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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 tenth 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

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
To-day the people sing to God on high because he gave us doctors who practiced without fee. Let us sing to the holy Cosmas and glorious Damian:

Since you have been given the grace to cure so freely, distribute it freely among those who venerate you.

Receiving the grace to heal from the Source of miracles, you generously used it for those who called on you. Visit us in our spiritual and physical needs, holy doctors Cosmas and Damian,
and seek mercy from Christ our God for us.

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

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

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

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 132:1, 3):

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

Re-joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.

Refrain

praise from the up-right is fit-ting. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
2 The deposition of the venerable robes of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God at Blachernae in the reign of the Emperor Leo and his consort Irene (457-474).

Troparion - Tone 8

Ever-virgin Theotokos 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
in-corrupt 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 Vir-gin whom God him-self has blessed
and divine perfection 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 (Psalm 44:11,13):

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

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

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

Refrain

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

3 The holy martyr Hyacinth at Amastris in Paphlagonia. He was a member of the court of the emperor Trajan and a secret Christian. When he refused to offer sacrifice to idols, the emperor told him to deny Christ. He replied, “I am a Christian. I revere Christ and worship him, and I bring my living self to him as a sacrifice.” (108)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your martyr Hyacinth, 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 - Tone 6

Your martyr, O Christ, possessed the tree of life, which is the faith in his
soul, and which is more precious than the garden of Eden. By the Spirit he destroyed the tree of lies and was given a crown of glory for this from you, the supremely merciful Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon. 
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;
4 Our holy father Andrew of Jerusalem, archbishop of Crete, whose passing over is remembered this day at Erissus on the island of Lesbos. He was bishop of Gortyna, and sang—with singular art—praises to God by his prayers, hymns, and songs. He exalted the Virgin Mother of God, immaculate and assumed into heaven. (740)

Our venerable mother Martha, mother of St. Simeon the Venerable, on the Admirable Mountain in Syria. She was notable for following the ancient practice of rising at midnight for prayer, and gave help to the needy with great compassion by visiting the sick and the poor. (551)

Our venerable father Procopius of Sazava. Born into a Christian family in Bohemia, he prepared for the priesthood in the Byzantine Church and was ordained in 1003. He entered a monastery in Hungary and became a solitary. After 1029, he returned to Bohemia to establish the monastic way of life among his own people, and settled in the Sazava Valley. (1053)

Troparion of our holy father Andrew - Tone 1

You e-lat-ed Christ's Church with your beau-ti-ful hymns, show-ing in the-ol-o-gy the glo-ry of the Ho-ly Tri-n-i-ty. There-fore, O An-drew, we sing of you as a man of in-sight and glo-ri-fy your memory, O shep-herd of
We praise you as Christ's friend among the saints.

By your love for the Theotokos and a holy life, you were graced to give birth to a child of light for the world. This child was radiant with the light of the Trinity. Therefore, we ask you to pray unceasingly for all of us.

Hav- ing sound-ed sublime praise with the trumpet of your spirit, you were shown to the world as a beacon of the Trinity. We call to you, O venerable Andrew: Pray without ceasing for all of us.

You gave birth to a holy child, O Martha, after you offered

Crete. We praise you as Christ's friend among the saints.

Troparion of our venerable mother Martha - Tone 4

Kontakion of Andrew - Tone 2

Kontakion of Martha - Tone 2
fer-vent pray'rs to the Lord and after you had interceded with the vir-gin The-o-tokos. This child was Simeon who became a light for the world. Pray with him for the sal-va-tion of our souls.

Prokeimenon for a Priest-Martyr - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):

Let the faith-ful re-joice in glo-ry, re-joice in glo-ry, shout for joy, and take their rest.

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

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

God is won-drous in his saints, the God of Is-ra-el, the God of Is-ra-el.

Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel’s wellsprings bless the Lord.
Alleluia for a Priest-Martyr - 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.

Alleluia for 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.

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

The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear. Alleluia! Alleluia!
The just woman shall be remembered for ever; evil news she will not fear.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 Our venerable father Athanasius of Mt. Athos, hegumen, humble and peaceful, who founded a coenobitic way of living in the Great Laura. Despite many trials, he was father to many monks who followed his ascetic model. (1003)

Troparion - Tone 3

The angels in heaven marvelled at your life on earth, for you occupied your flesh as a spirit from on high. You disarmed legions of demons, O glorious saint, and Christ rewarded you with bountiful gifts. Because of this, O Father, we ask you now to pray for the salvation of all.
Your flock invokes you as a man of special sight and a zealous preacher of God,

O inspired saint. Do not cease praying for your servants that they may be delivered from attacks and assaults. We cry to you:

Rejoice, O father Athanasius.

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):

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

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.
6 Our venerable father Sisoes the Great, hermit in Egypt, who was very remarkable in the exercise of the monastic life. Many of his “words” are recorded in the Apothegmata Patrum. A brother once told him that he could not hold the wise sayings in his head and quote them to others. Sisoes replied, “It is not necessary. That which is necessary is to acquire purity of mind and to speak from this purity, placing one’s hope in God.” (c. 429)

Troparion - Tone 1

You made the wilder-ness your dwelling, O father Sisoes, the bear-er of God.

You be-came an an-gel in the flesh and a won-der work-er. Through fasts,

vig-ils and pray’rs, you obtained from God special graces to heal the sick

and to sanc-ti-fy the souls of those who come to you with trust. Glor-y
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.

Kontakion - Tone 6

You appeared on earth as an angel in the flesh, O venerable Sisoes, and you enlightened the faithful with your divine miracles. Therefore we glorify you in faith.

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):

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):

7 Our venerable fathers Thomas of Maleum and Acacius, mentioned in “The Ladder” Thomas was a general famed for courage and wealth. He was a huge man, a source of fear to his enemies. He came to know Christ, and left all behind to go into the desert. When people heard of this, they came to him, and Thomas cured their diseases. (10th century)

Troparion - Tone 1
famous for his obedience. They shine as lights for the world and guiding stars for monks. We have recourse to you as fa'v'rites of God to defend us in battle by your pray'rs so that we might ask Christ to forgive our sins since we honor your memory.

With courage you pushed on to victory, having been inflamed with divine love. You offended the mortal king and spurned the beauties of this earth.

Ending your days on the mountain of Maleum, you stepped up from it into heaven itself. O Thomas, pray unceasing-ly for all of us.

Kontakion of Thomas - Tone 4
From childhood, most wise and venerable Acacius, you followed after Christ, forsaking the world. Imitating his willing meekness, you overcame the proud torturer. Now pray unceasingly for all of us.

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!

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! Alleluia!

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia!

8 The holy great martyr Procopius at Caesarea in Palestine. Under the emperor Diocletian, he was taken from the city of Scythopolis to Caesarea and there in return for the excellent confidence of his answers he was beheaded by the judge Fabianus. (303)

Troparion - Tone 8

Receiving heaven's invitation, O holy one, you turned from the errors of your ancestors and their ancient ways to being zealous for Christ like Paul. You endured many tortures and wounds, and you have been repaid with a crown of glory. Therefore, pray to Christ to save us, O great martyr Procopius.
In-flamed with a heav-en-ly zeal for Christ and pro-tect-ed by the
might of the Cross, you le-veled the rages and bi-ter-ness of the foe.

You raised up the Church, O Procopi-us, by the strength of your faith.

You en-light-en us by your ex-am-ple.

The just man will re-joice in the Lord, re-joice in the Lord
and will put his trust in him.

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

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

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

9 The holy martyr Pancratius, bishop of Taormina in Sicily, who, it is believed, was a follower of St. Peter the Apostle and the first to lead this Church. His holy relics are preserved in Rome. (1st century)

Troparion - Tone 8

Like an arrow on fire, you were aimed at Taormina to kill the godless and to bring light to the faithful. You strengthened them in the faith by your preaching, and you finished your work by spilling your blood. O martyred priest Pancratius, pray for your flock and for all who cherish your memory.
You appeared to the people of Taor-mi-na as a star, and you became a priest-martyr for Christ, O Pancratius. As you stand before him, pray for us who love you.

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

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

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

Refrain

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

10 The holy forty-five martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia, Of saints Leontius, Mauritius, Daniel, Antonius, Anicetus, Sisinnus, and others, who under the emperor Licinius and the governor Lysias were tortured in many ways. (319)

Our venerable father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves. He was a hermit, who in the laura called “the Caves” followed the monastic life which he had learned on Mt. Athos. He was the founder of Russian monasticism. (1073) The holy Maronite Franciscan brothers: Francis, Abd-el-Mooti and Raphael Massabki, and eight others with them, killed in Damascus in 1860. Passion of the blessed martyr Emmanuel Ruiz, priest, and his companions [Carmelo Volta, Peter Soler, Nicholas Alberga, Engelbert Kolland, Ascarius Nicanor, all priests; Francis Pinazo and John-Jacob Fernandez, friars] at Damascus in Syria, seven from the Order of Friars Minor and three faithful brothers of the Maronite Church [Francis, Abd-el-Mooti and Raphael Massabki]. When they were deceitfully handed over to the enemy by a traitor and afflicted with various humiliations on account of their faith, they ended their lives with the glorious death of martyrs. (1860)

Troparion of our venerable father Anthony - Tone 4

You renounced and left the world, following Christ in the spirit of the Gospel. Living a life of an angel, you settled in the peaceful...
shelter of Mount Athos. After that, you came to the mountains of Kiev with the blessing of the fathers. You ended your life of labor there, casting light over all your homeland. Showing the path of the kingdom to all monks, you led them on to Christ: Now beg him to save our souls, O venerable Anthony.

Kontakion - Tone 8

From childhood you loved God with all your heart and lovingly followed him, O venerable father. Scorning this passing world as a trifle, you took up residence in a cave. There you fought the army of invisible demons, and you were like the sun over the world. Now you stand before the
throne with the angels, so remember us who honor you that we may sing:

Rejoice, O father Anthony.

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):

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 remembered forever; evil news he
The holy martyr Euphemia the Illustrious at Chalcedon in Bithynia. It is related that she was handed over to the beasts after various tortures under Diocletian the emperor and Priscus the proconsul. Her passing is kept on Sept. 16; today is the day that her holy relics confirmed the orthodox faith at the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon (451).

The passing of Olga, princess of Kiev, baptized Helen, at Kiev in Rus’. She was the grandmother of St. Vladimir, the first of the Rurikids to receive baptism. She prepared the way to Christ for all the peoples of Rus’. (969)

In Benedictine communities: the translation of the relics of our holy father Benedict.

Troparion of the holy martyr Euphemia - Tone 4

Lighting your lamp, you loved your Spouse. You were radiant from your virtues,

O praise-worthy one, and because of this you pledged yourself to Christ.

You received a crown of suffering from him. From troubles deliver us who venerate your memory in faith, O Euphemia.
Troparion of the venerable woman Olga - Tone 1

Raising your mind on the wings of the-ology, you soared far above
vis-ible crea-tion. Seek-ing the God and Cre-a-tor of all things
and be-ing re-ward-ed by find-ing him, you were born a-gain to
Christ in bap-tism. Re-ceiv-ing de-light from the Tree of Life,
you re-main in-cor-rupt for all a-ges, O glo-rious Ol-ga.

Kontakion of Euphemia - Tone 6

You took part in the struggle with great val-or, de-fend-ing faith in Christ your
be-loved Sav-ior. Through the pow-er-ful intercession of the The-o-to-kos,
in-ter-cede with Christ that he may wipe out all false teach-ings
and hu-mil-liate the pride of the en-e-my. From the six hun-dred and thirty Fathers of the Coun-cil, you have re-ceived the def-inition of the faith and pre-served it faith-ful-ly, O Eu-phe-mia, wor-thy of all praise.

Troparion of Olga - Tone 4

Let us sing hymns to the Bene-fac-tor of thie world, who exalted the God-wise Ol-ga in the land of Rus’. May he for-give our sins by her in-ter-ces-sion.

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

God is won-drous in his saints, the God of Is-ra-el, the God of Is-ra-el.

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

Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

12 The holy martyrs Proclus and Hilary at Ancyra in Galatia, under the emperor Trajan and governor Maximus. Proclus was the uncle of Hilary. They were arrested for being Christians. Proclus said to the torturers, “When you are afraid to transgress the Emperor’s commands and risk falling into temporal punishment, how much more do we Christians fear to transgress against God’s commands and fall into eternal torment!”

Our venerable father Michael of Malein, a wealthy man of noble birth who gave away all his goods and became a hermit on Mt. Kyminas in Bithynia. He had many disciples, of whom the best-known is St. Athanasius the Athonite. (3rd century)
The angels looked down and were amazed by your sufferings. By your flesh, you vanquished the spirit-foe, O holy ones, and speared him by the pow’r of the cross. Pray for us in our need, O Proclus and Hilarion, that we too may conquer the enemy and save our souls.

Hav- ing soared on mental wings to a vision of God, you left behind all the noises of the world, O blessed saint. You despised all the explanations according to the flesh but sought the wisdom from on high. You present yourself as a model for all of us, saying: It is a good thing to live with God.
The sufferings of these martyrs shine with the brilliance of miracles like the morning stars. Therefore, we celebrate their memory and beg Christ to save our souls.

O Michael, you purified your flesh with good works, and you plumbed the spirit of meditation. You are clearly revealed to us as a home of the Trinity. O Michael, pray unceasingly for all of us.

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
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 for Holy 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 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 for Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):
Communion Hymn for a Venerable (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be re-membered, be re-membered for ev-ver.

Refrain

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

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

13 The synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. The primary feast of the Archangel is March 26. On this day is commemorated all his appearances and marvels throughout the history of salvation. This feast was instituted on Mt. Athos in 982.

Our venerable father Stephen of the Monastery of St. Sabbas, who suffered death during the reign of the emperor Severus. He was the nephew of St. John Damascene, and lived the monastic life in the Sabaite monastery near Jerusalem. (794)

Our holy father Julian, bishop of Kenoman, at Le Mans [Lat.: Cenomanus] in Gallia Lugdunensis [a Roman province in what is now France], who is considered the first bishop of that city. (1st century)

Troparion of the Archangel Gabriel - Tone 4

O people, with a candle-light as-sem-bly let us sing the praises of the leader of heav-en's hosts. He is the serv-ant of light sent from the Light di-vine
to en-light-en all who sing with love: O Ga-briel, leader of the an-gels,
rejoice with all the powers of heaven.

Troparion of our venerable father Stephen - Tone 8

Guide to Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary for the world, inspired adornment of bishops, O wise Stephen, harp of the Spirit, you enlightened all by your teachings; intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Gabriel - Tone 2

Having beheld the glory of God in heaven, and having brought grace to earth from on high, save and protect those who sing to you:
O prince of angels and wise Gabriel, minister of God's glory and heavenly defender of the world, protect us always and never abandon us.

Kontakion of Stephen - Tone 4

You sought the very depth of wisdom, O Stephen, and great was your joy when you found that precious pearl. You found understanding in your infirmities, most blessed Stephen.

Prokeimenon for an Archangel - Tone 4 (Psalm 103:4,1):

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

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.
Let the faithful rejoice in glory, rejoice in glory, shout for joy, and take their rest.

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

Alleluia for an Archangel - Tone 5 (Psalm 148:2,5):

Verse: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise him all his hosts.
Verse: He spoke and they were made; he commanded and they were created.

Alleluia for a Confessor - 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 for an Archangel (Psalm 103:4):

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

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Hymn for a Confessor (Psalm 32:1):

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the up-right is fitting.

praise from the up-right is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On the Sunday from July 11 to 19
SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS
AT THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Troparion - Prescribed Resurrection Tone

Troparion - Tone 8:

O Christ our God, you are above all praise. You have established
our fathers as beacons on the earth, leading us all to the
true faith through them. O most mer-ciful Lord, glo-ry to you!

Kontakion - Tone 8:

The preach-ing of the a-pos-tles and the teach-ins of the Fa-thers

have con-firmed the one faith of the Church, which she wears as the gar-ment of truth,

wo-ven from the theol-o-gy on high, as she faith fully im-parts and glori-fies

the great mystery of de-vo-tion.

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

Bless ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our fa-thers,

and glo-ri-ous for-ev-er is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all that you have done for us.
Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 49:1,5):

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

Verse: The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Verse: Gather before him his righteous ones who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice.

Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):

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

Refrain

Communion Hymn for the Council Fathers (Psalm 32:1):

Re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.

Refrain

praise from the up-right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
14 The holy apostle Aquila and his wife, Prisca or Priscilla, a married couple, who, helpers of Saint Paul the Apostle, received the Church into their home with hospitality and endangered themselves on his behalf. They are mentioned in I Cor. 16:19, in Romans 16:3-5, and in II Tim.4:19.

The holy martyrs Cyricus and Julitta, at Caesarea in Cappadocia. When they had firmly refused the order of the judge to offer incense to idols, they were cast into the fire. (304)

Troparion - Tone 3

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

Kontakion - Tone 4

O Apostle Aquila, 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.
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

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

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

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):

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

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
15  The holy great prince Vladimir, equal to the apostles, who was baptized Basil at Kiev in Rus’. Son of Prince Svyatoslav, grandson of Igor and Olga, he was pagan for the first part of his life. He sent out envoys to find the religion best suited for his people, and he and his court were baptized in the orthodox faith. He bestowed care in spreading the orthodox faith among the peoples subject to him. (1015)

Troparion - Tone 4

You were like a merchant seeking a fine pearl as you sat on the throne of the mother of cities, the God-redeemed Kiev. Sending messengers to the capitol in your search for the faith, you discovered the priceless Pearl which is Christ. He chose you in turn as a second Paul. You submitted to the rites of baptism, and the scales of spiritual blindness fell from your eyes. Now your people have come to celebrate your death. Pray for the authorities in the land of Rus’ to be saved.
You were like the great apostle Paul. Late in life you gave up the foolish philosophy of idols and became a perfect man through the water of baptism.

Now you stand with joy in the court of Christ. We ask you to pray for the land of Rus’ and for the salvation of its authorities.

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):

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

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

Through all the earth their voice resounds;

their message reaches to the ends of the world, ends of the world.

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

16 The holy martyrs Athenogenes, bishop of Sebaste, and his ten disciples in Armenia. He was an archpriest who left to his disciples a hymn declaring the divinity of the Holy Spirit and was handed over to the flames for the sake of Christ. (311)

Troparion - Tone 8

The holy Athenogenes offered his ten disciples like a sacrifice to the Lord. The shepherd and his sheep entered the heavenly fold.

By their work they vanquished the lies of the pagans. O Christ our God, save your flock from the wolves by the pray'r of your martyrs.
Kontakion - Tone 4

You heed-ed the word of the Mas - ter and laid down your life for your sheep
like a good shep - herd. There - fore we bless you, O priest-martyr A- the-no-ge-nes,
and we praise your ten disciples who were guid - ed by the fear of God
and by your teach - ings. The Mas - ter has crowned you as a friend
and set you at his right side in glo - ry. Now pray to him for all of us.

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

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the
won - ders 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):

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.
Verse: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.
Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1)

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

Your lamb Marina, O Jesus, cries out in a loud voice: I love you,

17 The holy great martyr Marina (also known as Margaret), at Antioch in Pisidia. It is said that she dedicated her body to Christ by her virginity and her martyrdom.

