Byzantine Monthly Menaion

Volume Five: January

Metropolitan Cantor Institute Byzantine Catholic Seminary Pittsburgh, PA

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 fourth 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 - JANUARY

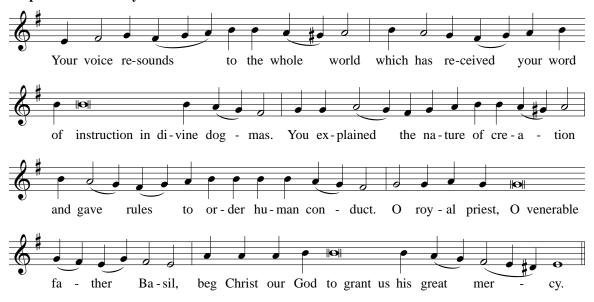
1 THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. Coming eight days after the birth of Christ, this feast commemorates his naming and his becoming a member of the Covenant of Moses.

OUR HOLY FATHER BASIL THE GREAT, ARCHBISHOP OF CAESAREA IN CAPPADOCIA, who is called "great" in learning and wisdom. He taught meditation on the Scriptures and manual work in obedience and fraternal love to his monks, and established a way of life for them in the Rules he wrote. He taught the faithful by his excellent writings and shone forth by his pastoral care for the poor and sick. (379)

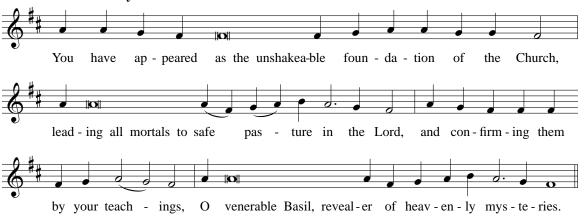




Troparion of Our Holy Father Basil - *Tone 1:*

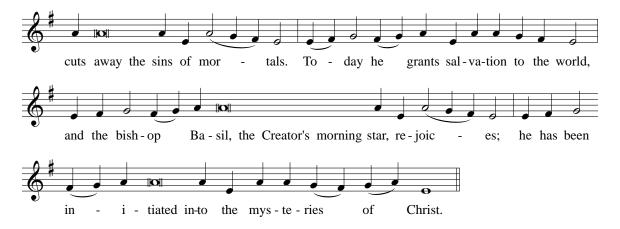


Kontakion of Our Holy Father Basil - Tone 4:

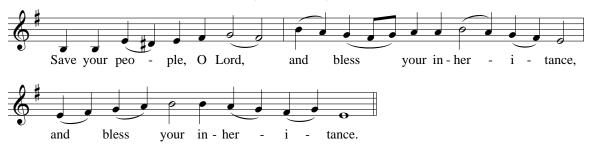


Kontakion of the Circumcision - Tone 3:





Prokeimenon of the Circumcision - *Tone* 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):



Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Then, immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of Our Holy Father Basil - *Tone 1* (Psalm 48:4):

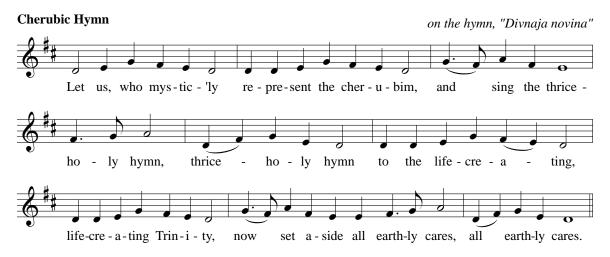


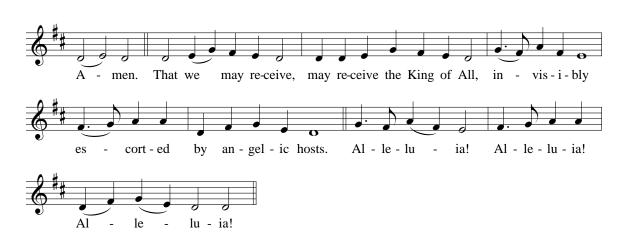
Alleluia - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 79:2; 36:30):



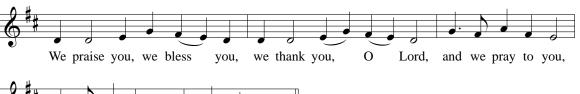
Verse: Shepherd of Israel, hear us; you who lead Joseph's flock.

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

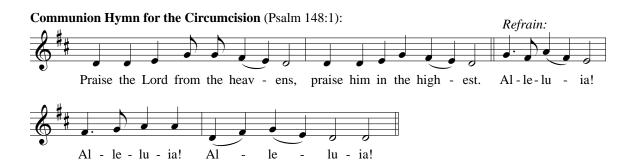




Anamnesis Acclamation







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

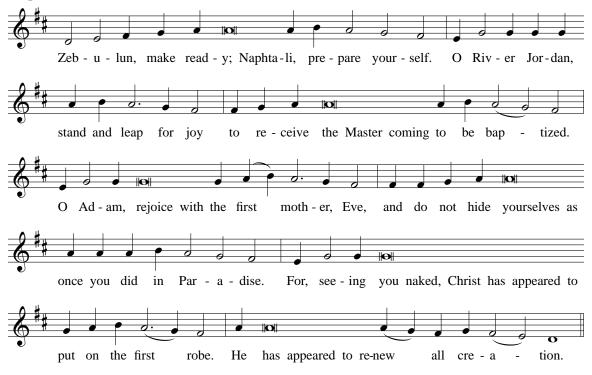


On the Sunday from January 2 to 5 SUNDAY BEFORE THE THEOPHANY

Troparion - Prescribed Resurrection Tone

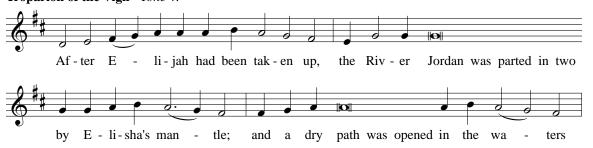
On January 2 through 4:

Troparion of the Pre-feast - *Tone 4:*



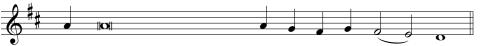
Only on January 5:

Troparion of the Vigil - *Tone 4:*





as an im-age of true bap - tism by which we pass be-yond this fleet-ing life.



Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanc - ti - fy the wa - ters.

On January 2 through 4:

Kontakion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4:



To - day the Lord appears in the Jor-dan's streams and cries out to John:

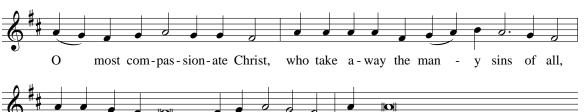


Do not be af-raid to bap-tize me, for I have come to save Ad-am, the first



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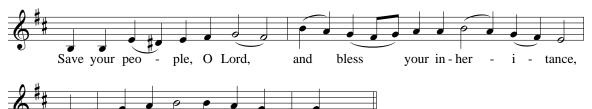
be-cause of your immeasur-a - ble mer - cy, you have come to be baptized in the

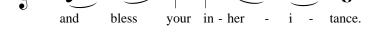


wa-ters of the Jor - dan as a man, cloth-ing in a robe of glo - ry



Prokeimenon - *Tone* 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):





Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 66:2):



Verse: Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us.

Verse: Let your face shine upon us, and have mercy on us.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 148:1):



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



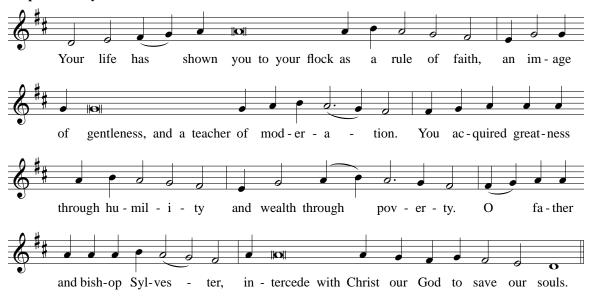
2 Our holy father Sylvester, Pope of Rome who piously ruled the Church for many years. During his pontificate, Constantine the Emperor built basilicas worthy of veneration and the Nicene Council of 325 acclaimed Christ the Son of God. On this day in Rome in the cemetery of Priscilla his body was laid to rest. (335)

Prefestive Day of the Theophany

Troparion of the Pre-feast - *Tone 4 (music found on page 6)*

Zebulun, make ready; Naphtali, prepare yourself. O River Jordan, stand and leap for joy to receive the Master coming to be baptized. O Adam, rejoice with the first mother, Eve, and do not hide yourselves as once you did in Paradise. For, seeing you naked, Christ has appeared to put on the first robe. He has appeared to renew all creation.

Troparion of Sylvester - *Tone 4*



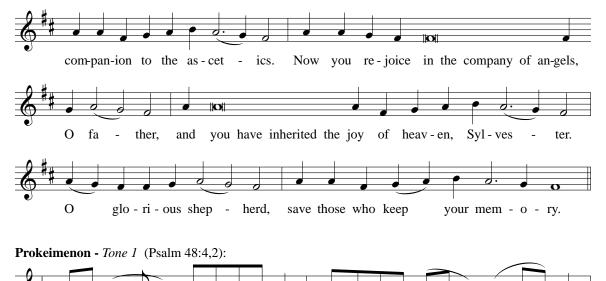
Kontakion of the Pre-feast - *Tone 4 (music found on page 7*

Today the Lord appears in the Jordan's streams and cries out to John: Do not be afraid to baptize me, for I have come to save Adam, the first created.

Kontakion of Sylvester - Tone 4

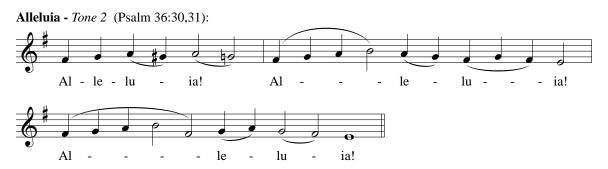


You are num-bered among the priests of our King and God, and you were a





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

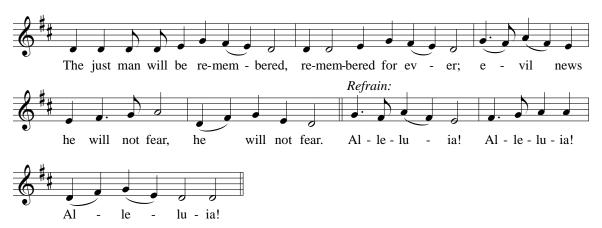


Verse: The just man's mouth utters wisdom and his lips speak what is right.

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

Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: Music found on pages 4-5.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):



3 The holy prophet Malachi, who after the return from the Babylonian Captivity announced the great day of the Lord and his coming to his temple, and that always and everywhere a pure offering should be made to his name.

The holy martyr Gordius, praised in the writings of St. Basil the Great, a centurion who suffered during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. (304)

Our venerable mother Genevieve of Paris, a shepherdess who took the veil of a virgin and defended her people by her Christian example. (c.500)

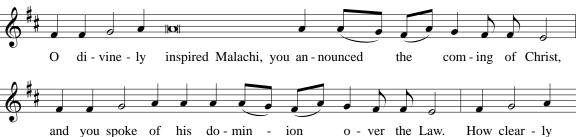
Our venerable father Cyriacus Elias Chavara, of the Syro-Malabarese Catholic Church, founder of the Congregation of the Carmelite Brothers of Mary Immmaculate (1871).

