

Propers for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Friday in the First Week of the Great Fast
March 8, 2019

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

Supplement for The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (2009). Page numbers refer to the people's book with complete music.

Antiphonal psalms for Friday, p. 12. Then the beginning of Psalm 140 is sung in Tone 5:






Psalm 140 - Tone 5 samohlasen

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O Lord, I
have cried to you, hear me; re-ceive the voice of my pray'r when I call up-on you.
Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r ascend to you
like in-cense and the lift-ing up of my hands like an eve-ning sac-ri-fice.
Hear me, O Lord!

Followed by the recited verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms, pp. 19-21.

Cantor: 
Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

Sticheron of Friday in the First Week of the Fast - Tone 5 samohlasen


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Come, you faith-ful, let us do God's works in light; let us walk uprightly

in the light of day. Let us rip up every unjust claim a-against our neigh - bors,

and put no stum-bling block in their path. Let us put a - side pleas-ures

of the flesh. Let us grow in spir - i - tual gifts. Let us give bread to those in need

and run to Christ, cry - ing in re - pen-tance: Have mer - cy on us,

our God.

Cantor: 
Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,


Is - ra - el indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste - Tone 1 samohlasen

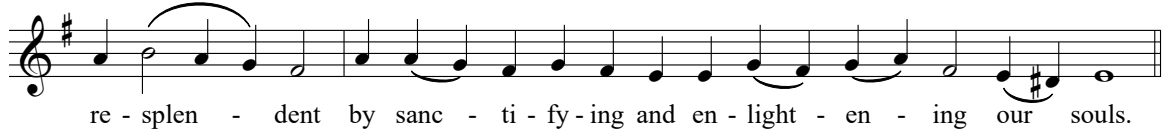
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The choir of the Forty pass - es through the flames; the di - vine - ly cho - sen




as - sem - bly shines with the ra - diance of their sa - cred suf - fer - ings, mak - ing the Fast



re - splen - dent by sanc - ti - fy - ing and en - light - en - ing our souls.


Tone 2

Cantor:




Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; ac - claim him all you peo - ples!

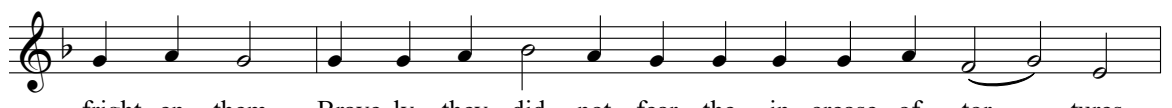
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O Christ our God, the Mar - tyrs con - sid - ered the lake to be as par - a - dise,




and win - ter as the heat of day. Thoughts of the ty - rant's threats did not




fright - en them. Brave - ly they did not fear the in - crease of tor - tures,



for they ac - quired the Cross as a weap - on, and with it they van - quished the



foe in might, for which they re - ceived crowns of grace.

Cantor: 

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

Sticheron of the Miracle of Saint Theodore - Tone 2 samohlasen

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Come, all you who love the mar - tyrs, let us re-joyce in spir - it



and cel - e-brate. For to-day the martyr Theodore has set a mys - tic - al ta - ble



to glad-den us who love to keep the feasts. So we cry out to him:



Re - joyce, in - vin - ci - ble he - ro who tram - pled the threats of earth - ly



ty - rants. Re - joyce, for you surrendered your body of clay to tor - ture



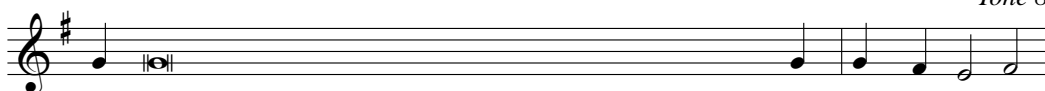
for the sake of Christ our God. Re - joyce, for you have been test - ed




through var - ious trials and shown to be a sol - dier of heav-en's host.



There-fore, we beg you, O glo-ry of mar-tyrs, in-ter-cede for our souls.


Cantor: 

Glo - ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir-it, now and ev - er




and for - ev - er. A - men.

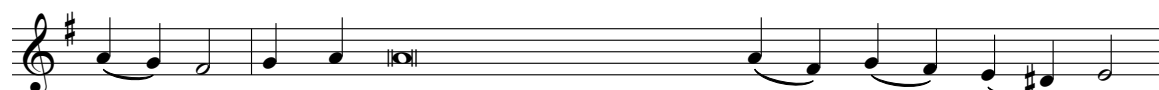
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week - Tone 8 samohlasen




In his love for all of us, the King of Heaven appeared on earth and




dwelt a - mong us, for he took flesh from a pure Virgin and came forth




from her. The on - ly Son has two natures but is not two per - sons.



We pro - claim the truth a - bout Christ our God, pro - fess - ing him to be



both perfect God and per - fect man, Be - seech him, O un - wed - ded Moth - er,



to have mer - cy on our souls.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light," on page 22.

For Friday in the first week of the Great Fast:

Prokeimenon I - Tone 5 (Psalm 19: 2)

May the Lord hear you on the day of dis - tress;
may the Lord hear you on the day of dis - tress.

Verse: May the name of Jacob's God protect you.

Prokeimenon II - Tone 6 (Psalm 20: 14, 2)

Be ex - alt - ed, O Lord, in your strength; we will sing and praise your
might - y deeds, we will sing and praise your might - y deeds.

Verse: Lord, your strength gladdens the King.

After the Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, there are readings in honor of the Forty Martyrs.

Prokeimenon for the Forty Holy Martyrs - Tone 5 (Psalm 11:8,2)

You, O Lord, will keep us and pre - serve us for - ev - - er,
for - ev - - er from this gen - er - a - - - - tion.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the righteous have vanished.

Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-10 (*Epistle book, p. 233*)

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 64:1-2,10)



Verse: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to his name, give to him glorious praise.

Verse: For you, O God, have tested us, you have tried us as silver is tried.

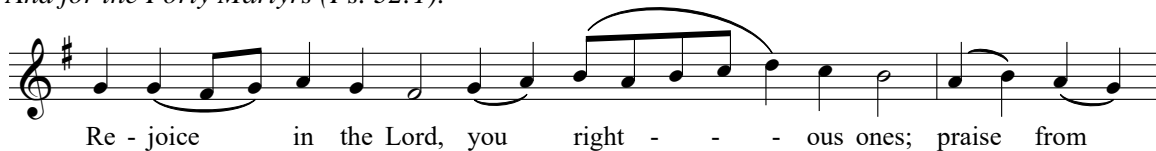
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Communion Hymns:

For the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Ps. 33:9; music on p. 43):

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for the Forty Martyrs (Ps. 32:1):



Refrain:

