

that he may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 4:

Wise apostles of the Lord, you became branches of the vine of Christ,

bearing clusters of virtues and pouring out the wine of salvation for us.
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

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

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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Through all the earth their voice resounds;
their message reaches to the ends of the world, ends of the world.

Refrain

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

ONE HOLY HIERARCH

Troparion - Tone 4:

Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an image
of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. You acquired greatness
through humility and wealth through poverty. O father

and bishop (Name), intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory...Now and ever...
Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):

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

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

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

Verse: The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Troparion - Tone 4:

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 8:

The Church glorifies you in song as teachers of virtue and the splendor of hierarchs. By your pray'rs, grant growth in virtue and deliverance from the snares of evil for you are invincible.
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):

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

Alleluia - 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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Refrain
ONE VENERABLE OR FOOL FOR CHRIST

Troparion - Tone 8:

Glory…Now and ever…

In you, O father, the divine image was strictly preserved;

taking up your cross, you followed Christ. You taught us

by example how to spurn the flesh, for it passes away, and how to

care for the soul, which is immortal. Therefore, O venerable

(Name), your soul rejoices with the angels.

Glory…Now and ever…

Kontakion - Tone 2:

You armed yourself in a godly way with purity of soul, and you

wielded unceasing prayer as a mighty spear, piercing the armies of demons.

Our father (Name), pray without ceasing for all of us.
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):

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

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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Refrain  The just man will be remembered forever;
evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!
TWO OR MORE VENERABLES OR FOOLS FOR CHRIST

Troparion - Tone 4:

God of our fathers, you always deal with us in your kindness. Take not your mercy away from us; but through their prayer's guide our life in peace.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 2:

Passing through the stormy waves, you remained dry. You drowned the bodyless enemies in the mighty streams of your tears. O venerable fathers, filled with God's wisdom, you have received the gift of miracles. Pray without ceasing for all of us.

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

Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful, is the death of his faithful.
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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):

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

ONE MARTYR

Troparion - Tone 4

Your mar-tyr (Name), O Lord our God, in his strug-gle, received an incor-
rupt- ti- ble crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the ty- rants
and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 2:**

O victorious martyr (Name), you arose as a bright star not misleading the world but announcing Christ the Sun by your rays. You have extinguished all error. Give us light as you pray without ceasing for all of us.

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

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, rejoice 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):

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):

TWO OR MORE MARTYRS

Troparion - Tone 1:

Glory...Now and ever...
Kontakion - Tone 2:

You appeared as bright lamps, O godly martyrs. You enlightened all creation with the brilliance of your miracles. As you free us from sickness and drive away forever the depths of darkness, pray without ceasing to Christ our God for all of us.

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

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the wonders 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):

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and rescued them from all their distress.
Verse: Many are the trials of the just, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright,

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the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

ONE PRIEST-MARTYR

Troparion - Tone 4:

You shared in the apostles’ way of life and succeeded to their throne,

divinely inspired bishop. You found access to contemplation in the active life. Therefore, you rightly taught the word of truth and struggled for the faith to the shedding of your blood. O priest-martyr

(Name), pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory...Now and ever...
Kontakion - Tone 4:

You lived pi-ous-ly as a bish-op, and fol-lowed the path to mar-tyr-dom.

Filled with divine wisdom, you put out the fire of sacri-fice to i-dols.

You were a de-fend-er of your flock. There-fore, to hon-or you we mys-tic-ly sing:

Our father (Name), by your prayers, deliver us al-ways from trib-u-la-tion.

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):

The just man will be remembered forever;

Evil news he will not fear; evil news he will not fear.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TWO OR MORE PRIEST-MARTYRS

Troparion - Tone 4:

God of our fathers, you always deal with us in your kindness. Take not your mercy away from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Glory...Now and ever...

Kontakion - Tone 3:

Today we gather to praise in hymns the never-setting lights of the Sun of Reason shining upon those in the darkness of ignorance;
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Alleluia - 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.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

Re-joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right,

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

Al- le-lu-ia!