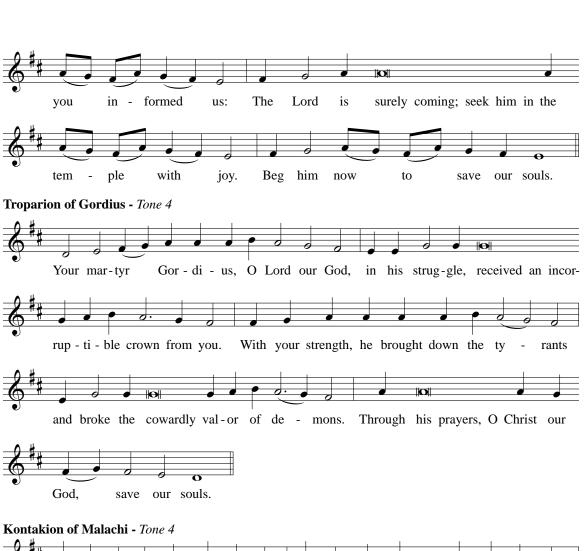
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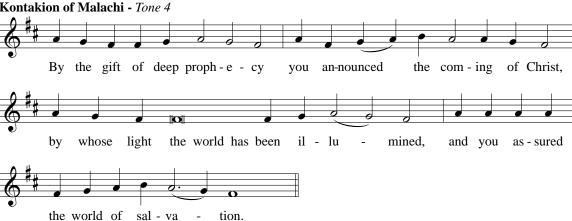
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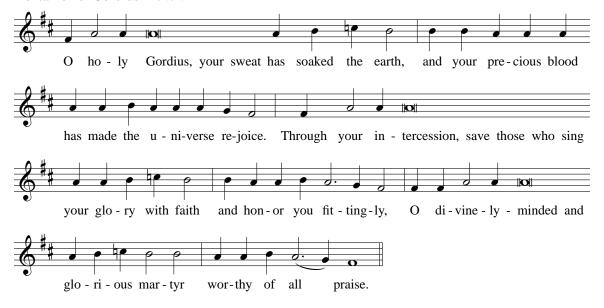
Troparion of Malachi - *Tone 2*



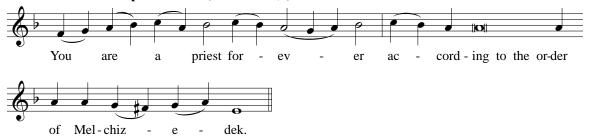




Kontakion of Gordius - Tone 8

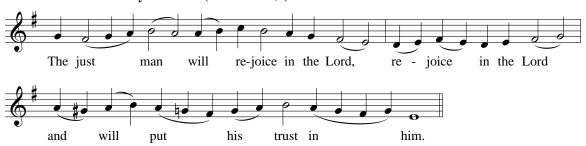


Prokeimenon of a Prophet - *Tone 4* (Psalm 109:4,1):



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

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



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

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



Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;

Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

Verse: Light dawns for the just, and gladness for the upright of heart.

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

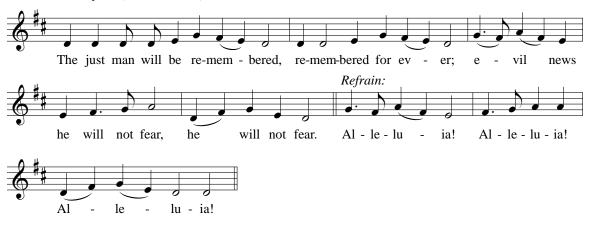


Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

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

Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: *Music found on pages 4-5.*

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):



4 The Synaxis of the holy seventy Apostles, whose names were recorded by St. Dorotheus. In addition to the Twelve Apostles, our Lord chose seventy other apostles and sent them out to preach. (cf. Luke 10:1-5)

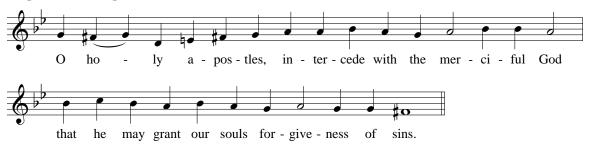
Our venerable father Theoctist, hegumen of Cuomo in Sicily founded a monastery in the city of Kucuma on the island of Sicily, where he became hegumen. At his monastery lived Greek monks, who had fled persecution by the iconoclasts. (800)

Prefestive Day of the Theophany

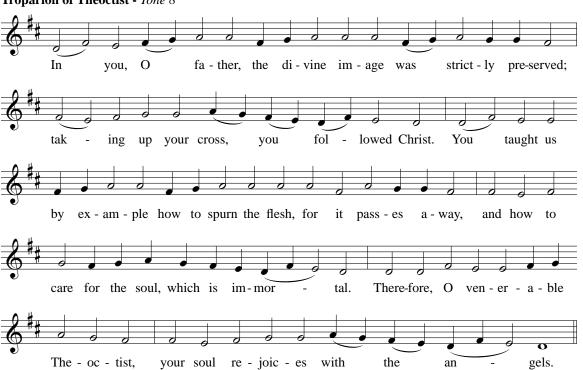
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Troparion of the Apostles - *Tone 3*



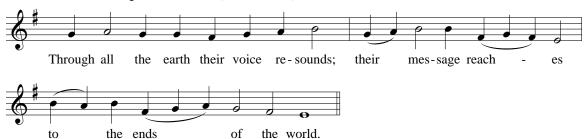
Troparion of Theoctist - *Tone 8*



Kontakion of the Apostles - *Tone 2*

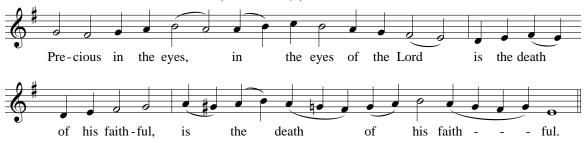


Prokeimenon of the Apostles - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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

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



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



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,

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great and awesome above all who surround him.

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



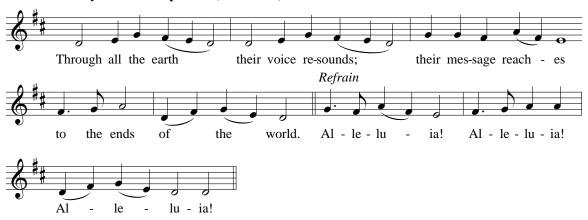


Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: Music found on pages 4-5.

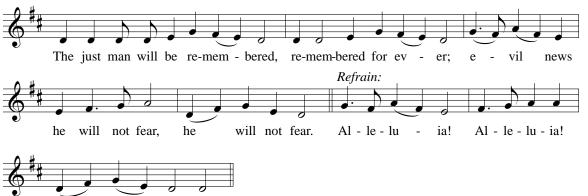
Communion Hymn for the Apostles (Psalm 18:5):



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

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5 Vigil of the Theophany

The holy martyrs Theopempt and Theona, of Nicomedia in Bithynia, who met martyrdom in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. (c. 350)

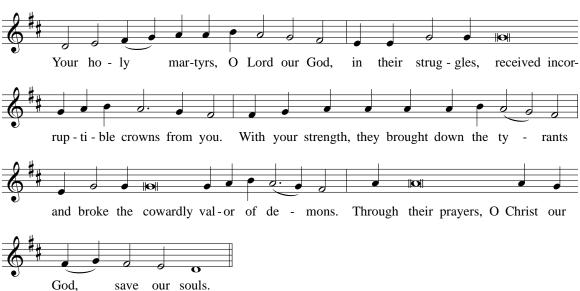
Our venerable mother Syncletica of Alexandria in Egypt, virgin, who is said to have led a solitary life that influenced many women of her day. (4th cent.)

The holy prophet Micah, who in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, by his preaching defended the oppressed, and condemned idols and depravities. He announced to the chosen people that a leader from of old would be born in Bethlehem of Judea, who would shepherd Israel in the strength of the Lord.

Troparion of the Vigil of the Theophany - *Tone 4 (music found on page 6)*

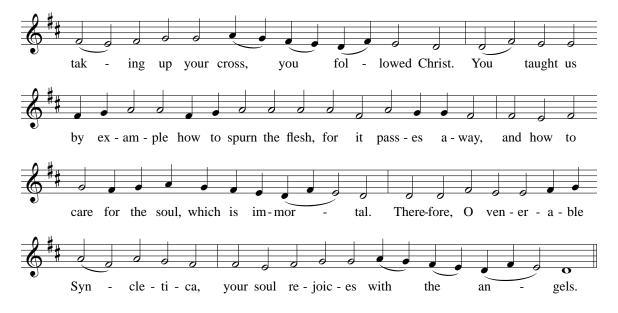
After Elijah had been taken up, * the River Jordan was parted in two by Elisha's mantle; * and a dry path was opened in the waters * as an image of true baptism * by which we pass beyond this fleeting life. * Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanctify the waters.

Troparion of the martyrs - *Tone 4*



Troparion of Syncletica - *Tone 8*

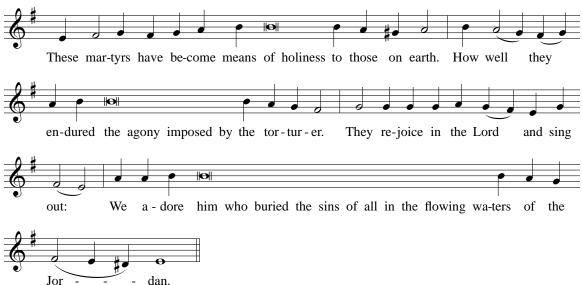




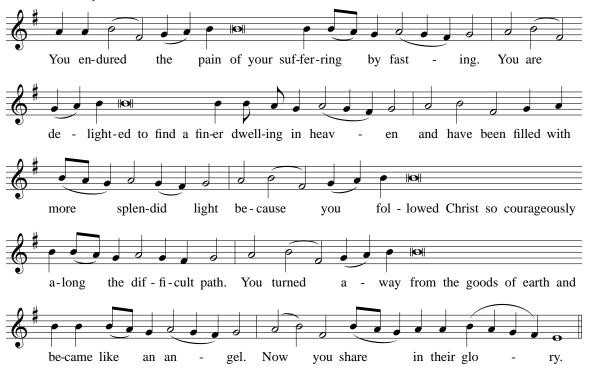
Kontakion of the Vigil - *Tone 2 (music found on page 7*

O most compassionate Christ, who take away the many sins of all, because of your immeasurable mercy, you have come to be baptized in the waters of the Jordan as a man, clothing in a robe of glory the misery of my ancient nakedness.

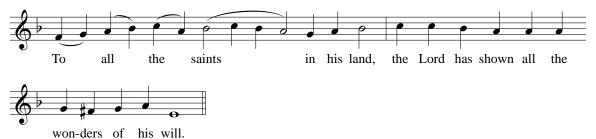
Kontakion of the Martyrs - *Tone 1*



Kontakion of Syncletica - Tone 5



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



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

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





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

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.

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

Alleluia of a Venerable Woman - *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.

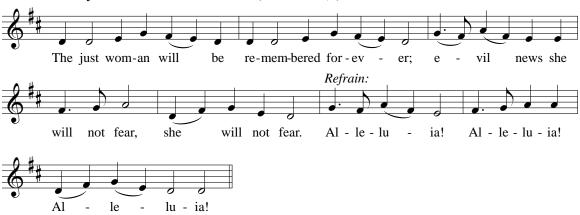
Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: *Music found on pages 4-5.*

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





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



6 THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Since the second century, the Church has celebrated the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River for our sanctification

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3):



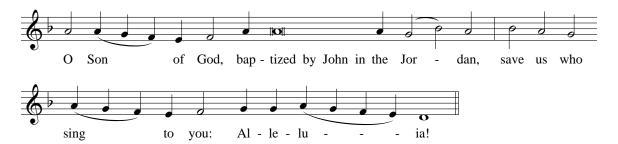
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

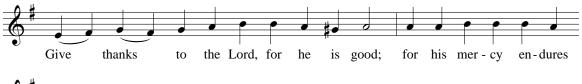
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Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1):





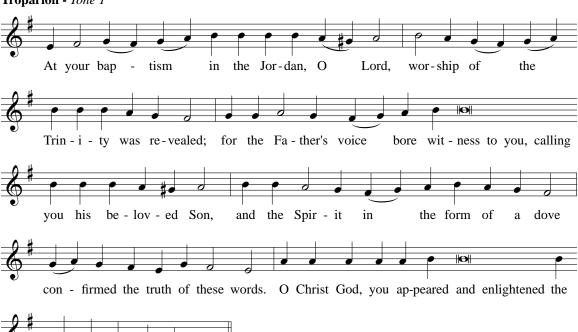
Third Antiphon - *Tone 1 Troparion* (Psalm 117:1):





Troparion - Tone 1

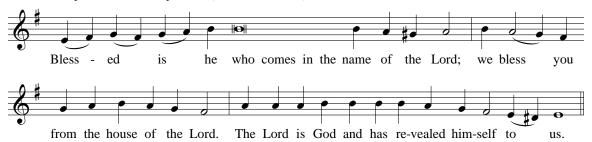
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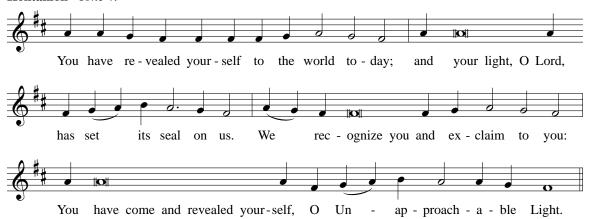
Entrance Hymn - *Tone 1 Troparion* (Psalm 117:26,27):



Troparion - *Tone 1:* (music found on page 24)

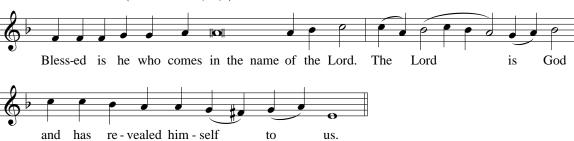
At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed; * for the Father's voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, * and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. * O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to you!