Our venerable father and confessor, Paul Gojdich, bishop of Preshov. Born in 1888 in Ruske Perklany in Prjashevschina to a priestly family. Though his family wanted him to go into medicine or law, he felt called to the priesthood and entered the Preshov seminary in 1907. He chose the celibate priesthood and was ordained in 1911. In 1922, he entered the Basilian monastery of St. Nicholas at Chernecha Hora. He was renowned for his long hours of prayer and for his work with the youth of the Church. In 1926, he was appointed as Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Preshov, and was ordained bishop in 1927. Through independence, war, and near famine conditions, he was a good shepherd to his people. In 1949, the Communist government of Czechoslovakia began its liquidation of the Byzantine Catholic Church, and Bishop Gojdich worked through every means at his disposal to keep his priests and people loyal to their Byzantine Catholic Church and to Rome. He was arrested in 1950, tried in a mock trial in 1951. The secret police made every effort to break Bp. Gojdich and have him recant the Union of Uzhhorod, but he remained faithful. However, his health was completely broken by the maltreatment he received, and he died in the penitentiary of Leopoldov, Slovakia. (1960)
my Bridegroom; I seek you with painful longing; 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 immaculately with love for you. By her pray'rs, O merciful One, save our souls.

Troparion of blessed Paul Gojdich - Tone 4

From your youth you loved Christ, the eternal Word. You desired to serve him quietly and in simplicity of heart, but the right hand of the Most High chose you for the bishop's throne, and made you a steadfast shepherd of his people. For the sake of faith and the unity of the Church,
you offered yourself to God as a perfect sacrifice. O Father and priest-martyr Paul, pray to Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of Marina - Tone 3

Anointed with the balm of virginity, O virgin Marina,

you were crowned with unwithering laurels. You were stained scarlet with a martyr's blood, and now you are brilliant with miracles of healing.

You have received the honors of a martyr's triumph.

Kontakion of Paul - Tone 2

Divine thunder, spiritual trumpet, sower of faith, and destroyer of heresies, servant of the Trinity, O great bishop Paul, you stand forever with the angels. Pray without ceasing for all of us.
Prokeimenon for a Woman Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

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

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

Prokeimenon for a Hierarch - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):

My lips will speak words of wisdom;

My lips will speak words of wisdom;

understanding will be the theme of my heart.

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

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

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

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

Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.
Alleluia for a Hierarch - *Tone 2* (Psalm 36:30,31):

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.

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

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

Refrain

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!
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.

Inflamed with divine fervor, you were not afraid of the fire. You entered it willingly and were reduced to ashes in the flames. You went up like a sacrifice to the Master. O glorious martyr Emilian, pray for us.
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)

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

the upright is fitting. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

19 Our venerable mother Macrina, sister of Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa and Peter of Sebaste, in the monastery of Annesinus on the river Irim in Pontus, virgin. She was learned in the Sacred Scriptures and led a solitary life, and provided a wonderful example of those possessing the desire for God, who had forsaken the vanity of the world. (379)

Our venerable father Dios at Constantinople, called the Wonderworker, archimandrite, who left his home in Antioch and was ordained in Constantinople and founded a monastery under the Rule of the Akoemeti (i.e., the “Unsleeping”). (430)
You saw your bridegroom die and were struck by the vanity of this world and its fleeting life. Taking purpose in your life, you were betrothed to the Immortal One. You drew his love with fasting and humility.

Now your spirit rejoices with the angels, O venerable Macrina.

You loved the good God with all your heart, O Macrina.

You shouldered your cross and sincerely followed him. You found the total remission of your sins in him.
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

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

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

Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Refrain

The just woman will be remembered forever; evil news she will not fear. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia!
20 THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET ELIJAH

the Tishbite, who was a prophet of the Lord in the days of Ahab, the king of Israel and defended the rights of the one God against the unfaithful people with such a strength of spirit that he prefigured not only John the Baptist but even Christ himself. Written prophecies do not remain, but his memory is faithfully kept, especially on Mount Carmel.

