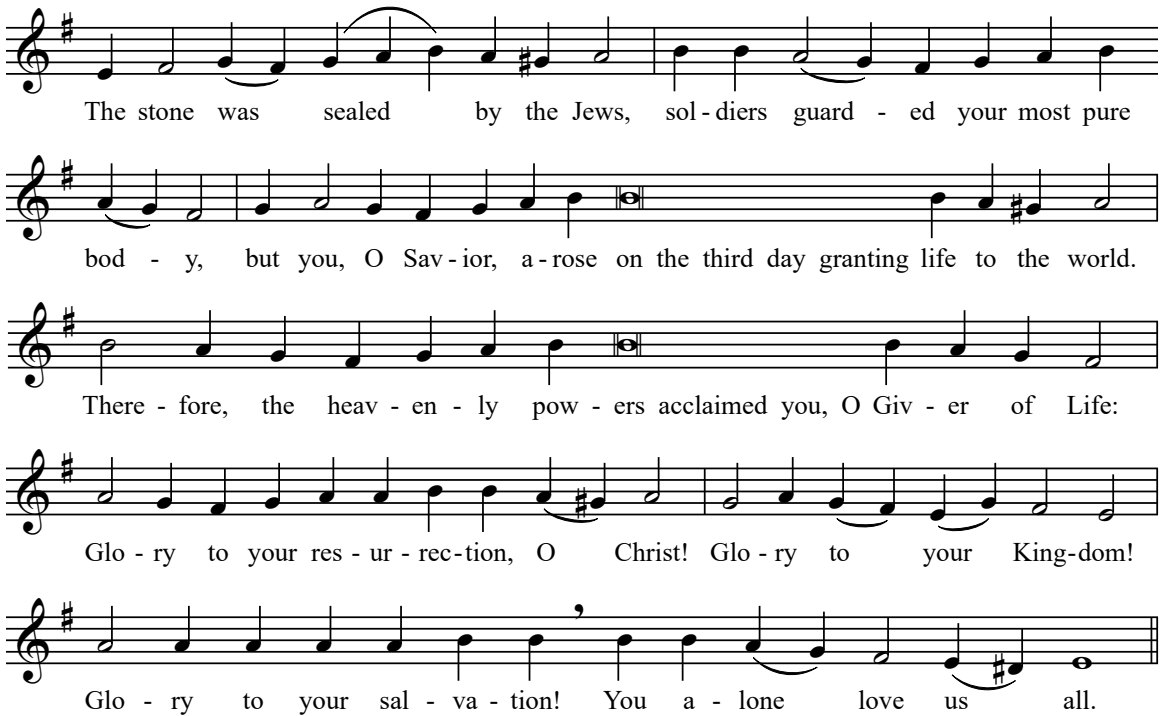


Divine Liturgy, March 9, 2025
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Sunday of Orthodoxy

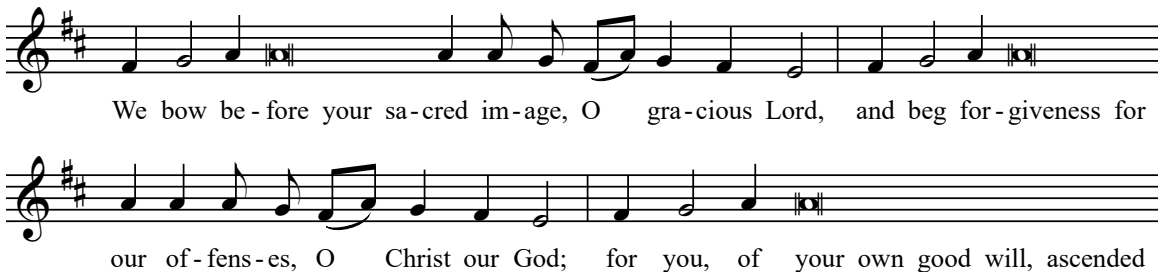
The forty holy martyrs of Sebaste in Armenia. They were comrades, not in blood, but in faith and obedience to the will of their heavenly Father. At the time of the emperor Licinius, after binding and savage tortures, they were ordered to pass the night naked at the coldest time of winter in a swamp in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

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 1



The stone was sealed by the Jews, sol-diers guard - ed your most pure
bod - y, but you, O Sav-ior, a-rose on the third day granting life to the world.
There - fore, the heav - en - ly pow - ers acclaimed you, O Giv - er of Life:
Glo - ry to your res - ur - rec - tion, O Christ! Glo - ry to your King - dom!
Glo - ry to your sal - va - tion! You a - lone love us all.