Kontakion - Tone 4:



Instead of "Holy God. . ." (Galatians 3:27) – Not sung on the post-festive days: All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. Alleluia!

Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 117:26,27,1):



Verse: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 28:1-3):



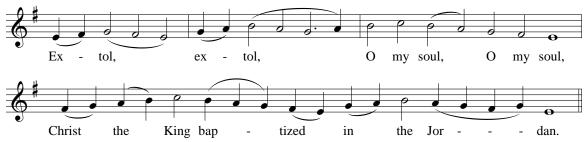
Verse: Bring to the Lord, you sons of God, bring to the Lord glory and honor.

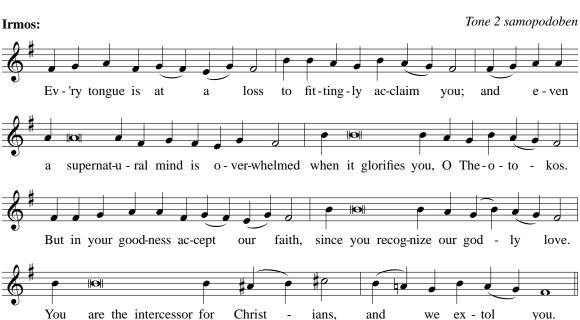
Verse: The voice of the Lord over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord over many waters.

Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: Music found on pages 4-5.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:





Communion Hymn (Titus 2:11):





The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Theophany is January 14.

On the Sunday from January 7 to 13 SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (music found on page 23)

Why is it, O sea, that you fled; O Jordan, that you turned back?

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

to you:

Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1): (music found on page 23)

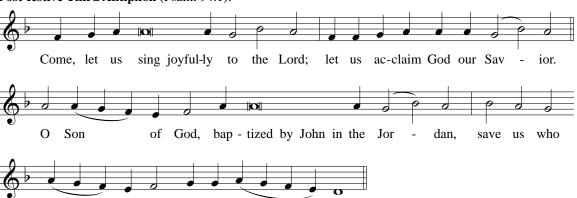
I love the Lord because he will hear my voice in supplication.

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

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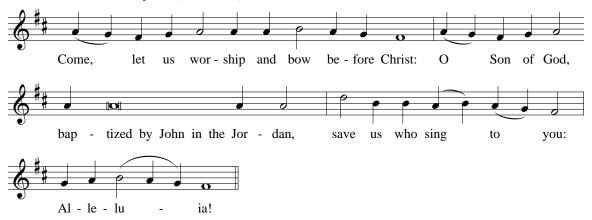
Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):

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



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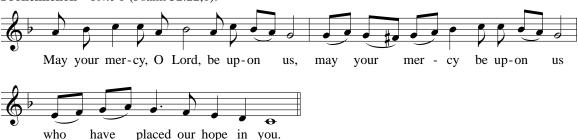
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Kontakion of the Theophany - *Tone 4: (music found on page 25)*

You have revealed yourself to the world today; * and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. * We recognize you and exclaim to you: * You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon – *Tone 1* (Psalm 32:22,1):



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

Alleluia - *Tone 5* (Psalm 88:2,3):



Verse: I shall sing forever of your mercies, O Lord;

through all generations my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Verse: For you have said: Mercy is built to last forever.

Your truth is firmly established in heaven.

Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: Music found on pages 4-5.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . . "

Magnification: (music found on page 26)

Extol, O my soul, Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.

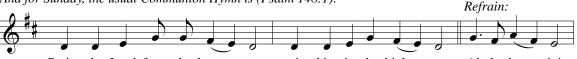
Irmos: Every tongue is at a loss to fittingly acclaim you; and even a supernatural mind is overwhelmed when it glorifies you, O Theotokos. But in your goodness accept our faith, since you recognize our godly love. You are the intercessor for Christians, and we extol you.

Communion Hymns:

For the Theophany, the Communion Hymn is (Titus 2:11): (music found on page 27)

The saving grace of God has appeared to all. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):



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



7 The Synaxis of the holy Forerunner, Prophet, and Baptist John. A "synaxis" feast follows one of the great feasts, and highlights a major personage of yesterday's celebration. We remember today the work of the Forerunner, John, who baptized Christ.

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (music found on page 23)

Why is it, O sea, that you fled; O Jordan, that you turned back?

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1): (music found on page 23)

I love the Lord because he will hear my voice in supplication.

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 27)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior!

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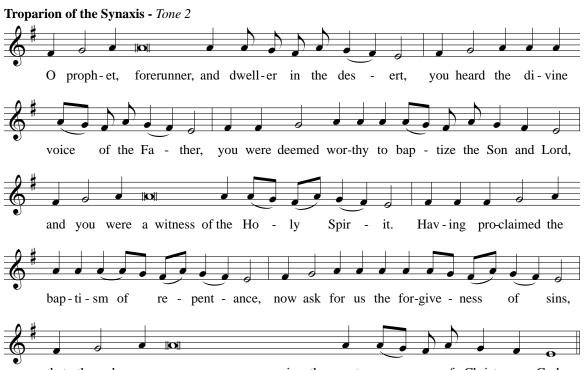
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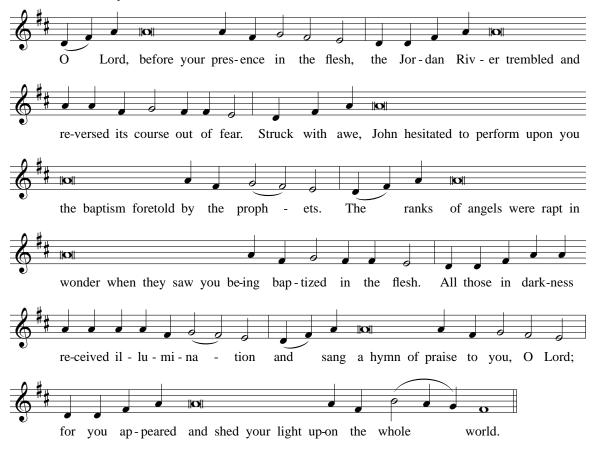
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Troparion of the Theophany - *Tone 1: (music found on page 24)*

At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed; * for the Father's voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, * and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. * O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to you!



Kontakion of the Synaxis - Tone 6



Kontakion of the Theophany - *Tone 4: (music found on page 25)*

You have revealed yourself to the world today; * and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. * We recognize you and exclaim to you: * You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon of the Forerunner – *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.

Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: *Music found on pages 4-5.*

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Magnification: (music found on page 26)

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Communion Hymns:

For the Theophany, the Communion Hymn is (Titus 2:11): (music found on page 27) The saving grace of God has appeared to all. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for the Forerunner, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):



8 Our venerable father George the Chozebite, a Cypriot monk at the Monastery of the Mother of God at Chozeba near Jericho. (614)

Our venerable mother Dominica, born in Carthage in North Africa, lived a life of asceticism and died in Constantinople under the reign of the Emperor Zenon. (474)

Our holy father and confessor Emilian. A native of Vannes (in what is now France), he was a recluse. (767)

Post-festive day of the Theophany

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (music found on page 23)

Why is it, O sea, that you fled; O Jordan, that you turned back?

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1): (music found on page 23)

I love the Lord because he will hear my voice in supplication.

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 27)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior!

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 28)

Come, let us worship and bow before Christ.

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Troparion of the Theophany - *Tone 1: (music found on page 24)*

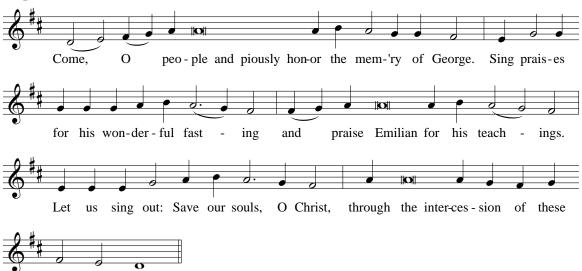
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Troparion of the Venerable Fathers - *Tone 4*

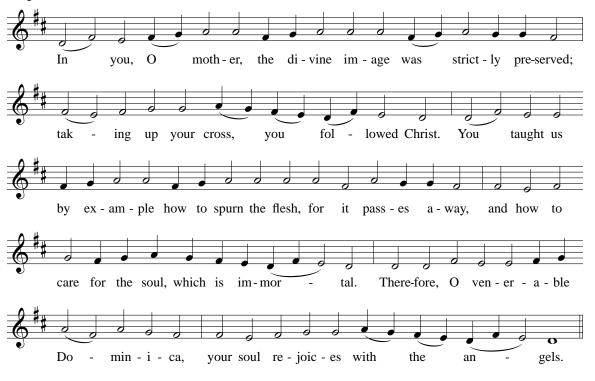
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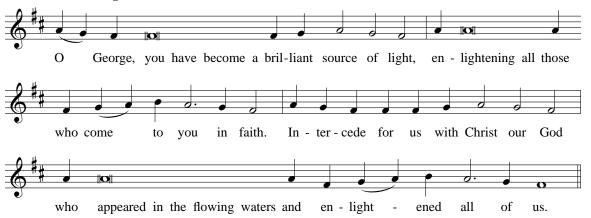
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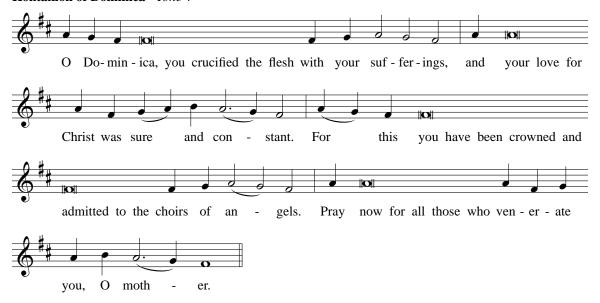
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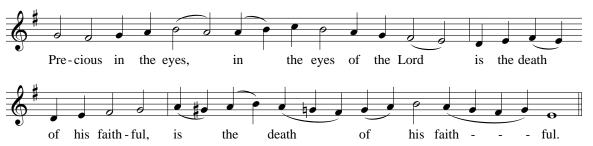
Kontakion of Dominica - Tone 4



Kontakion of the Theophany - *Tone 4: (music found on page 25)*

You have revealed yourself to the world today; * and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. * We recognize you and exclaim to you: * You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon for the Venerable Fathers – *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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

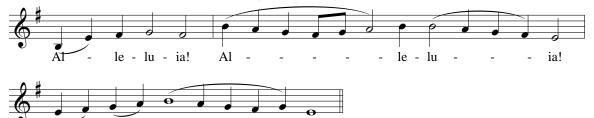
Prokeimenon for a Venerable Woman - *Tone 4* (Psalm 67:36,27):





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

Alleluia for the Venerable Fathers - *Tone* 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):



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

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

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

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

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

Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: Music found on pages 4-5.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . . "

Magnification: (music found on page 26)

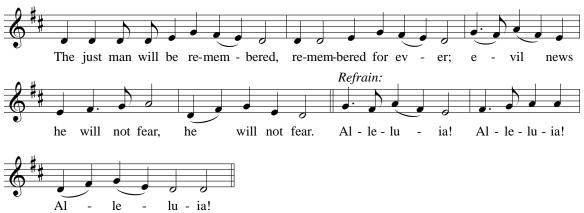
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Communion Hymns:

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For the Venerable Fathers, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):



9 The holy martyr Polyeuct, of Melitene in Armenia, who as a soldier was ordered to sacrifice to the gods by the edict of the Emperor Decius. Instead, he destroyed the images; wherefore he suffered many tortures and at last was beheaded and baptized by the outpouring of his own blood. (230)

Post-festive day of the Theophany

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (*music found on page 23*) Why is it, O sea, that you fled; O Jordan, that you turned back? Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1): (music found on page 23)
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O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 27) Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior! O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 28)

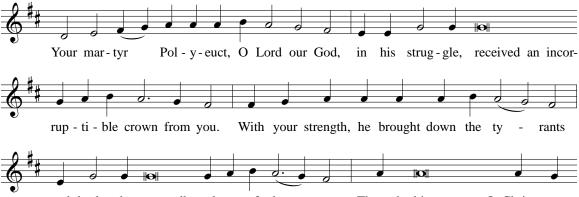
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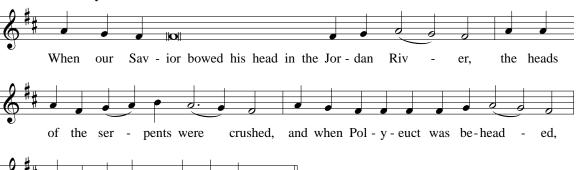
Troparion of Polyeuct - *Tone 4*



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Kontakion of Polyeuct - Tone 4

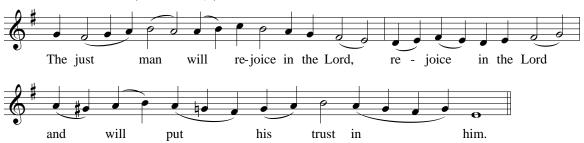




Kontakion of the Theophany - *Tone 4: (music found on page 25)*

You have revealed yourself to the world today; * and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. * We recognize you and exclaim to you: * You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

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



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

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Communion Hymns:

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







10 Our holy father Gregory of Nyssa, brother of St. Basil the Great, one of the great theologians of the Byzantine Church. (c.395)

The venerable Dometian, bishop of Melitene, who lived under Emperors Justinian the Lesser and Maurice, and was known for his remarkable intelligence, prudence, and spiritual zeal, and for his love for the poor. (602)

Our venerable father Marcion, priest and treasurer of the Great Church in Constantinople, second in command to Patriarch Gennadius. (c.471)

Post-festive day of the Theophany

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (music found on page 23)

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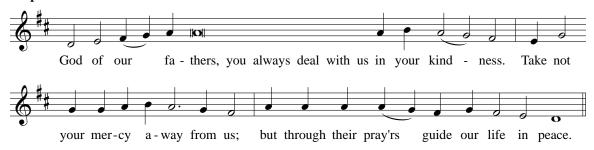
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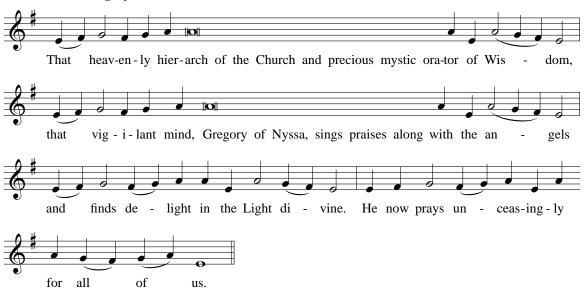
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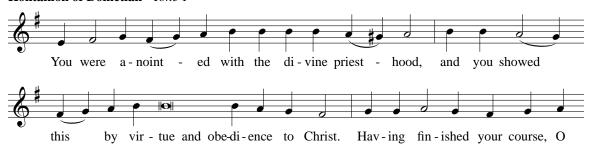
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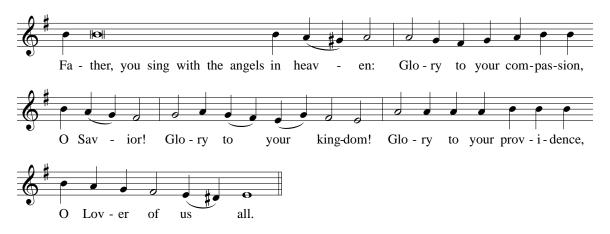


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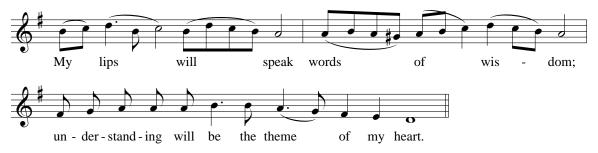




Kontakion of the Theophany - *Tone 4: (music found on page 25)*

You have revealed yourself to the world today; * and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. * We recognize you and exclaim to you: * You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

Prokeimenon for a Hierarch - *Tone 1* (Psalm 48:4):



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

Alleluia for a Hierarch - 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.

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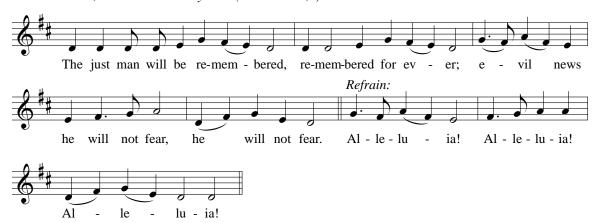
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For a Hierarch, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):



11 Our venerable father Theodosius, founder of the common life, abbot, a friend of St. Sabbas, who, after a long solitary life permitted many disciples to assemble as companions to himself. In monasteries that he built, he cultivated the common life, until, having suffered many things for the true faith, the centenarian finally rested in the peace of Christ. (529)

Post-festive day of the Theophany

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (music found on page 23)

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Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

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Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1): (music found on page 23)

I love the Lord because he will hear my voice in supplication.

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 27)

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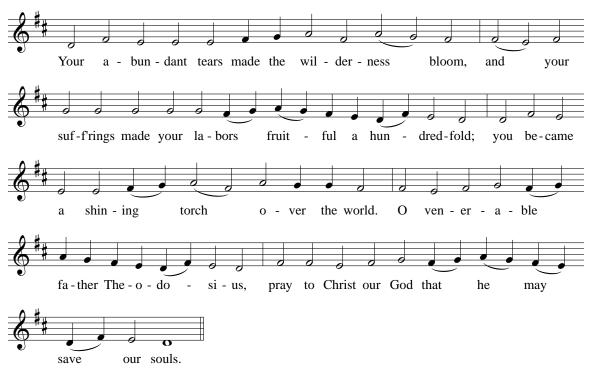
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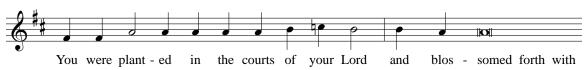
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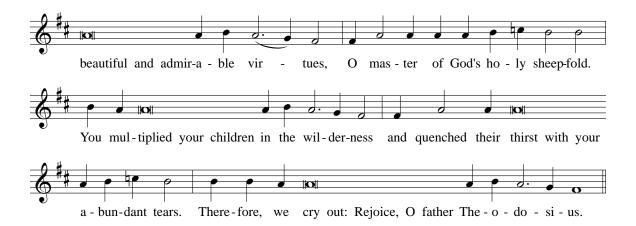
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Troparion of Theodosius - *Tone* 8



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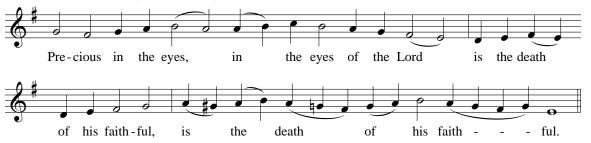




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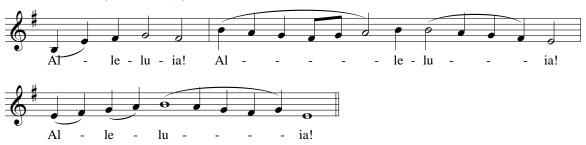
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Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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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.

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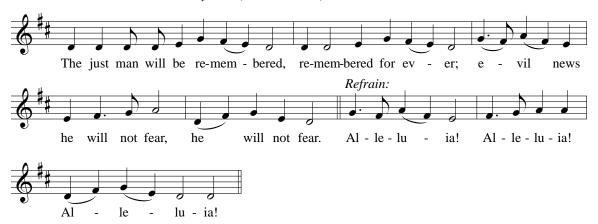
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Communion Hymns:

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For a Venerable, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):



12 The holy martyr Tatiana, who died in Rome under Emperor Alexander Severus. (c.227)

Post-festive day of the Theophany

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (music found on page 23)

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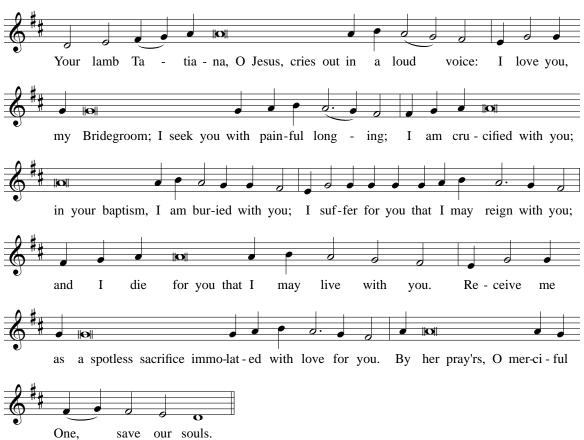
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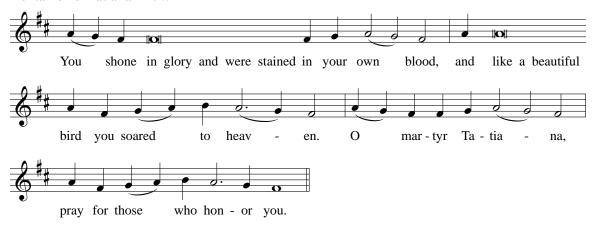
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Troparion of Tatiana - *Tone 4*



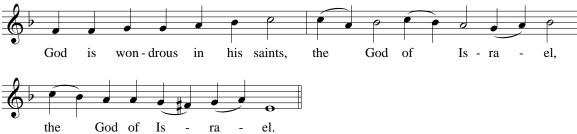
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Kontakion of the Theophany - *Tone 4: (music found on page 25)*

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



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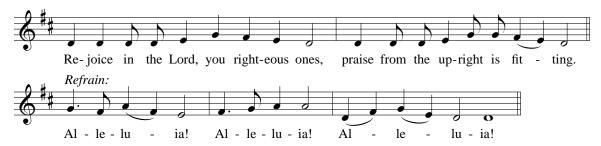
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Irmos: Every tongue is at a loss to fittingly acclaim you; and even a supernatural mind is overwhelmed when it glorifies you, O Theotokos. But in your goodness accept our faith, since you recognize our godly love. You are the intercessor for Christians, and we extol you.

Communion Hymns:

For the Theophany, the Communion Hymn is (Titus 2:11): (music found on page 27) The saving grace of God has appeared to all. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

For a Woman Martyr, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1):



13 The holy martyrs Hermylaus and Stratonicus, of Singidunum in Moesia (this city is quite close to the modern Belgrade, Yugoslavia), who after fierce tortures under the emperor Licinius were drowned in the Ister River (the Danube), sometime between 307 and 311.

Our venerable father Hilary, bishop of Poitiers, great defender of the orthodox faith against the Arian heresy, mentor of St. Martin of Tours, hymnwriter and apologist. (367) Postfestive Day of the Theophany

Transferred from January 14:

Our venerable fathers killed by the Arabs in Sinai and Raitho in 312. A group of holy monks living on the height of Mt. Sinai were killed by Bedouin tribesmen.

