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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 twelfth 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 - AUGUST

1 The procession of the Wood of the venerable and life-creating Cross. This feast was established in the reign of the Greek Emperor Manuel, as a memorial of Greek victory over the Saracens. The procession with the relic of the Precious Cross was made from the imperial palace to the church of Hagia Sophia; there the relic remained for fourteen days, and was then carried back in procession to the church in the palace grounds.

The holy seven Maccabees, their mother Solomonia, and the elder Eleazar at Antioch in Syria, under Antiochus Epiphanes the king. For the sake of keeping the law of the Lord with unconquered faith, they were cruelly handed over to death with their mother. She suffered with her sons as they were martyred, one by one, and was crowned with them, as it is written in the second book of the Maccabees [2 Mac. 7]. Likewise is commemorated St. Eleazar, one of the first scribes, a man of advanced age. In that same persecution, refusing to eat forbidden meat on account of his love for the Torah of the Lord, he achieved a most glorious death rather than a shameful life; he voluntarily went to his punishment, leaving an excellent example of virtue.

Troparion of the Cross - Tone 1

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

Troparion of the Martyrs - Tone 1

We beseech you, O Lord; and through the sufferings these saints endured for your sake, we implore you to heal all our infirmities.
Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 4

Christ our God, who were willingly raised up on 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.

Kontakion of the Martyrs - Tone 2

Seven pillars of divine wisdom, seven beacons of divine light,
great martyrs before the age of martyrs. Pray to God for all of us,

O wise Mac-ca-bees, for we observe your memory with devotion.
Prokeimenon of the Cross - Tone 7 (Psalm 98:5,1):

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

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

Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.

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

Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.
Alleluia of the Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):

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

Communion Hymn of the Cross (Psalm 4:7):

Communion Hymn of the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):
2 The translation of the relics of the holy protomartyr and archdeacon Stephen.

Tradition says that the body of St. Stephen was taken by the Rabbi Gamaliel, a secret disciple of Christ’s, and buried in a cave in the town of Capargamala. In AD 415, Gamaliel appeared in a dream to the priest Lucian in that town, and revealed the burial place of the Protomartyr. They were later translated from Palestine to Constantinople.

Our venerable father Basil, fool for Christ, in Moscow. At the age of sixteen, he gave himself as a fool for Christ, and preserved in asceticism for seventy-two years. He set sinners on the right way, reprimanded the nobles, and had insight into distant events. The great cathedral in Red Square in Moscow is dedicated to him. (1552)

Troparion - Tone 4

O martyr Stephen, your head was crowned with a king-ly crown on ac-count of all the struggles you en-dured for Christ our God.

You be-held the vision of your Savior seated at the right hand of God.

Do not cease to intercede with him for the sal-va-tion of our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 6

O bless-ed Stephen wor-thy of all praise, you are the ver-y first to have been planted in the earth by the Di-verse Gar-den-er, the ver-y first to have shed your
blood for Christ, the very first to have been crowned with the crown of victory by Christ in heaven, You are the first to have suffered for Christ and to have received a martyr's reward

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

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):

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

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Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.
Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world.

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

3 Our venerable fathers Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus. Dalmatus was an officer in the Roman army who abandoned all and entered the monastery where Isaac was abbot. His only son, Faustus, entered with him. Dalmatus followed Isaac as hegumen of the monastery, and took part in the Third Ecumenical Council (431), battling against the Nestorian heresy. (5th century)

The holy Salome the Myrrh-Bearer. Mother of the holy Apostles James and John, the wife of Zebedee, she served the Lord during his earthly life, and was made worthy to be among the first bearers of the tidings of his resurrection.

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.

Kontakion - Tone 2

You smashed heresy with your faith and glowed brilliantly by your
fast-ing. Let us praise I-saac, Dalmatus, and Faustus as men who pleased God;

for they in-ter-cede with him on our be-half.

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

> Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faith-ful,
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> of his faith-ful.

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

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

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

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

**Verse:** His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

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

> The just man will be re-mem-bered for-ev-er; e-vil news he
4 The holy seven children of Ephesus. During the persecution of the emperor Decius, seven young soldiers refused to sacrifice to idols. Tradition says that their names were: Maximilian, Iamblichus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus, and Antoninus. They concealed themselves in a cave outside of Ephesus, and the emperor had them sealed into the cave to kill them. In the reign of the Christian emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), there arose a dispute about the veracity of the Christian teaching on the resurrection of the dead. The youths awoke, testified to the true teaching, and one week later died. (250 and 454)

The venerable martyr Eudoxia. A native of Heliopolis in Phoenicia, Saint Eudoxia lived in the times of Emperor Trajan (98-117). At first she led a licentious life, enticed a large number of men to evil by her rare beauty, and amassed riches of great value. Having heard a certain Germanus, a monk, speak on religion and repentance, she was converted to Christ and baptized by Bishop Theodotos. After having distributed her goods to the poor, the Saint retired to a monastery and there practiced all the ascetical exercises. She was brought before Emperor Adrian (117-138), accused by the very ones whom she had formerly corrupted. Working miracles and curing the Emperor's son, she converted the latter to the Christian faith. She was martyred by being beheaded. (2nd century)

Troparion - Tone 4

What a mar-vel of faith this is! The sev-en holy youths lived in a cave

as in a pal-ace, and they passed on with-out cor-rup-tion. Af-ter time
had marched on, they came out as if from sleep and are fitting signs of the resurrection of all. Have mercy on us, O Christ, through their pray'rs.

Kontakion - Tone 4

De-spising the corruptible things of this world, they received gifts which were incorruptible. They died but they did not decay. Coming out after many years, they bury unbelief. O faith-ful peo-ple, come to praise them to-day, and let us raise a hymn to Christ.

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):

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

Refrain: The day of divine gladness has arrived; the Lord ascends Mount Tabor

5 Prefestive day of the Transfiguration

The holy martyr Eusignius was a soldier under emperors Maximian, Constantine, and Constantine’s sons. Having spent sixty years in military service, he withdrew and went home to Antioch, where he lived a life of good works, prayer, and fasting. During the time of the emperor Julian the Apostate, he was arrested and beheaded. (362)
and the beauty of his divinity flash-es like lightning.

Troparion of Eusignius - Tone 4

Your martyr Eu-sig-ni-us, O Lord our God, in his strug-gle, received an incor-
rupt-ible crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the ty-
rants
and broke the cowardly val-or of de-
mons. Through his prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion of the Prefeast - Tone 4

To-
day all mortal nature radi-ates di-vin-i-ty at the di-
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tion and cries out with glad-ness:
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ing all.
Let us praise Eusignius the martyr who conquered evil by the power of Christ. He clearly proclaimed his faith and was subjected to vicious tortments. But he vanquished the harshness of the torturer and received a victor's crown from God himself.

The just man will rejoice in the Lord and will put his trust in him. 

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

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

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.
The just man will be remembered for ever; evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia!

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

6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST in which Christ Jesus, beloved only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, manifested his glory in the presence of the holy Apostles Peter, James, and John, with the Law and the prophets bearing witness in the persons of Moses and Elijah. This was done so that, while sharing the servile humility of our state he might intimate our glorious restoration through grace. Thus it might be announced to the ends of the earth that the image of God, in which humanity was created, even as it was corrupted in Adam, would be restored in Christ.

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): Only one verse and the “Glory/now and ever” are required.

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, sing praise to his name, give to him glorious praise. Through the pray’rs of the The-o-to-kos, O Sava-ior, save us. The clouds poured down rain, the skies sent forth their voice;
your arrows flashed to and fro. Through the prayers of the Theotokos,

O Savior, save us. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory,

wrapped in light as in a robe! Through the prayers of the Theotokos,

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O Savior, save us. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory,
Refrain

mountain which his right hand had won. O Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to you. Alleluia!

Verse

He chose Mount Zion which he loves. He built his shrine like the heavens.

Refrain

O Son of God, transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to you.

Alleluia!

Third Antiphon - Tone 7 Troparion (Psalm 124:1): Only one verse is required.

Those who put their trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, that cannot be shaken, that stands forever.

Refrain: Troparion - Tone 7:

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, revealing as
much of your glory to your disciples as they could behold. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, let your everlasting light also shine upon us sinners.

O Giver of Light, glory to you!

Verse

Psalm 124:2

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forever. The Troparion is repeated

Verse

Psalm 14:1

O Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy mountain? The Troparion is repeated

Verse

Psalm 23:3

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The Troparion is repeated
Entrance Hymn - Tone 7 Troparion (Psalm 42:3):

Send forth your truth and your fidelity; they will guide me and bring me to your holy mountain.

Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 26)

You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, and your disciples beheld as much of your glory as they could bear, that when they would see you crucified they would understand that you suffered willingly, so they would preach to the world that you are truly the radiance of the Father.

Prokeimenon – Tone 4 (Psalm 103:24,1):

How many are your works, O Lord. In wisdom you have made them all.

Verse: Bless the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.
Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 88:12,16):

Verse: Yours are the heavens and yours is the earth.
Verse: Happy are the people who can shout with joy.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification:

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Therefore, O Theotokos, we all ex-tol you.
Your child-birth was shown to be incorrupt, for it was God who came forth from you, appearing on earth in the flesh and dwelling among us. Therefore, O Theotokos, we all exalt you.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 88:16b -17a)

We shall walk in the light of your face, O Lord; we shall rejoice in your name forever, we shall rejoice in your name forever, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
7 Postfeste day of the Transfiguration
The holy venerable martyr Dometius. Born a pagan in Persia in the time of the Emperor Constantine, he was baptized as a young man. So enchanted was he with the True Faith that he left all earthly things and became a monk in a monastery near Nisibis. Made a deacon by his archimandrite, he became a solitary. He was martyred by the emperor Julian the Apostate, by being walled up alive into his cave. (363)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)

Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):

Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 15)

Troparion of Dometius - Tone 4
assaults of the devil by the power of the Cross, O holy Dometius.

With great courage, you faced the battle and crushed the hostile emperor with the sword of faith. O glorious monk and martyr,

God crowned you for your asceticism and your good fight.

Kontakion of Dometius - Tone 6

You once turned from perishable goods and earthly thoughts which destroy.

You became an inspiration for monks, O father Dometius, and you did not shake before the anger of the king who tried to turn you away from honoring Christ. You were killed for your valiant stand; and we sing a hymn of praise, remembering your death song: God is with me, and no one can
Let the faithful rejoice, rejoice in glory, shout for joy and take their rest.

Alleluia of the Transfiguration - Tone 8 (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19)

After the second verse:
Alleluia of the Venerable Martyr - Tone 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

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

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”
Magnification (music found on page 19)
Irmos (simple setting found on page 19; samopodoben setting on page 20)
Communion Hymn of the Transfiguration (Psalm 88:16,17):

We shall walk in the light, in the light of your face, O Lord;

We shall rejoice in your name for ever.

Refrain

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

Communion Hymn of the Venerable Martyr (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!

8 Postfestival day of the Transfiguration
The holy confessor Emilian, bishop of Cyzice. In the time of the emperor Leo the Armenian, Emilian defended the orthodox teaching about the holy icons. This brought about his exile, where for five years he endured many ills and much humiliation for the sake of Christ. (820)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)
Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)
Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)
Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 16)
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 Emilian, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

The Church recognizes you, O father Emilian, as an advocate of the most Holy Trinity, and she glorifies you with hymns of praise. You even laid down your life as proof of your devotion. For all of this we honor your memory. Deliver your servants from pagan invasions.

Troparion of Emilian - Tone 4

Kontakion of Emilian - Tone 3
Let the faith - ful re - joice in glo - ry, re - joice
in glo - ry, shout for joy, and take their rest.

Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification (music found on page 19)

Irmos (simple setting found on page 19; samopodoben setting on page 20)

Communion Hymn of the Transfiguration (Psalm 88:16,17):
Refrain

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

Communion Hymn of the Confessor - (Psalm 32:1):

Rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones.

Rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones.

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

9 Postfestive day of the Transfiguration

The holy apostle Matthias, who had followed the Lord Jesus since his baptism by John to that day when Christ was assumed into heaven. After the Ascension of the Lord, he was chosen by the Apostles to take the place of the traitor Judas so that, numbered among the Twelve, he might become a witness of the resurrection.

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)
Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)
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Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)
Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 16)

Troparion of Matthias - Tone 3

O ho - ly A - pos - tle Mat - thi - as. in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God
that he may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion of Matthias - Tone 4

Your good tidings were more brilliant than the sun, and they have spread all over the world; they illumine the Church of the Gentiles with grace.

Rejoice, O miracle-working apostle Matthias.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration - Tone 7 (music found on page 18)

Prokeimenon of the Transfiguration – Tone 4 (Psalm 103:24,1); (music found on page 18)
Immediately after the verse:

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

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

Alleluia of the Transfiguration - Tone 8 (Psalm 88:12,16); (music found on page 19)
After the second verse:

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”
Magnification (music found on page 19)
Irmos (simple setting found on page 19; samopoden setting on page 20)

Communion Hymn of the Transfiguration (Psalm 88:16,17):

We shall walk in the light of your face, O Lord; we shall rejoice in your name forever. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn of the Apostle (Psalm 18:5):

Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world! Alleluia!
10  Postfeste day of the Transfiguration
The holy martyr and archdeacon Lawrence of Rome, who desired the fellowship of Pope Sixtus even in martyrdom. As St. Leo the Great relates, when ordered to hand over the treasures of the Church, he instead showed to the foolish tyrant the poor. As archdeacon, it was his ministry to care for them, and on a great number of whom he had lavished the necessities of life and clothing. The third day after his arrest, he conquered the flames for the sake of the faith of Christ. In honor of his triumph even the instruments of his execution were transformed. His body is buried in Rome in the Campo Verano in the cemetery called by his name. (258)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)
Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)
Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)
Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 16)

Troparion of Lawrence - Tone 4

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

Kontakion of Lawrence - Tone 2

In-flam-ing your heart with heav-en - ly fire, you turned the fires of pas-sion
into cold ashes. O God-bearing martyr Lawrence, strength of martyrs, amid all your sufferings you cried out: Nothing shall separate me from the love of Christ.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration - Tone 7 (music found on page 18)

Prokeimenon of the Transfiguration - Tone 4 (Psalm 103:24,1): (music found on page 18)
Immediately after the verse:
Prokeimenon of the Martyr - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, and will put his trust in him.

Alleluia of the Transfiguration - Tone 8 (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19)
After the second verse:
Alleluia of the Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

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

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”
Magnification (music found on page 19)
Irmos (simple setting found on page 19; samopoden setting on page 20)
Communion Hymn of the Martyr (Psalm 111:6,7):

We shall walk in the light of your face, of your face, O Lord;
Refrain
we shall re - joice in your name for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

11 Postfesteve day of the Transfiguration
The holy martyr Euplus at Catania in Sicily. In the persecution of Diocletian the emperor, as it is told, he was cast into prison by the governor Calvisian while he held the volumes of the Gospels in his hand. When he was interrogated again, he answered that he rejoiced to bear the Gospels in his heart, and was beaten to death with cudgels. (308)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)
Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)
Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)
Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 16)
Your martyr Eu-plus, O Lord our God, in his struggle, received an incorruptible crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

While carrying the law of Christ in your hands, O Eu-plus, you bravely confronted the enemy by crying out: I am ready and willing to be martyred. Then bending your neck they cut off your head. And thus you have completed the course.

Troparion of Euplus - Tone 4

Kontakion of Euplus - Tone 1

Kontakion of the Transfiguration - Tone 7 (music found on page 18)
The just man will re-joice in the Lord, and will put his trust in him.

Alleluia of the Transfiguration - Tone 8 (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19)

After the second verse:
Alleluia of the Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

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

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."
Magnification (music found on page 19)
Irmos (simple setting found on page 19; samopodoben setting on page 20)

Communion Hymn of the Transfiguration (Psalm 88:16,17):

We shall walk in the light, the light of your face, O Lord; we shall re-joice in your name for- ev- er. Al- le- lu- ia!

Al- le- lu- ia! Al- le- lu- ia!
The just man will be remembered, be remembered for ever. 

Refrain

evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn of the Martyr (Psalm 111:6,7):

12 Postfesto day of the Transfiguration

The holy martyrs Photius and Anicetus, who bore witness to the Christian Faith before the emperor Diocletian. Both of them were tortured, and then imprisoned for three years. Eventually they were thrown into an enormous burning furnace in the year 305.

(13) Our venerable father Maximus the Confessor, in the fortress of Skhemaris on the river Hippus in the summit of the Caucasus. He was the hegumen of Chrysopolis, notable for his teaching and his zeal for the Catholic truth. When he vigorously fought against the Monothelites, he had his right hand cut off by the heretical Emperor Constans. Along with two of his disciples, both named Anastasius, after a harsh imprisonment and many tortures, he was exiled to the region of Lazica and rendered his spirit to God. (662) (This feast is transferred to this date because of the Leave-taking of the Transfiguration.)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)
Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)
Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)
Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 16)

Troparion of Photius and Anicetus - Tone 4

Your holy martyrs, O Lord our God, in their struggles, received incor-
With your strength, they brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Troparion of Maximus - Tone 8

Guide to Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary for the world, inspired adornment of monks, O wise Maximus, harp of the Spirit, you enlightened all by your teachings; intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.
You crushed the rage of the vicious torturers by your brave endurance of their torments. Now you rejoice in the courts of heaven, O blessed martyrs Photius and Anicetus. You are blest forever and ever, praying for those who honor you.

Taking its abode within your heart, the thrice brilliant Light made you a chosen vessel. It has revealed heavenly things in you, O blessed saint.

You made deep and complicated ideas clear to us, and you preached the eternal Trinity to everyone, O Maximus.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration - Tone 7 (music found on page 18)
To all the saints in his land,
the Lord has shown all the
wonders of his will.

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

Immediately after the verse:
Prokeimenon of the Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 15:3,8):

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

Alleluia of the Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):

Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.
We shall walk in the light of your face, O Lord; we shall re-joice in your name for-ev-er, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Refrain

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

Rejoice 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!

Refrain

In Franciscan and Poor Clare communities: Our venerable holy mother Clare of Assisi, virgin. She was the first shoot of the Poor Ladies of the Order of Minors and followed St. Francis, leading an austere life at Asissi in Umbria, full of works of charity and piety. She was, in fact, an outstanding lover of poverty, from which she never permitted herself to be separated even in the utmost want and infirmity. (1253)

The service is sung as above except for the following:

Troparion of Clare - Tone 4

Like a sweet-smelling rose you perfumed all of Um-bri-a, plant-ed
in the garden of holy Francis. O venerable Clare, you renounced your ancestral riches and became rich through following Lady Poverty.

Having a dowry of the evangelical counsels, you espoused the Bridegroom, Christ. Beg him to save our souls.

Kontakion of Clare - Tone 8

In the Church of San Damiano, you took up your cross, O thrice-rich Clare.

Being shorn of earthly beauty, you were clothed in seraphic splendor.

Although living a hidden life, you have become known in all the world.

Although not knowing earthly maternity, you have become Mother of a great multitude. O resplendent light of Assisi,
we pray you to beg Christ God to have mercy on our souls.

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

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

Alleluia of a Venerable Woman - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):

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

Communion Hymn of a Venerable Woman (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just woman will be remembered forever; evil news she
will not fear, evil news she will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
13 Leave-taking of the Transfiguration
The service is sung as on August 6, page 14.

14 Prefestive day of the Dormition of the Theotokos
The holy prophet Micah. Of the tribe of Judah and from the village of Morasth, he was a contemporary of the prophets Isaiah, Amos, and Hosea. He denounced the vices of his people, foretold the fall of Samaria, and was a seer of the coming Messiah. He named Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Messiah. He was buried in his own village, and his relics were found in the time of the emperor Theodosius.

Translation of the relics of our venerable father Theodosius, hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves

Troparion of the prefeast - Tone 4

O peoples, clap your hands in anticipation and dance with faith and joy.

Gather together today in eagerness and jubilation, and let us all exult with godly glee, for the Theotokos, whom we always glorify in hymns, is about to be taken up in glory from earth to heaven.

Troparion of Micah - Tone 2

As we celebrate the memory of your prophet Micah, O Lord, we implore you to save our souls through his prayers.
Guide to Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness,

luminary for the world, inspired

adornment of monks, O wise Theodosius, harp of the

Spirit, you enlightened all by your teachings;

intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion of Theodosius - Tone 8

Kontakion of Theodosius - Tone 8

You are a successor to the fathers, O holy monk, and you followed them in your

life and teachings, your character and temperance, pray'r and intercession.

Since you have found favor with God, obtain the remission of our sins

and salvation for those who sing to you: Rejoice, O father Theodosius.
Your pure heart was enlightened by the Spirit and became a vessel of radiant prophecy. Because you saw as present the events yet to come we honor you, O blessed and glorious Prophet Micah.

Celebrating your glorious memory today, the world mystically dances for joy, and cries out to you, O Theotokos:

Rejoice, Virgin, Boast of Christians.

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Verse: The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool.
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 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 for a Venerable - 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):

The just man will be remembered forever;
15  THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY. Tradition relates that the Mother of God died in Jerusalem, after a visit with all of Christ’s apostles. They carried her coffin to the Garden of Gethsemane where it was placed into a tomb. The apostle Thomas came late, and asked that the tomb might be opened so that he could reverence her body. When opened, the tomb was found empty except for the winding sheet.

Troparion - Tone 1:

O The-o-to-kos, in giv-ing birth you preserved vir-gin-i-ty; and in your fall-ing a-sleep you did not for-sake the world. You are the Moth-er of Life and have been trans-ferred to life, and through your pray’rs you de-liv-er our souls from death.

Kontakion - Tone 2:

The grave and death did not de-tain the The-o-to-kos. She in-ter-cedes
without rest and is our unfail-ing hope of pro tec tion; for he who dwelt in the
womb of the Ever Virgin trans-ferred to life the Moth-er of Life.

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

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spir-it re-joic-es
in God my Sav - ior.

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 131:8,11):

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

Verse: Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.
Verse: The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification:

The an-gels were struck with a-maze-ment be-hold-ing the dor-mi tion
of the Most Pure; see-ing how the Vir-gin was tak-en up from
earth to heav'en.