ONE VENERABLE MARTYR

Troparion - Tone 8:

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

tak-ing up your cross, you fol-lowed Christ. You taugh-t 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

(Name), your soul re-joic-es with the an-gels.

Glory…Now and ever…
Kontakion - Tone 2:

As a venerable and proven ascetic, as an honorable and renowned martyr, a model of the desert life,

O ever-exalted (Name), we sing worthy hymns of praise to you.

For you have trampled serpents.

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

Let the faithful rejoice, rejoice in glory, shout for joy and take their rest.

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

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

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

Al-le-lu-ia!
**Verse:** Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
**Verse:** His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):**

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones;
praise from the upright, the upright is fitting.

Refrain

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

**TWO OR MORE VENERABLE MARTYRS**

**Troparion - Tone 4:**

God of our fathers, you always deal with us in your kindness. Take not your mercy away from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 2:**

Passing through the stormy waves, you remained dry. You drowned the bodiless enemies in the mighty streams of your tears. O venerable
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.
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.

Refrain

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

ONE WOMAN-MARTYR

Troparion - Tone 4:

Your lamb (Name), 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 im-mo-lat-ed with love for you. By her pray'rs, O mer-ci-ful
Glory…Now and ever…

Kontakion - Tone 2:

All the faithful find spiritual healing in your holy temple.

O renowned virgin-martyr (Name), with a loud voice we sing to you:

Pray without ceasing to Christ our God for all of us.

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

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel, the God of Israel.

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

VENERABLE WOMAN-MARTYR

Troparion - Tone 4:

Your lamb (Name), 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.
Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 4:**

Your godly memory, O (Name), has risen upon the world like the sun and
tells of your life; for by self-denial you destroyed the passions of the flesh,
and by the blood of martyrdom you wedded yourself to Christ. Therefore, deliver
from every evil those who praise you that we may cry out to you: Rejoice, O
 venerable mother.

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

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel,
the God of Israel.

**Verse:** In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.
Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):

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):

Refrain

Troparion - Tone 1:

You finished the race and kept the faith. By martyrdom you were led to Christ the Lamb and Shepherd, O rational lambs.
Therefore, today, with a joyful heart, O most wondrous women,

exulting Christ, we celebrate your holy memory.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 4:**

We celebrate the memory of the martyrs of Christ, and in faith we pray for help that all be delivered from every affliction. We cry out: Our God is with us and has glorified these women in his good will.

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

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel, the God of Israel.

**Verse:** In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.
Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):

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):

Refrain

ONE VENERABLE WOMAN

Troparion - Tone 8:
by example how to spurn the flesh, for it passes away, and how to care for the soul, which is immortal. Therefore, O venerable (Name), your soul rejoices with the angels.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 2:**

In your love for the Lord you disdained the desire for rest, O venerable woman.

You enlightened your soul by fasting and with power you conquered beasts; but by your pray'r's destroy the pride of our enemies.

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

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel, the God of Israel.

**Verse:** In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.
Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3): 

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 111:6,7):

Refrain

TWO OR MORE VENERABLE WOMEN

Troparion - Tone 2:

With sincere desire you wedded your-selves to Christ and re-jec-ted

world-ly marriage, O glo-ri-ous wom-en. You ma-tured in the struggle for virtues
and rose to the summit of incorruption. Beautiful in soul and richly blessed, you were the standard and pillars of monastic women.

Therefore, pray without ceasing for us who celebrate your mem'ry with love.

Glory...Now and ever...

**Kontakion - Tone 2:**

You disciplined your bodies by fasting and, with unceasing pray'rs, implored the Giver of Life that you might receive perfect forgiveness for your sins. Having received divine pardon and the kingdom of heaven,

now pray to Christ our God for all of us.

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

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel, the God of Israel.
Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.

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

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 111:6,7):

Troparion - Tone 8:

Guide to Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary for the world, inspired
Kontakion - Tone 2:

Divinely wise (Name), you practiced self-control and stilled the desires of the flesh, O holy father. You flourished in faith and flowered like the tree of life in Paradise.

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

Let the faithful rejoice in glory, rejoice in glory, shout for joy, and take their rest.