The Commemoration of the passion of the holy equal-to-the-apostles Nina, Enlightener of the Georgians, who was taken as a captive into that country and converted the king through her example and miraculous cures. (4th century)

First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3): (music found on page 23)

Why is it, O sea, that you fled; O Jordan, that you turned back?

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1): (music found on page 23)

I love the Lord because he will hear my voice in supplication.

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 27)

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior!

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 28)

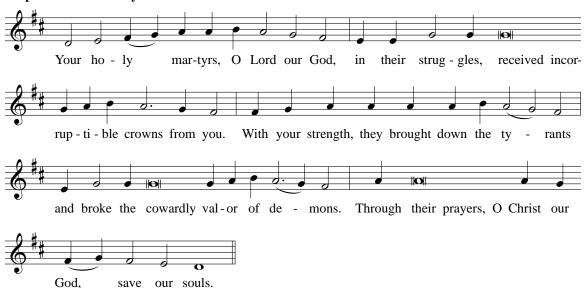
Come, let us worship and bow before Christ.

O Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

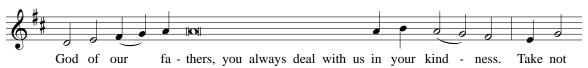
Troparion of the Theophany - *Tone 1: (music found on page 24)*

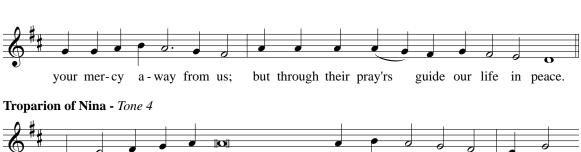
At your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, * worship of the Trinity was revealed; * for the Father's voice bore witness to you, calling you his beloved Son, * and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of these words. * O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened the world. Glory to you!

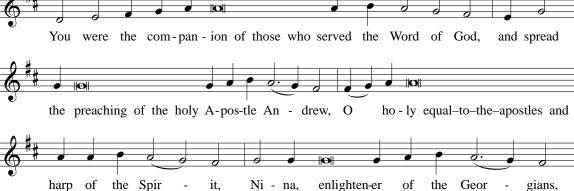
Troparion of the Martyrs- *Tone 4*

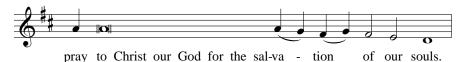


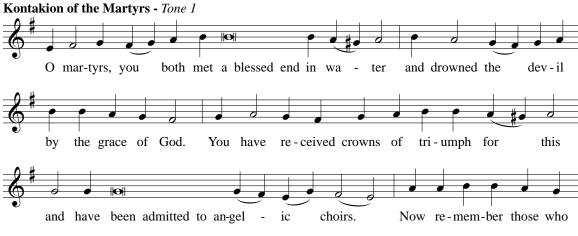
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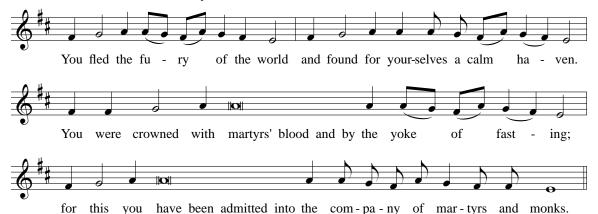








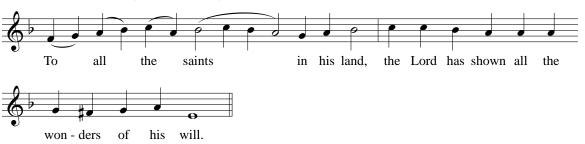
Kontakion of the Venerable Martyrs - *Tone 2*



Kontakion of the Theophany - *Tone 4: (music found on page 25)*

You have revealed yourself to the world today; * and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. * We recognize you and exclaim to you: * You have come and revealed yourself, O Unapproachable Light.

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



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: 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.

Cherubic Hymn and Anamnesis Acclamation: *Music found on pages 4-5.*

Instead of "It is truly proper . . . "

Magnification: (music found on page 26)

Extol, O my soul, Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan.

Irmos: Every tongue is at a loss to fittingly acclaim you; and even a supernatural mind is overwhelmed when it glorifies you, O Theotokos. But in your goodness accept our faith, since you recognize our godly love. You are the intercessor for Christians, and we extol you.

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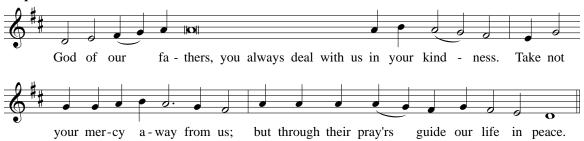


14 Leave-taking of the Theophany

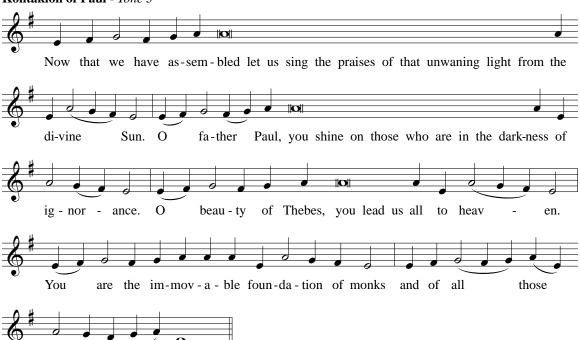
All as on January 6 (beginning page 23) except for the Third Antiphon (page 27) and Entrance Hymn (page 28)

15 Our venerable fathers Paul of Thebes and John the Hut-dweller (Calibytes). Paul was a disciple of St. Anthony the Great and one of the earliest of the "desert fathers," living as a hermit in the Thebaid in Egypt. (c.345). John of Constantinople, who, as it is said, briefly lived in a retreat in the home of his father. He left home for six years and came back and lived in a "kalyba" (i.e., a hut) as a beggar in rags, subsisting on the charity of his unwitting parents; wholly surrendered to contemplation. His parents recognized him, after his death, from a gold codex of the Gospels that they had given him. (5th century)

Troparion of the Venerable Fathers - *Tone 4*



Kontakion of Paul - *Tone 3*



Kontakion of John - Tone 2

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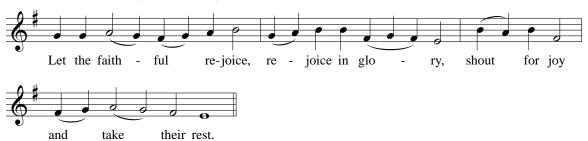
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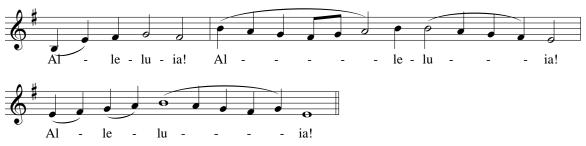


Prokeimenon - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 149:5,1):



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

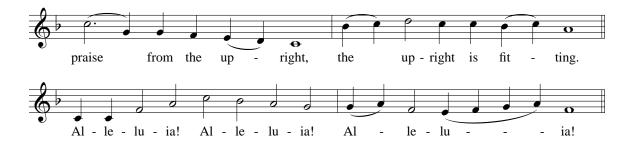
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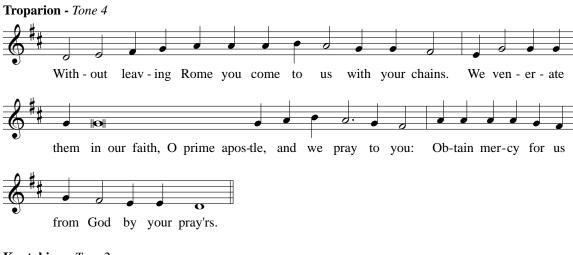
Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

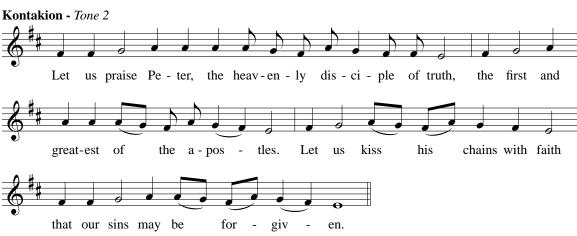
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.





16 The Veneration of the Chains of the holy, glorious, and illustrious apostle Peter. The church on the Equiline Hill in Rome (called St. Peter in Chains) preserves the chains with which St. Peter was bound in prison during the persecution of Nero.

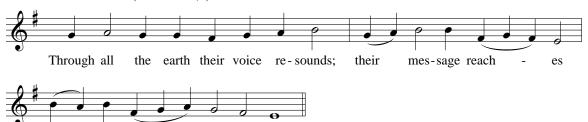




Prokeimenon - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

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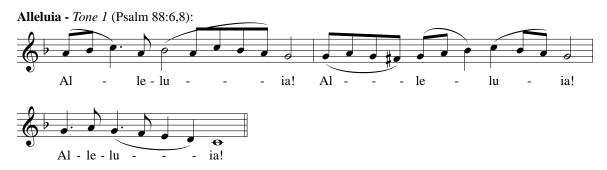
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Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

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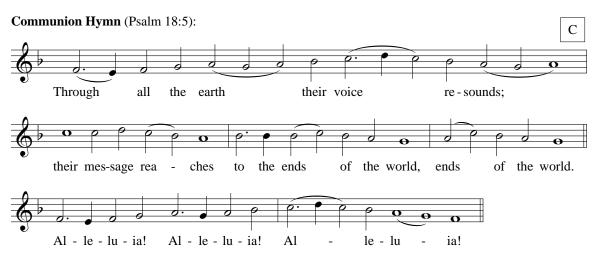
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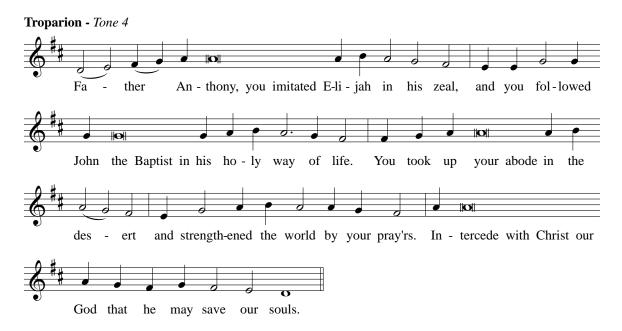
Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

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

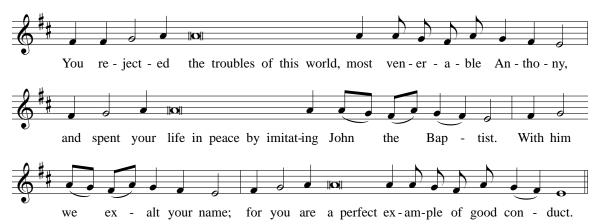
great and awesome above all who surround him.



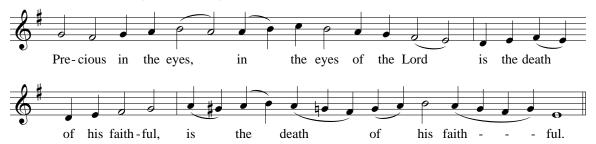
17 Our venerable father Anthony the Great, who, bereaved by his parents' death, acceped the evangelical commands, distributed all his goods to the poor and retired in solitude to the Thebaid in Egypt. He began to lead an ascetic life and diligently worked to strengthen the Church, sustaining confessors of the faith during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. He supported St. Athanasius against the Arians. He had many disciples, and is thus considered the father of monks. (356)





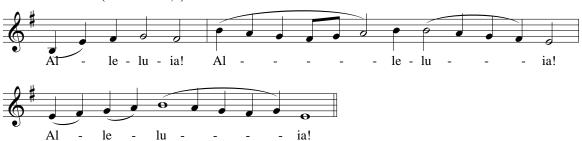


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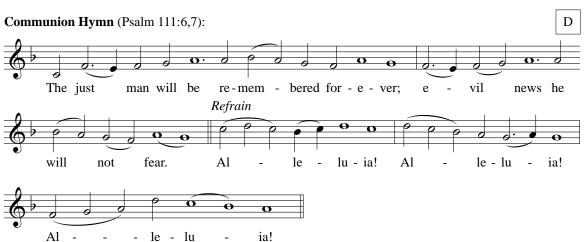
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

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

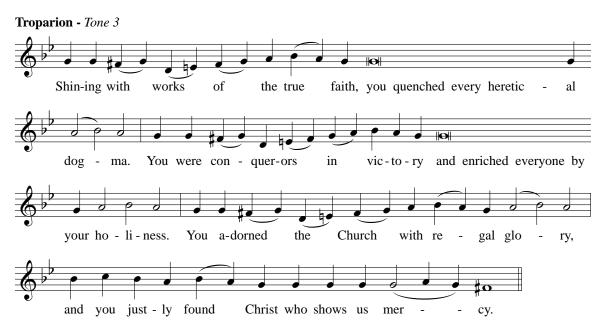


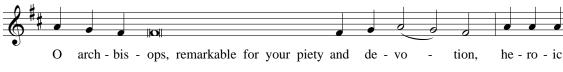
Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.