The limits of nature are over-come in you, O pure Virgin,

for birth-giving remains virgin-al, and death is the prelude to life:

a virgin after childbearing and a-live after death! You ever save

your inheritance, O Theotokos.

Or this melody:

Tone 1 samopodoben

The limits of nature are over-come in you, O pure

Virgin, for birth-giving remains virgin-al, and death

is the prelude to life: a virgin after child-
Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

16 Postfestive day of the Dormition

Translation of the Icon of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, the icon “not made by human hands,” from Edessa to Constantinople, 944. Tradition relates that Abgar, prince in the city of Edessa, suffered from leprosy. Having heard of Jesus the healer in Palestine, he sent a portrait painter named Ananias with a letter to Jesus, asking him to come and cure his leprosy. Being unable to come, the Lord took a napkin and wiped his face, leaving a perfect reproduction of the Holy Face on it. Ananias took the napkin back to Abgar, along with the message that he would be partially cured of his disease, and later completely. The Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy, preaching the Gospel, came to Abgar and healed him.

The holy martyr Diomedes was a physician from Tarsus who taught people the Christian faith as he ministered to their suffering bodies. The emperor Diocletian ordered him to be beheaded in Nicea. (298)
We bow before your sacred image, O gracious Lord, and beg forgiveness for our offenses, O Christ our God. For you, of your own free will, deigned to ascend the cross in your human nature to deliver from the bondage of the enemy those whom you have created. Therefore, we gratefully cry to you: By your coming to save the world, O Savior you have filled all with joy.

Troparion of Diomedes - Tone 4

Your martyr Diomedes. O Lord our God, in his struggle, received an incorruptible crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through his prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion of Diomedes - Tone 2

You vanquished the torturer, O Diomedes, and became a victor crowned in triumph. You are a heavenly mystic and an unbeaten warrior.

Kontakion of the Icon - Tone 2

We have come to realize the extent of your victory, the inexpressible plan of your perfect incarnation, and to recognize this miraculous and unpainted icon as a banner of that divine triumph.

With hearts full of love we kiss it in homage and piety.
Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders.

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

Verse: We shall walk in the light of your face; we shall rejoice in your name forever.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification (music found on page 47)

Irmos (music found on page 48)

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

I shall take the chalice, the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Communion Hymn of Our Lord (Psalm 88:16b -17a)

We shall walk in the light of your face, O Lord; we shall rejoice in your name forever, we shall rejoice in your name forever, Alleluia!

Refrain

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

17 Postfestsve day of the Dormition

The holy martyr Myron, at Cyzicus in Hellespont. He was a priest, who, as it is related, was beheaded under Decius the emperor and Antipater the governor after many tortures. (250)

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)

Troparion of Myron - Tone 4

Your martyr Myron, O Lord our God, in his struggle, received an incorruptible crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.
From your tenderest years you loved Christ and kept all his commandments.

O most glorious Myron. You followed him quickly with your innocence,

and it is fitting that you now keep company with the angels.

Seek the remission of sins for those who honor you.

Kontakion of the Dormition - Tone 2 (music found on page 46)

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - Tone 3 (music found on page 47)
Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of the Martyr - 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.

Alleluia of the Dormition - Tone 8 (music found on page 47)
After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”
Magnification (music found on page 47)
Irmos (music found on page 48)

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

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\text{Refrain}
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Al-\textit{le}lu-ia! Al-\textit{le}lu-ia! Al-\textit{le}lu-ia!

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

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\text{Refrain}
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Al-\textit{le}lu-ia! Al-\textit{le}lu-ia! Al-\textit{le}lu-ia!

18 Postfestival day of the Dormition
The holy martyrs Florus and Laurus. Brothers in the flesh as well as in the spirit, they were zealous Christians and stonemasons by craft and were martyred for the Faith. (2nd century)

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)
Troparion of Florus and Laurus - Tone 4

O faithful, let us praise the blessed Florus and Laurus, for they preached the Trinity without hesitation. Spilling their blood as a sign of their conviction, they have received laurels as God's seal of approval.

Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Florus and Laurus - Tone 8

Today the world glorifies Florus and Laurus as holy and long-suffering martyrs for God. We hope to find grace and mercy from their prayers.

We ask to be free from temptations, afflictions, anger, and pain on Judgment Day.

Kontakion of the Dormition - Tone 2 (music found on page 46)

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - Tone 3 (music found on page 47)
To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the wonders of his will.

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

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

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”
Magnification (music found on page 47)
Irmos (music found on page 48)

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

I shall take the chalice of salvation

and call upon the name, and call upon the name, the name of the Lord.

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Communion Hymn of the Martyrs (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!

19 Postfestaive day of the Dormition

The holy martyr Andrew the Tribune and his companions, in Cilicia, who, as it is related, having gained victory over the Persians by divine intervention, were converted to Christ and accused with this name (i.e., of Christian) and were slaughtered under Maximian the emperor in the narrows of the Taurus Mountains by the army of Seleucus the governor.

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)

Troparion of Andrew and his companions - Tone 5

You did for-sake the glo-ry of earth-ly pres-tige and in-her-i-ted the

king-dom of heav-en. Drops of your blood gleam like ru-bies in the

everlast-ing crowns which Christ gave you. You led a whole com-pa-ny of
Kontakion of Andrew and his companions - Tone 2

Stand-ing at pray'r before the Lord like a star which her-alds the sun, you see
the treasure of the kingdom of heav-en be-fore you. Filled with joy which
no one can de-scribe, with the cho-rus of chant-ing an-gels, O An-drew,
you sing a never-end-ing hymn to the im-mor-tal King. There-fore, beg

Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Dormition - Tone 2 (music found on page 46)
To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the wonders of his will.

Al-le-lu-ia!

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia!

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

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

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

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. Al-le-lu-ia!

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - Tone 3 (music found on page 47)
Immediately after the verse:

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

Al-le-lu-ia!

Alleluia of the Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):

Verse:

Magnification (music found on page 47)

Irmos (music found on page 48)
Communion Hymn of the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

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

the up-right is fit-ting. Alle-lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia!

20 Postfesteve day of the Dormition
The holy prophet Samuel. Fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, he lived approximately eleven hundred years before Christ. Born in the tribe of Levi, son of Elkanah and Hannah, he was promised to the Lord by his till-then barren mother. At the age of twelve, Samuel had his first revelation from the Lord God. Samuel preached repentance to the children of Israel, and led the people to victory over the Philistines. Asked by the people to give them a king, he warned them that God was the only true king of Israel, but they insisted. It was Samuel who anointed Saul son of Kish as the first King of Israel, and David son of Jesse as its second and greatest ruler. He died in Ramah and was buried there.

The holy king Stephen of Hungary, who, regenerated by his baptism, received his crown of kingship from Pope Silvester II, provided for the propagation of the faith of Christ among the Hungarians, established the Church in his kingdom, and endowed monasteries with his riches. He was just and peaceful in ruling his subjects, until at Alba Regalis [modern Székesfehérvár] in Hungary on the day of the Assumption his soul traveled to heaven.(1038)

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)

You were sent like a valuable treasure to a barren wom-an, and lat-er
you were consecrated as an aromatic sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. You served him with reverence and justice, and we honor you as a prophet, O Samuel. You are an intercessor for our souls.

Troparion of Stephen - Tone 1

O holy Stephen, you were recognized as a gentle and pious king who loved what is good. You dedicated the scepter of your kingdom to God. With the Cross as your weapon, you subjected the people of Hungary to him. Now you lead them in triumph in heaven with the angels.

Glory to Christ who chose you. Glory to Christ who gave you strength.

Glory to Christ who anointed you mystically with the oil of unction.
Like a precious gift you were given to God before your birth and you served
him like an angel from the time of your youth. You were made worthy to look into the
future, O blessed one, and so we sing to you: Rejoice, O Samuel, prophet and servant of God.

Kontakion of Samuel - Tone 8

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - Tone 2 (music found on page 46)

Immediately after the verse:
Prokeimenon of a Prophet - Tone 4 (Psalm 109: 4, 1):

Verse:
Moses and Aaron were among his priests;
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.
Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”
Magnification (music found on page 47)
Irmos (music found on page 48)

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

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call upon,
and call upon, and call upon the name of the Lord.

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

Communion Hymn of a Prophet (Psalm 111:6,7):

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

Al - - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
21 Postfestsie day of the Dormition

The holy apostle Thaddeus was one of the Seventy, not the same as the Jude Thaddeus who was one of the Twelve. He went to Edessa in Syria and preached the Gospel, there and throughout Syria and Phoenicia, and fell asleep in the Lord in Beirut.

The holy martyr Bassa was the wife of a pagan priest, secretly Christian. She brought up her sons in the Faith as well. Her husband handed her over to the torturers with her sons. They were beheaded in the persecution of Maximian. (3rd century)

Our holy father Pius X, pope of Rome, was born in the village of Riese in the province of Venice in 1835. After he became a priest, he performed his duties with distinction. He was made bishop of Mantua, then patriarch of Venice, and was elected pope in 1903. He took as the motto of his pontificate “To renew all things in Christ.” He fulfilled this task in the spirit of simplicity, poverty, and courage, arousing the faithful to a Christian way of life and waging constant warfare against the errors of his age. He renewed the prayer of Christians and the chant of the western Church, and urged young children to approach the Lord’s table. (1914)

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)

Troparion of Thaddeus - Tone 3

E des sa re joiced to day at its bap ti sm through you.

Ab gar has been freed from pas sion and prai ses you. We join

in his hymn, and we sing to you: Fill our lives with

spir it ual hap pi ness and heal our pas sion by your pray'rs, O apo stle
Your lamb Bassa, O Jesus, cries out in a loud voice: I love you, my Bridegroom; I seek you with painful long ing; I am crucified with you; in your baptism, I am buried with you; I suffer for you that I may reign with you; and I die for you that I may live with you. Receive me as a spotless sacrifice immolated with love for you. By her pray'rs, O merciful One, save our souls.

Kontakion of Thaddeus - Tone 4

O apostle Thaddeus, the Church recognizes you as a brilliant star. She is ilumined with your miracles. Therefore, we call to Christ: O merciful Lord, save those who honor the memory of your apostle.
You put out the fires of the torments by the dew of the Spirit, O blessed saint.

You were taken into the divine and spiritual light, and after your passing, you shower cures upon us, suppressing the urges of passion by your pray'rs.

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel.
Alleluia of the Dormition - Tone 8 (music found on page 47)
After the second verse:

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

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

Alleluia for a Woman Martyr - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):

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

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification (music found on page 47)
Irmos (music found on page 48)

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

Refrain

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call up on the name of the Lord. Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!
Communion Hymn for an Apostle (Psalm 18:5):

Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their message reaches to the ends of the earth. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Communion Hymn for a Woman Martyr (Psalm 32:1):

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

22 Postfester day of the Dormition

The holy martyr Agathonicus and his companions. Agathonicus was a citizen of Nicomedia and a Christian. He preached against idolatry and instructed many in the Faith. Under the emperor Maximian, Agathonicus and his companions were crucified.

The holy priest-martyr Simeon Lukach. Born in Galicia in 1893, he was ordained priest in 1919. He taught moral theology in the seminary in Ivano-Frankivsk until 1945, when he was secretly ordained bishop by Bl. Gregory Khomyshyn. He was imprisoned by the Soviets from 1949 until 1955. He then functioned as part of the “underground church” and was arrested again in 1962. While in prison, he contracted tuberculosis, from which he died. (1964)

Transferred from August 23:

The holy martyr Lupus was a servant of St. Demetrius of Salonica. When his master was beheaded by the emperor Maximian, Lupus dipped the hem of his garment and his ring into his master’s blood. Through these relics he worked many miracles, even though he was not yet baptized. Having miraculously received the Holy Mystery, he was beheaded. (306)

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)
Your holy martyrs, O Lord our God, in their struggles, received incorruptible crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

O holy martyr, you gained a good name for yourself; you put an end to the worship of the evil ones without fearing the suffering that you would bear. Therefore you have inherited the eternal gifts, O Agathonicus,

and together with your companions, you were worthy to obtain the crowns of heaven.

Troparion of the Martyrs - Tone 4

Kontakion of Agathonicus and his companions - Tone 1
You have become a brilliant star to guide the earth, heralding the dawn of Christ.

You have wiped out guile and you give us light, O long-suffering Lupus.

Pray unceasingly for all of us.

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the wonders of his will.

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

Instead of “It is truly proper...”

Magnification (music found on page 47)

Irmos (music found on page 48)
Communion Hymn of the Dormition (Psalm 115:4):

Communion Hymn of the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

23 Leave-taking of the Dormition The service is sung as on August 15, page 47

The holy martyr Lupus (see August 22)
The holy martyr Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons, was sent by St. Polycarp from Asia Minor to preach in Gaul. He became the first bishop of Lyons and brought many pagans to the faith. In his numerous writings, Irenaeus both expounded the orthodox faith and defended it against heretics. He suffered for Christ in the time of the emperor Severus. (202)

24 The holy martyr Eutyches, disciple of St. John the Theologian. Although he was not included among the Seventy, he was called an apostle by virtue of having been a disciple of the great Apostles, and because he showed true apostolic zeal in the service of the Gospel. He was tortured and finally beheaded in Sebastopol.
You shared in the apostles’ way of life and succeeded to their throne, di-vine-ly in-spired bish-op. You found ac-cess to con-templa-tion in the ac-tive life. There-fore, you right-ly taught the word of truth and strug-gled for the faith to the shed-ding of your blood. O priest-mar-tyr Eu-ty-ches, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

You sat on the chair of the apostles, and you were the hon-or of pas-tors. You dec-o-rat-ed all your la-bors with mar-tyr’s blood, and you shine with the bril-liance of the sun. You dis-perse the night of godlessness and enlight-en all peo-ple. There-fore, we hon-or you as a true priest.
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):

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

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):

Verse: The just man will be remembered for ever; evil news he will not fear.
Verse: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
25 Return of the relics of the holy apostle Bartholomew. They were stolen by the Armenians, and then taken to the town of Lipara. At the time of Theophilus the Iconoclast, they were translated again, this time to the town of Benevento. From there they were taken to Rome.

The holy apostle Titus is counted one of the Seventy. Born in Crete, he was baptized by the Apostle Paul. He served Paul in such sincerity of heart that Paul called him his son (Titus 1:4) as well as his brother (II Cor. 12:18). He was made the first bishop of Crete, where he wisely governed the Church to great old age. He died at the age of ninety-four.

Troparion of the Apostles - Tone 3

O holy apostles, intercede with the merciful God

that he may grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion of Bartholomew - Tone 4

O Apostle Bartholomew, the Church has gained you for all time as a brilliant star,

enlightening it with the multitude of your miracles. Therefore, we cry

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

of your apostle.
As a companion of Paul, you declared the word of divine grace to us.

Ever memorable and truly great Titus, we render a song of honor to you. Now pray unceasingly for all of us.

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.

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 re-sounds;

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!

26 The holy martyrs Adrian and Natalie were both of noble families in Nicomedia, and had been married only thirteen months before their martyrdom. They were tortured during the persecution of the emperor Maximian.

Our venerable mother Mariam Bawadi. Born in 1846 in Galilee to Melkite parents, at an early age she lost both parents and lived with an uncle. He tried to marry her off, but she refused and cut off her hair. Abandoning what was left of her family, she became a servant, working in Egypt, the Holy Land, and France. At the age of 21, she entered the Carmel of Pau in France, where she cooked, washed dishes, and scrubbed. In 1870, she became part of a group of Carmelites who founded a Carmel in Bangalore, India. In 1872, she helped found a Carmel in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, and was working on another Carmel in Nazareth when she fell ill and died. Her special prayer was: “O Holy Spirit, source of peace and light, enlighten me, I am poor: make me rich. I am the most ignorant of creatures, let me understand Jesus!” (1878)

Troparion - Tone 3

You saved a treasure of great wealth, the divine and true faith.

Turning away from the foolish actions of your ancestors,
you followed in the steps of the Master. You were enriched

with divine gifts, O glorious Adrian, and now we ask you to be

generous to us.

Kontakion - Tone 4

O Adrian, martyr of Christ, you preserved in your heart the exhortations of your piious and devoted wife. Together with her, you accepted every kind of suffering and obtained the crown of victory.

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):

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

27 Our venerable father Pimen. An Egyptian by birth, he became one of the greatest of the Egyptian desert fathers. The renown of his asceticism spread throughout the civilized world. (5th century)

Troparion - Tone 8
pray to Christ our God that he may save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4

You irrigated the desert with your tears, and you bore fruit a hundred-fold from your heart. You were a light to the world, radiating miracles.

Beg Christ to save our souls, O father Pimen.