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

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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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

Refrain

Troparion - Tone 8:

Holy unmercenary healers and wonderworkers,
treat us in our weakness; freely you received,
Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 132:1,3):

Verse: Behold, how good and how pleasant when brothers dwell in unity.
Verse: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forever.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):
Commons for the Days of the Week

MONDAY
Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Troparion - Tone 4: (music found on page 265)
Leaders of the heavenly armies, * although we are unworthy, we always beseech you * to fortify us by your prayers * and to shelter us beneath the wings of your sublime glory. * Watch over us who bow to you and cry out fervently: * Deliver us from danger, * for you are the commanders of the powers on high.

Glory…

Kontakion - Tone 2: (music found on page 265)
Leaders of God’s armies and ministers of divine glory, * commanders of angels and guides of mortals, * plead on our behalf for what we need and for great mercy; * since you are the leaders of the heavenly hosts.

Now and ever…

Theotokion - Tone 6 Kontakion:
In churches dedicated to Christ or to the Theotokos, sing the Kontakion of the Patronal Feast. In all other churches, sing the following:

Stead-fast Pro-tec-tress of Chris-ti ans, un-shak-able Mediatrix before the
Cre-a-tor, do not de-spise the prayerful voic-es of sin-ners;
but in your good-ness hurry to assist those who faith-ful-ly cry out to you.
Has-ten to in-tercede and heed our sup-pli-ca-tion,
in-ter-ced-ing always, Theotokos, in behalf of those who hon-or you.
**Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 103:4,1): (music found on page 266)**
You make your angels spirits and your ministers a flaming fire.
*Verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

**Alleluia - Tone 5 (Psalm 148:2,5): (music found on page 266)**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
*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.

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 103:4):**

*B*\text{You make your angels spirits and your ministers a flaming fire.}

*B*\text{You make your angels spirits and your ministers a flaming fire.}

**TUESDAY**
Dedicated to the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

**Troparion - Tone 2: (music found on page 363)**
The memory of the righteous is celebrated with praise, * but for you, O Forerunner, the Lord’s testimony is enough. * You were shown to be more honorable than the prophets * since you were deemed worthy to baptize in the waters the Lord you had proclaimed. * Therefore, you fought for the truth, * and with joy proclaimed the good news to those in Hades, * that God has appeared in the flesh * to take away the sins of the world and to grant us great mercy.

Glory...

**Kontakion - Tone 3: (music found on page 364)**
Today she who once was barren gives birth to Christ’s forerunner. * He himself is the fulfillment of all prophecy; * for in the Jordan, he imposed his hand * upon the Word of God whom the prophets had foretold * and was shown to be his prophet, herald, and forerunner.
Now and ever…

**Theotokion - Tone 6 Kontakion:**

In churches dedicated to Christ or to the Theotokos, sing the Kontakion of the Patronal Feast. In all other churches, sing the following: (music found on page 406)

Steadfast Protectress of Christians, * unshakable Mediatrix before the Creator, * do not despise the prayerful voices of sinners; * but in your goodness hurry to assist those who faithfully cry out to you. * Hasten to intercede and heed our supplication, * interceding always, Theotokos, in behalf of those who honor you.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):** (music found on page 365)

The just man will rejoice 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):** (music found on page 365)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  

**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):** (music found on page 365)

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**WEDNESDAY**

Dedicated to the Precious, Holy, and Life-Creating Cross  
and to the Most Holy Theotokos

**Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1:** (music found on page 360)

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. * Grant victory to your Church over evil, * and protect your people by your cross.

Glory…Now and ever…

**Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 4:** (music found on page 360)

Christ our God, who were willingly raised upon the cross, * grant your mercies to the new people who bear your name. * By your power grant joy to the Church. * Give her victory over evil * with your invincible trophy, the weapon of peace, * as an ally.

**Prokeimenon of the Theotokos - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):** (music found on page 359)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  

**Verse:** For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;  
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.
Alleluia of the Theotokos - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13): (music found on page 359)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.
Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Communion Hymn of the Theotokos (Psalm 115:4): (music found on page 359)
I shall take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THURSDAY
Dedicated to the Holy Apostles
and to Our Holy Father Nicholas of Myra

Troparion of the Apostles - Tone 3: (music found on page 370)
O holy apostles, intercede with the merciful God * that he may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Troparion of Nicholas - Tone 4: (music found on page 274)
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, * an image of gentleness, and a teacher of moderation. * You acquired greatness through humility * and wealth through poverty. * O father and archbishop Nicholas, * intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Apostles - Tone 2: (music found on page 338)
Lord, you have received your steadfast and inspired preachers, * the foremost of your apostles, * into the enjoyment of your good gifts and repose. * You preferred their sufferings and death above any sacrifice. * For you alone know the secrets of the heart.

Glory…

Kontakion of Nicholas - Tone 3: (music found on page 274)
You were renowned as a priest in Myra, O holy Nicholas; * for you fulfilled the Gospel of Christ, O venerable father. * You risked your life for your people and saved the innocent from death. * Thereby you have been initiated into the mysteries of the grace of God.

Now and ever…

Theotokion - Tone 6 Kontakion: (music found on page 406)
In churches dedicated to Christ or to the Theotokos, sing the Kontakion of the Patronal Feast. In all other churches, sing the following:
Steadfast Protectress of Christians, * unshakable Mediatrix before the Creator, * do not despise the prayerful voices of sinners; * but in your goodness hurry to assist those who faithfully cry out to you. * Hasten to intercede and heed our supplication, * interceding always, Theotokos, in behalf of those who honor you.
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2): *(music found on page 369)*
Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches 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): *(music found on page 369)*
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
*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):

**Refrain**
Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world! Alleluia!

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FRIDAY
Dedicated to the Precious, Holy, and Life-Creating Cross

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1: *(music found on page 360)*
Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. * Grant victory to your Church over evil, * and protect your people by your cross.

Glory…Now and ever…

Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 4: *(music found on page 360)*
Christ our God, who were willingly raised upon the cross, * grant your mercies to the new people who bear your name. * By your power grant joy to the Church. * Give her victory over evil * with your invincible trophy, the weapon of peace, * as an ally.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 98:5,1): *(music found on page 360)*
Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.
*Verse:* The Lord is King; let the peoples rage.
Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 73:2,12): *(music found on page 361)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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):**

We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face.

Refrain

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

SATURDAY
Dedicated to All Saints and to the Faithful Departed

**Troparion of the Saints - Tone 2:**

A-postles, mar-tyrs, and proph-ets, bish-ops, ven-ra-ble and right-eous saints,
you have fin-ished the course and have kept the faith. Since you can ap-proach the Sav-iour with con-fi-dence, we ask you to beseech his good-ness on our be-half,

for the sal-va-tion of our souls.
**Troparion for the Departed - Tone 2:**

O Lord, in your goodness, remember your servants and forgive whatever sins they committed in their life; for no one is sinless but you alone. You have the power to grant rest to the departed.

**Glory...**

**Kontakion for the Departed - Tone 8:**

With the saints, O Christ, give rest to your servants, where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning, but life everlasting.

**Now and ever...**

**Kontakion of the Saints - Tone 8: (music found on page 212)**

To you, O Lord, Gardener of all Creation, * the world offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first fruits of nature. * Through their prayers and through the Theotokos, * preserve your Church, your dwelling-place, * in perfect peace, * O most merciful One.

**Prokeimenon of the Saints - Tone 8 (Psalm 31:11,1):**

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones, and rejoice, you righteous ones.
Verse: Blessed are they whose trespasses are forgiven and whose sins are remitted.

Then immediately after the verse:
Prokeimenon for the Departed - Tone 6 (Psalm 24:13):

Their souls will dwell, their souls will dwell among the good.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20; 64:5; Sirach 39:9):

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

Verse: The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and rescued them from all their distress.
Verse: Many are the trials of the just, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.
Verse: Blessed are they whom you have chosen and received, O Lord; they are remembered from generation to generation.

Communion Hymns:

For the Saints, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1): (music found on page 213)
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for the Departed, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 64:5; Sirach 39:9):

Blessed are they whom you have chosen and received, O Lord;
they are remembered from generation to generation.

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