18 Our holy fathers Athanasius and Cyril of Alexandria, archbishops of that city. Athanasius is called the "Father of Orthodoxy" because of his defense of the faith against Arius at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea (325); he was greatly persecuted for this. This date celebrates his return from exile in 345. (373) Cyril worked against the Nestorian heresy, and was champion of the use of the term *Theotokos* (i.e. the one who gave birth to God). He was one of the major figures of the Third Ecumenical Council of Ephesus that was held in 431. (444)





Kontakion - Tone 4



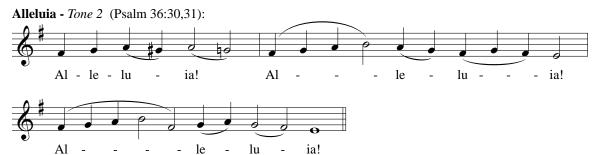




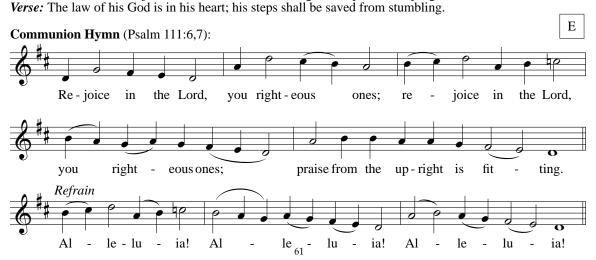




Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

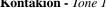


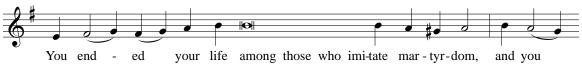
Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment.

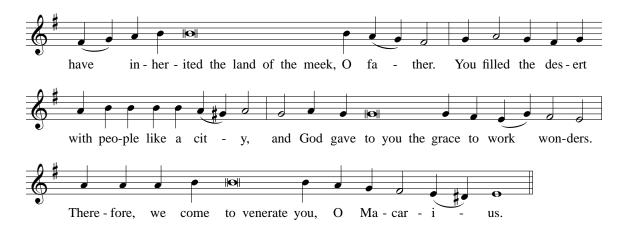


19 Our venerable father Macarius of Egypt, known as Macarius 'the Elder,' priest and abbot of the monastery of Skete in Egypt, who, dead to the world and to himself, lived for God alone, which he also taught his disciples. (390)







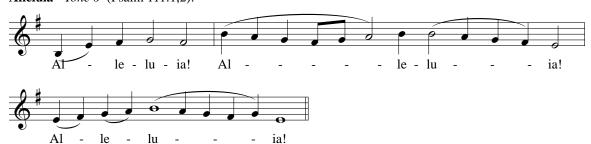


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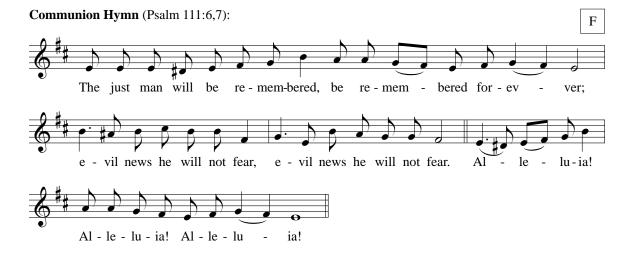
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Alleluia - *Tone* 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

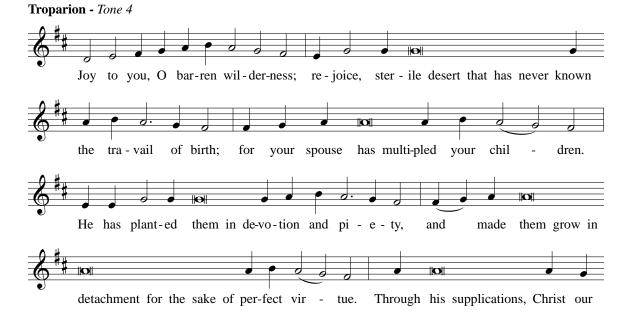


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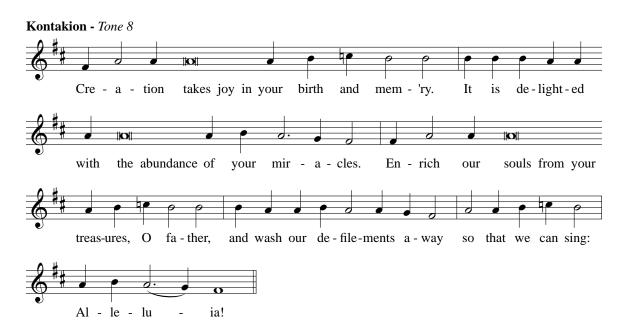
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

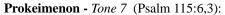


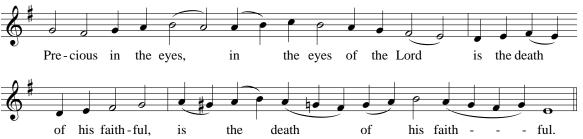
Our venerable and God-bearing father Euthymius the Great, abbot, who, Armenian in origin and consecrated to God from infancy, sought Jerusalem. Having lived very many years in solitude, he was steadfast and cheerful to the very end of his life in humility and love, and died manifest in the observance of discipline. (473)





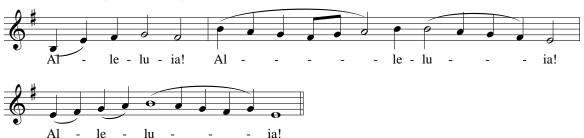






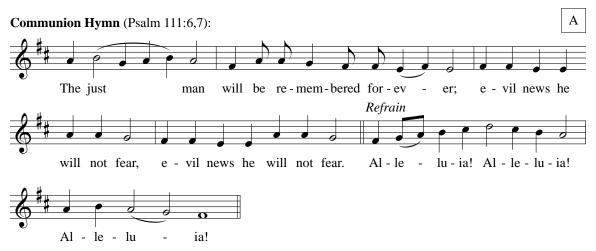
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

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Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.



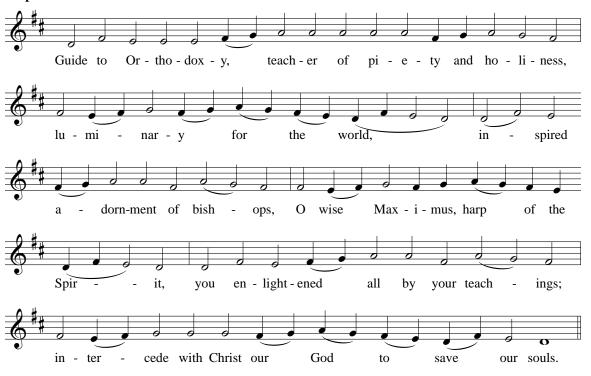
21 Our venerable father Maximus the Confessor, noted theologian and writer who resigned his post as secretary to the Emperor Heraclius and entered the monastery of Chrysopolis, of which he eventually became hegumen. He headed the opposition to the Monothelite heresy. For this he was banished, imprisoned, and lost his tongue and right hand. (662)

The holy martyr Neophyte, of Nicaea in Bithynia, martyr, who died at the age of fifteen in the reign of Diocletian. (4th century)

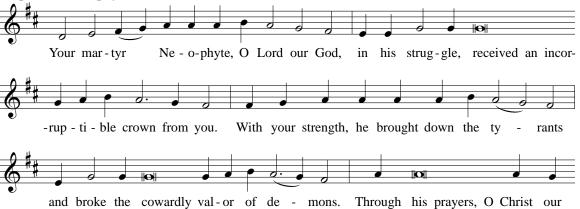
The holy martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valeran, and Aquila.

The holy virgin martyr Agnes of Rome, who, while still a maiden, bore the highest testimony of the faith in Rome and consecrated the label of chastity by her martyrdom. She conquered both her youth and the tyrant, received the fullest admiration among the nations and gained even greater glory with God. On this day is celebrated the burial of her body. (3rd/4th century)

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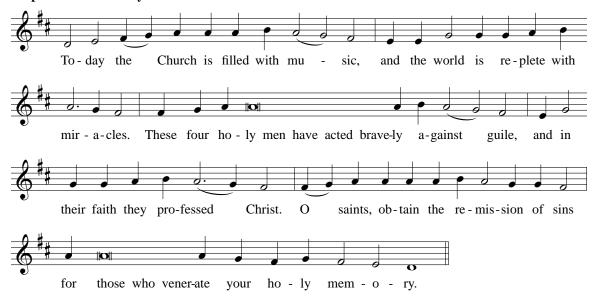




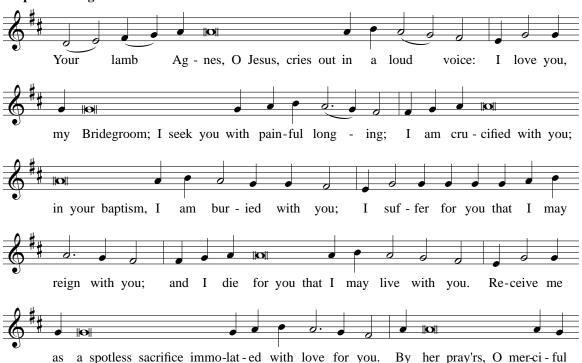




Troparion of the Martyrs - *Tone 4*

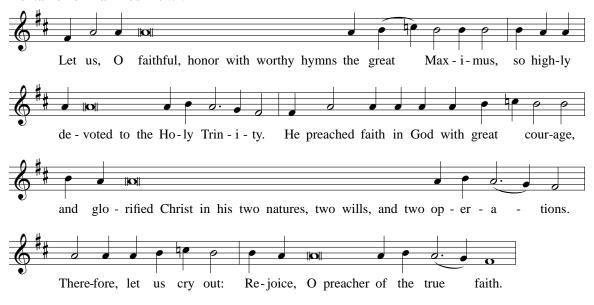


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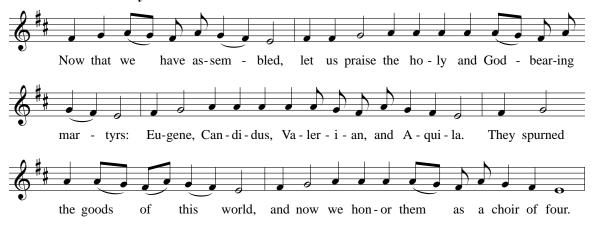
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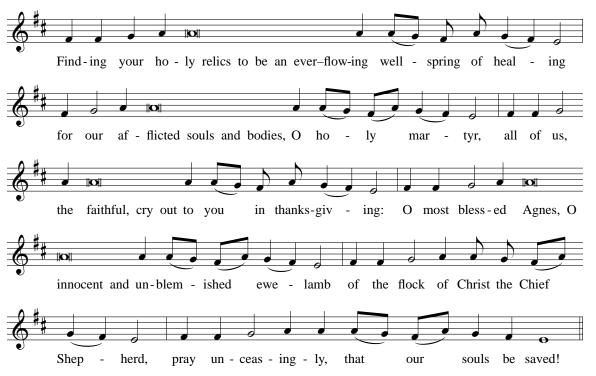
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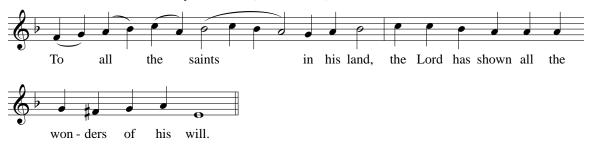
Kontakion of the Martyrs - *Tone 2*



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



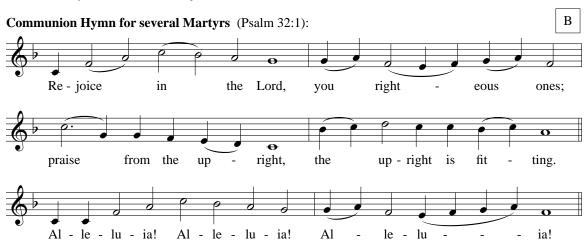
Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

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



Verse: The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and rescued them from all their distress.