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! Alleluia!

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

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.
The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear, evil news he will not fear. Alleluia!

28 Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian. He was at first the leader of a band of robbers, but repented and became a great ascetic. He gave himself up utterly to work, prayer, vigils, and fasting. He was ordained a priest in his old age, and then founded a monastery of his own. He was martyred by barbarians looking for loot. (405)

Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo. Born in Hippo in Africa, he was turned from paganism to Christianity by the prayers and tears of his mother, St. Monica. He was baptized by Saint Ambrose of Milan, and returned to North Africa. There he was chosen bishop of Hippo, and he spent the rest of his life in prolific teaching and writing. He served and glorified the Lord for thirty-five years as bishop of Hippo. (430)

The holy martyr Ghebre Michael, priest of Ethiopia, that is, Servant Michael, in Cerecca-Ghebaba in Ethiopia, priest of the Congregation of the Mission [i.e., the Vincentians] and martyr, who always sought the true faith in study and prayer and finally entered the unity of the Church, on account of which he suffered imprisonment for thirteen months followed by travels with soldiers with his feet burdened by chains, and finally, spent by hunger and thirst, he was killed by scourging. (1855)

In monasteries: The Synaxis of the venerable fathers of the Monastery of the Caves. The blessed work of asceticism begun by St. Anthony grew throughout the ages as a fruitful olive tree. The numerous saints, who shone like the stars in these caves in Kiev, are commemorated today by the faithful, asking for their prayers.

Troparion of Moses the Ethiopian - Tone 1

You made the wilderness your dwelling, O father Moses, the bearer of God.
You became an angel in the flesh and a wonder-worker.

Through fasts, vigils and pray'rs, you obtained from God special graces to heal the sick and to sanctify the souls of those who come to you with trust. Glory to the One who gave you strength! Glory to the One who crowned you! Glory to the One who through your intercession grants healing to all!

Troparion of Augustine - Tone 5

Let us acclaim the sublime Augustine the holy bishop of the Church of Christ, the wise writer of the City of God.

You are good, blest Augustine, and you served the Savior in sanctity.
as a wise and divinely inspired priest. O venerable Father, pray to Christ our God to grant our souls the grace of salvation.

We praise you with resounding voices, O heavenly trumpet of wisdom. You are the harmonious organ of theology, O most blessed father Augustine.

You have given us rich knowledge of Christ's faith, and you have increased the flock in the Church. You now take your rest with the angels and still pray unceasingly for all of us.
You upbraided your people and spat on the devil - and brought them light brighter than the sun. You guide our souls by the light of your life and thought.

Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful, is the death of his faithful.

My lips will speak words of wisdom; understanding will be the theme of my heart.

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

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.
Alleluia of a Venerable - 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.

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

Verse: The mouth of the just utters 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):
29 THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN

Because John had denounced Herod Antipas for putting away his own wife and marrying the wife of his brother Philip, Herod imprisoned John. At a feast in honor of Herod’s birthday, his stepdaughter Salome danced for him. Herod promised her anything; her mother Herodias told her to ask for the head of John on a platter. This martyrdom is commemorated on this day because a church was dedicated on this day to the Forerunner’s beheading by the emperor Constantine and his mother Helena.

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.
The glorious beheading of the Forerunner was part of God's saving plan that the coming of the Savior might be announced even to those in Hades.

Let Herodias mourn for she sought a lawless murder because she loved neither the Law of God nor eternal life, but only this false and fleeting life.

The just man will rejoice in the Lord and will put his trust in him.

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

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

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

Kontakion - Tone 5:

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.
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. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

30 Leave-taking of the Beheading
Our holy fathers Alexander, John, and Paul the Younger, patriarchs of Constantinople. Alexander took part in the First Ecumenical Council. (340) John the Faster governed the Church in the days of the wicked emperor Anastasius. (595) Paul IV governed the Church for five years and then took the Great Schema to repent for his early support of the Iconoclasts. (784)

Troparion of the Forerunner - Tone 2 (music found on page 86)

Troparion of the holy fathers - 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 guide our life in peace.

Kontakion of the holy fathers - Tone 8

These glorious saints were inflamed with love for Christ and shouldered his cross with
zeal and fervor. They imitated his life and entered his glory.

Standing before his throne, O Alexander, John and Paul, Pray for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Forerunner - Tone 5 (music found on page 87)

Prokeimenon of the Forerunner - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2) (music found on page 87)
Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of the Hierarchs - 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.

Alleluia of the Forerunner - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14): (music found on page 87)
After the second verse:

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

Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.
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, he will not fear.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

31 The deposition of the venerable Belt of the Most Holy Mother of God. At the time of her dormition, the Theotokos left her belt to the apostle Thomas. This was later taken to Constantinople and kept in a sealed casket in the church of Blachernae. In the time of the emperor Leo the Wise, the casket was opened and the belt placed on the Empress Zoe, who recovered from a life-threatening illness.

Troparion - Tone 8

Ever virgin Mother of God and protection of the human race,

you gave the robe and cincture of your most pure body to your city as a powerful protection. These garments remained incorrupt because of your virginal childbirth.
For in you, both time and nature have been renewed. Therefore, we pray that you grant peace to the universe and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4

As a mantle of immortality, you have given to the faithful the garment that covered your most pure body. O Virgin whom God himself has blessed and divine protection of the human race. With love we celebrate the feast of the deposition of your mantle, and we sing with faith: Rejoice, O Virgin, for you are the pride of Christians.
Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

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 - Tone 8 (Ps. 131: 8; 1):

Verse: Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength.
Verse: O Lord, remember David and all the many hardships he endured

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call up on the name of the Lord. Al le lu ia!

Refrain: Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!