Troparion of the Holy Icons - Tone 2



We bow be - fore your sa - cred im - age, O gra - cious Lord, and beg for - giveness for
our of - fens - es, O Christ our God; for you, of your own good will, ascended

the cross in your hu - man na - ture to de - liv - er from the enemy's
bondage those whom you cre - a - ted. There - fore, we grate - ful - ly cry
out to you: By your com - ing to save the world, O Sav - ior,
you have filled all with joy.

Troparion of the Forty Martyrs - Tone 1

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

Cantor

Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, now and ever and
for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Holy Icons - Tone 8

O The-o-to-kos, the indescribable Word of the Fa-ther be-came describable
when he took flesh from you. Our soiled im-age was restored to its or-i-gi-nal form,
com-min-gled with di-vine beau-ty. This is the very salva-tion we pro-fess,
de-pict-ing it in word and deed.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):

Bless-ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our fa-thers,
and glo-ri-ous for-ev-er is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):



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

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

Verse: They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

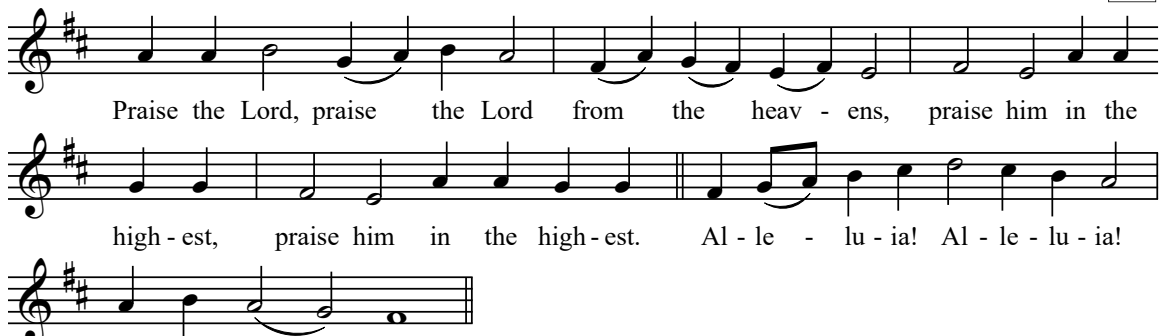
Instead of "It is truly proper . . .":

Magnification: (*music found on pages 98 / 102*)

In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angels in their ranks and the human race. Sanctified Temple and Rational Paradise, Boast of Virgins from whom our God took flesh and became a child while remaining God from before all time. He made your womb a throne, setting it apart, a room more spacious than the heavens. In you, O Woman Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory to you!

Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):

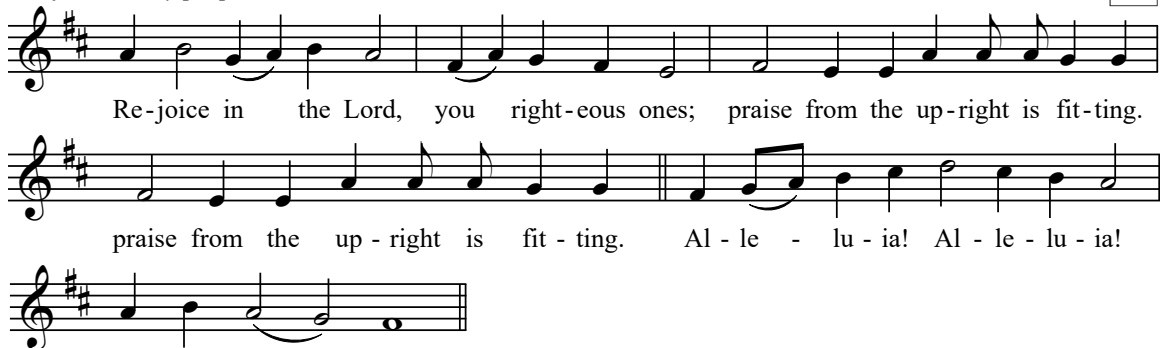
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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him in the
high - est, praise him in the high - est. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

And for the holy prophets (Psalm 32:1):

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