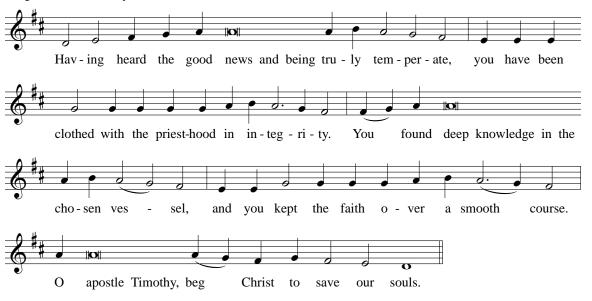
Verse: Many are the trials of the just, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.



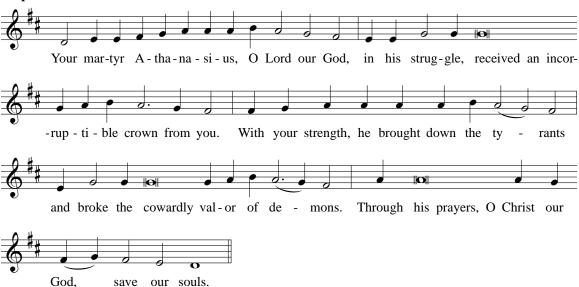
22 The holy apostle Timothy who, disciple of St. Paul the Apostle and his assistant in his apostolate, was the leader of the church at Ephesus. Two epistles, which offer wise counsels on the ordering of pastors and the faithful, were written to him.

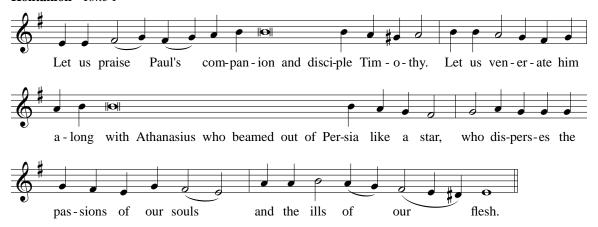
The holy venerable martyr Athanasius the Persian from Bethsaloe in Persia, monk. After very many tortures, which he had borne steadfastly in Caesarea in Palestine, he was afflicted with many punishments by Chosroes, king of the Persians. After his seventy companions, he too was strangled next to a river and his head cut off. His head was brought to Rome and is still venerated in the church of Ss. Vincent and Athanasius. (628)

Troparion of Timothy - *Tone 4*

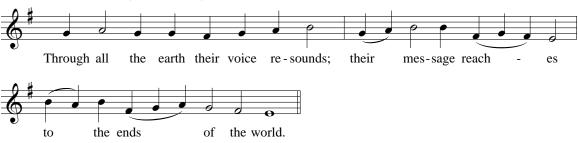


Troparion of Athanasius - *Tone 4*

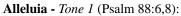


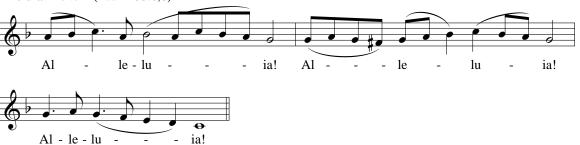


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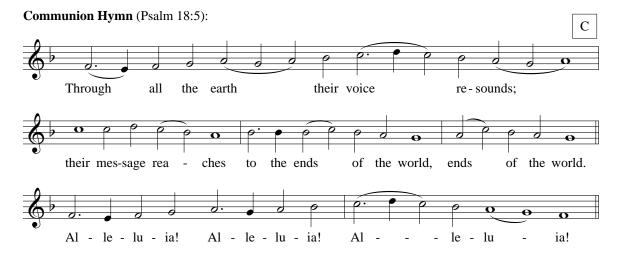




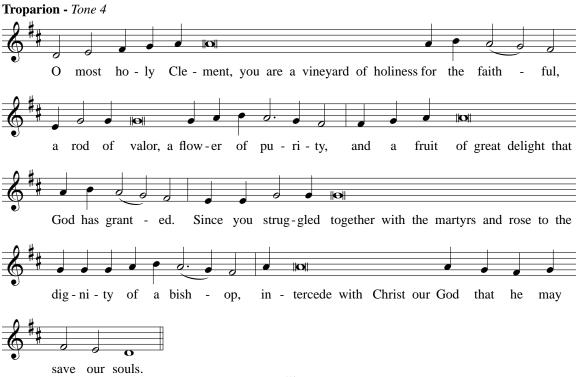
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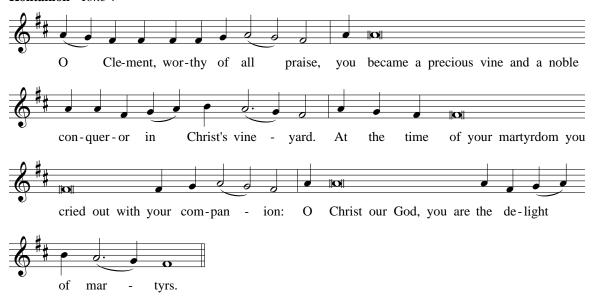
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy,

great and awesome above all who surround him.

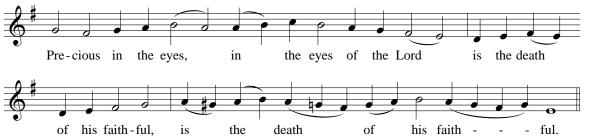


23 The holy martyr Clement, bishop of Ancyra, was killed along with the holy martyr Agathangel during the persecution of the Emperor Maximian (c.296) Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council (680), at which was taught the two wills of Christ, denying the Monothelite heresy.

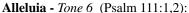




Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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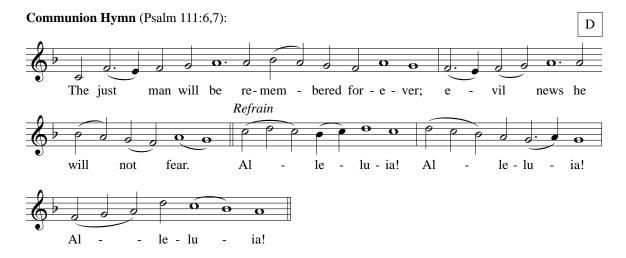




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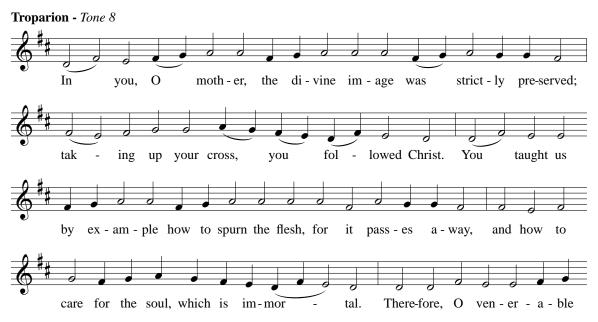
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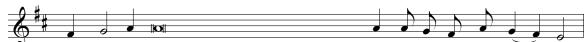


24 Our venerable mother Xenia of Rome, born of a noble Roman family, who lived a holy life with other virgins at Mylassa of Caria in the fifth century. (450)

The holy martyrs in Pidlashia: the priest-martyr Vincent Lewoniuk and his twelve companions in the district of Pratulin in the village of Swaddles. Moved neither by threats nor lures, they were unwilling to break communion with the Catholic Church. Finally, refusing to hand over the keys of the parish, they died defenseless, indeed, wounded to the point of death. (1874)







Com-mem-o - rating your marvelous life, O Xenia, we hon-or you with fer - vor,



sing-ing a hymn in praise of Christ who gave you the pow - er of mir - a - cles.



In - ter - cede with him con-stant - ly for all of us.

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





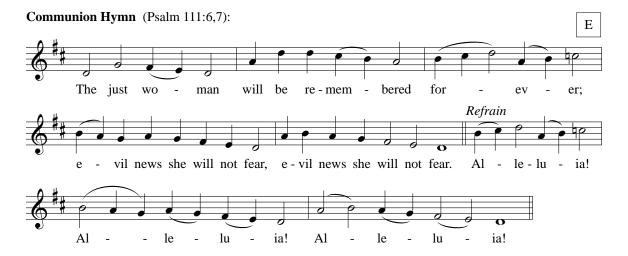
Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.



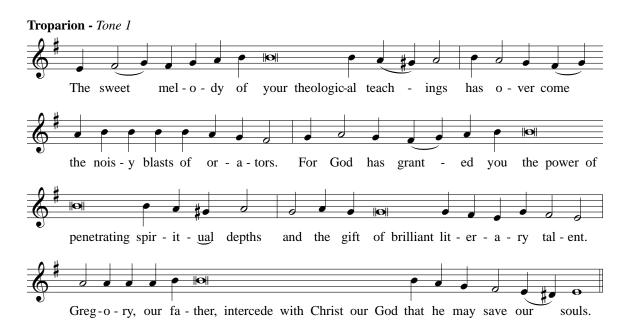


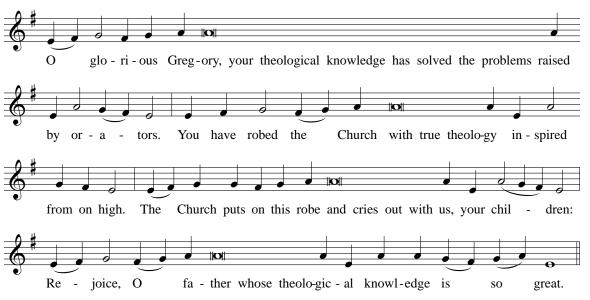
Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

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

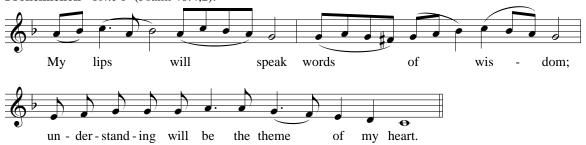


25 Our holy father Gregory the Theologian, archbishop of Constantinople, the friend of St. Basil; bishop of Sebaste, and then of Constantinople, and finally Nazianzus. He defended the divinity of the Word with great ardor, for which reason he is also named "the Theologian." During his time as patriarch of Constantinople, he presided over the Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople, 381). (389)



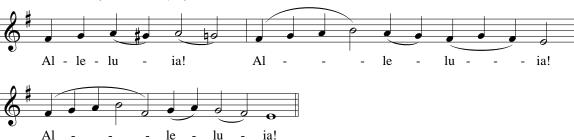


Prokeimenon - *Tone 1* (Psalm 48:4,2):



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

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

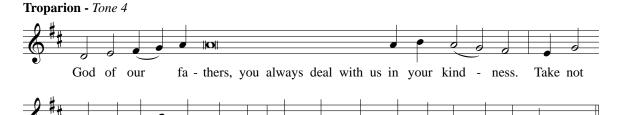


Verse: The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and his tongue will pronounce judgment. *Verse:* The law of his God is in his heart; his steps shall be saved from stumbling.

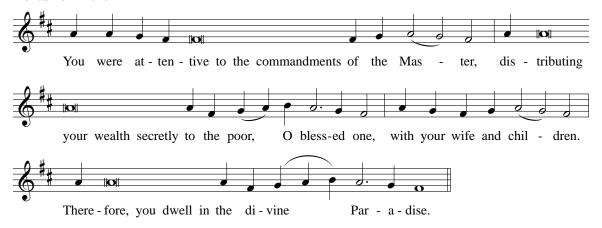


26 Our venerable father Xenophon and his wife Mary. Xenophon was a Senator in Constantinople, where he led a holy Christian life with his wife Mary and their two sons, Arcadius and John. On their way to Phoenicia to study law, the young men were shipwrecked and barely managed to escape with their lives. The parents set out to find them, and, on discovering them in a monastery in Jerusalem, they too entered the monastic life, equal to one another in the ardor of their souls. (520)

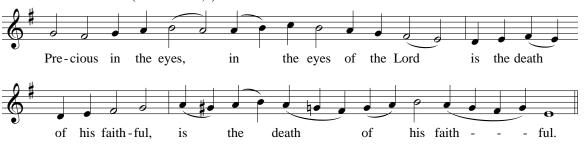
Our holy father Joseph, archbishop of Thessalonica, brother to St. Theodore the Studite. As a monk, he composed very many hymns; then when he had just been advanced to the episcopate, he suffered many fearful things for the sake of ecclesiastical discipline and the defense of the holy icons. Exiled to Thessaly, he died of starvation. (826)



your mer-cy a-way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

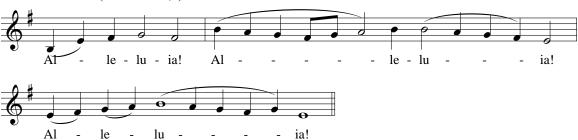


Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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

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

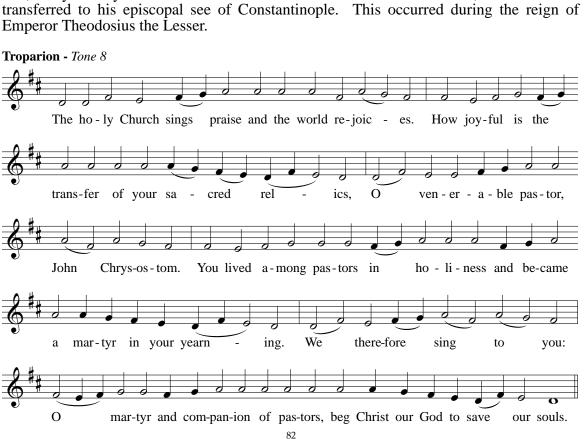


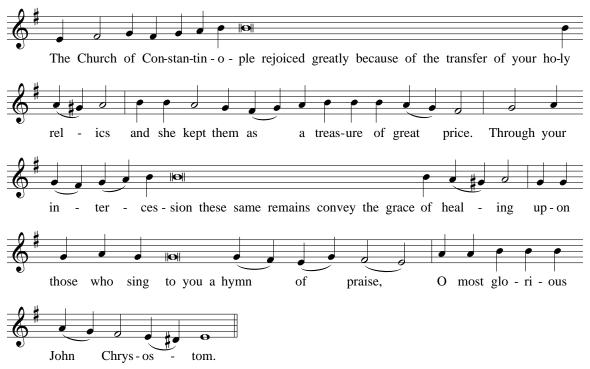
Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

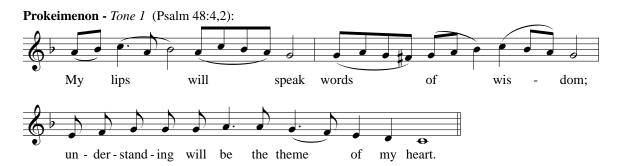
Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.



27 The Translation of the Relics of our holy father John Chrysostom. In the year 438, thirty-three years after the death of St. John in Coman of Armenia, his relics were transferred to his episcopal see of Constantinople. This occurred during the reign of Emperor Theodosius the Lesser.







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



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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.

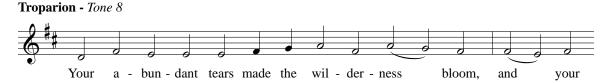
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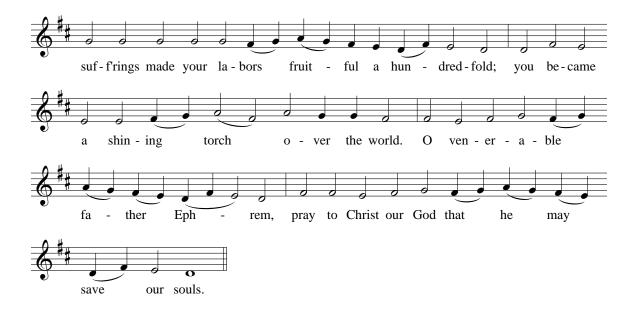
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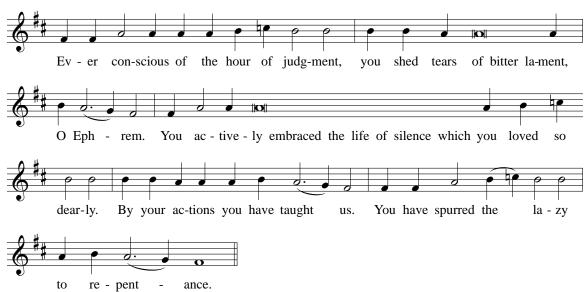
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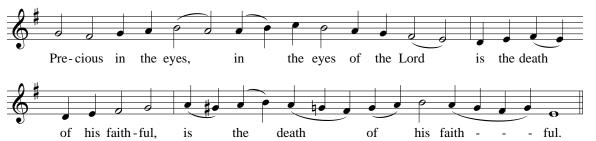
28 Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian, who, first in his own home town of Nisibis exercised the office of preaching and of handing on holy teaching. Then, when the Persians invaded Nisibis, he fled with his disciples to Edessa in Syria, where he set down the fundamentals of a school of theology, fulfilling his ministry by his words and writings. So striking is the austerity of his life and the clarity of his teaching that from the exquisite hymns he composed he has deserved to be called the harp of the Holy Spirit. (378)



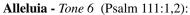


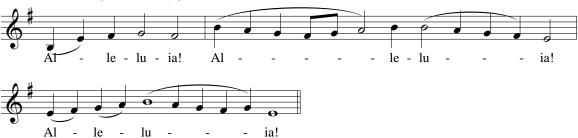


Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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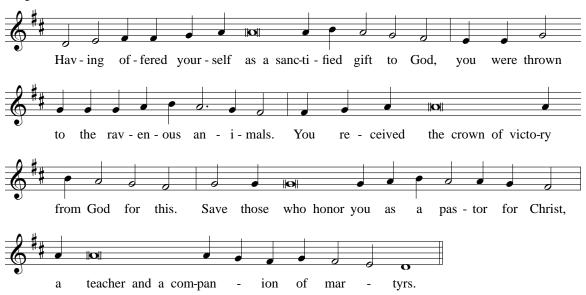
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Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

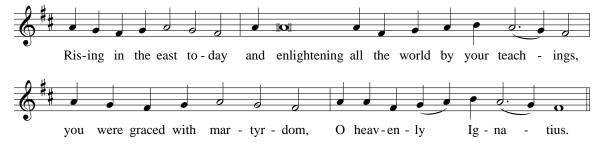


29 Translation of the relics of the holy bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch. Ignatius was martyred in Rome at the beginning of the second century. His remains were later translated to Antioch, the place of his birth and his episcopate. During the invasion of the Persians, the relics were once again taken from Antioch to Rome (in the sixth century).

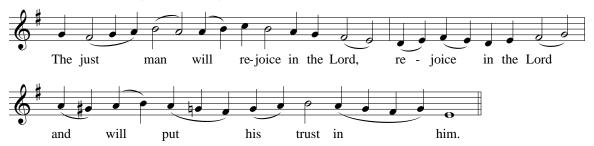
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Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)



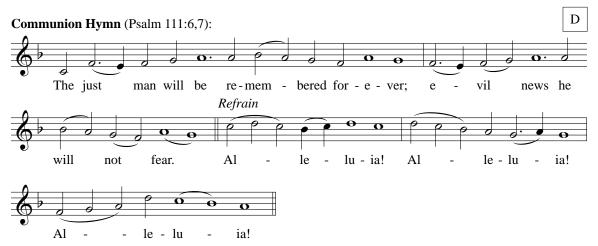
Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

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.

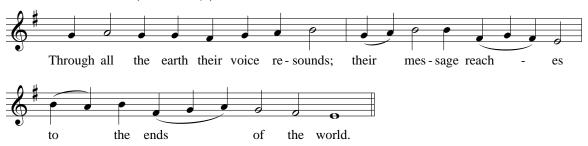


30 THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM. All three of these saints have their own feast days. This celebration began in 1100 in the days of the Emperor Alexis Comnenus. A great quarrel arose in Constantinople as to which of these three was the greatest theologian. They appeared in a dream to then Patriarch John and told him that they were equal before God, and each had his special gifts and talents. John chose Jan. 30 to commemorate all three of them together, and composed the office.

The holy bishop martyr Hippolytus was a priest of the Church of Rome famous for his learning. After he unjustly accused Archdeacon Callistus, he was exiled from Rome and rebelled against the authority of the Pope. He repented and was reconciled to the church, and was martyred. (235)



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

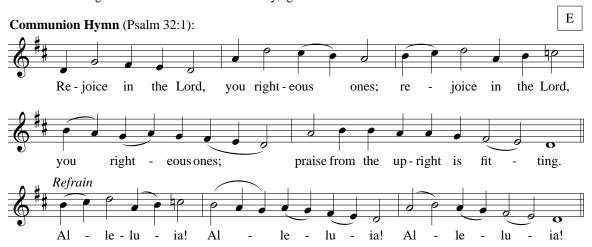


Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 88:6,8):

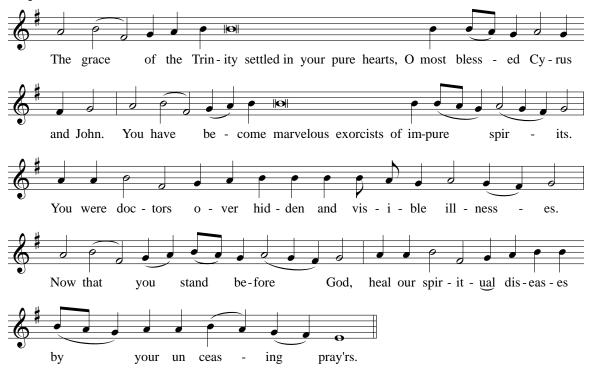


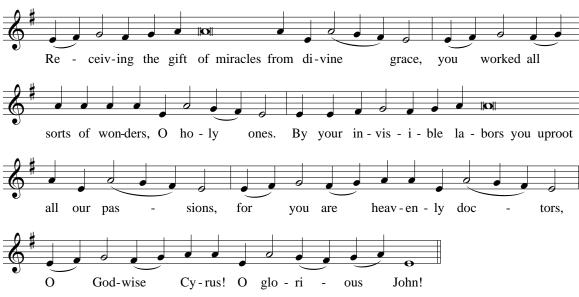
Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy. *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.



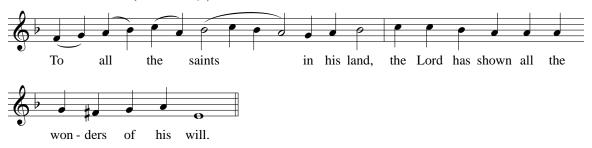
31 The holy wonderworkers and unmercenary healers Cyrus and John, who, for their confession of Christ, were beheaded after many tortures in the city of Alexandria. (311)



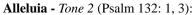


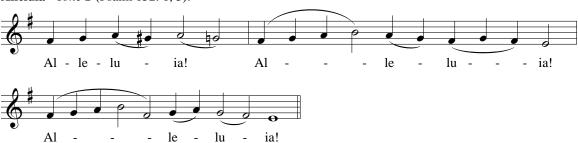


Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3,8):



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





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

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