Troparion - Tone 4:

An angel in the flesh, the foundation of the prophets, and the second fore-runner of Christ, the glorious Elijah from on high sent grace to Elisha to cure sicknesses and cleanse lepers. He likewise overflows with healing for those who honor him.

Kontakion - Tone 2:

Prophet and seer of the mighty deeds of our God, renowned Elijah, you stopped the rain-clouds by a word. Intercede for us with the only one who loves us all.
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 109:4,1):

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.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):

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

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

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

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.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
21 Our venerable father Simeon, fool for Christ, and his fellow ascetic John. 
Simeon, called Salus [i.e., of the sea; he lived for 29 years next to the Dead Sea], at 
Emesa in Syria. Moved by the divine Spirit, he desired to be considered a fool for 
Christ and ignoble among people. Likewise the commemoration of St. John, hermit, 
who for almost thirty years was a companion to St. Simeon in his holy wandering and in 
a hermitage at the Dead Sea. (590) 
The holy prophet Ezekiel, who was a son of the priest Buzi. At the time of the exile in 
the land of the Chaldeans, he was notable for his vision of the glory of the Lord. As an 
examiner placed before the house of Israel, he reproved the unfaithfulness of the Chosen 
People. He foresaw that the holy city of Jerusalem would be overthrown into ruins and 
the people deported. He himself was in the midst of the captives; he nourished their 
hope and prophesied to them that the dry bones would return to life.

Troparion of our venerable fathers Simeon and John - 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.

Troparion of the holy prophet Ezekiel - Tone 2

O prophet of God, Ezekiel, through the gift of the Spirit you 
saw the sealed door of the Word's entrance. Beg him to open the 
doors of his mercy to us and save the souls of those who honor your 
memory.
Let us praise with love and faith the angelic Simeon. Acting
like an angel in the flesh, he glows with virtue. Let us remember John
along with him, since they pray together unceasingly to the Lord for us.

You were a prophet of God, O wonderful Ezekiel. You predicted the
Lord’s coming in the flesh, and the Creator has come like a lamb.
The Son of God has been revealed to the ages.

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?
Prokeimenon for 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.

Alleluia for Fools of Christ - 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 for 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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Verse: The just man will be remembered forever; evil news he will not fear;

Refrain: evil news he will not fear. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
22 The holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, equal to the apostles, who, freed by
the Lord of seven demons and made a disciple, followed him even to Mount Calvary.
At the break of dawn on the first Pascha, she was found worthy to see the Savior risen
again from the dead and to bear the news of his resurrection to the other disciples.
Translation of the relics of the holy bishop martyr Phocas, bishop of Sinope. His
relics were taken from Sinope to Vienne in France in the 13th century, and today is the
feast of the translation.

Troparion of Mary Magdalene - Tone 1:

You followed Christ who was born of a virgin for us, keeping his laws and
obeying his decrees, O Mary. In return we observe your holy memory,
that our sins might be forgiven through your prayer.

Troparion of the holy priest-martyr Phocas - Tone 4

You shared in the apostles’ way of life and succeeded to their throne,
divinely inspired bishop. You found access to contemplation
in the active life. Therefore, you rightly taught the word of truth
and struggled for the faith to the shedding of your blood. O priest-martyr
Phocas, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Mary Magdalene - Tone 3:

You stood before the cross with the others, O glorious Mary, and you cried as you suffered there with the Theotokos. You opened your mouth in praise, saying: How strange this is that he who uphold all creation has deigned to suffer. Glory to your pow'r!

Kontakion of Phocas - Tone 6:

As a pastor who offered sacrifice, you bore witness to Christ with justice. Strength-en by angels, you yearned for death. At last you offered yourself as a sacrifice to him who abides among those who sing to you:
Stay with us, O father, and never leave us.

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

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

Prokeimenon of a Priest-Martyr - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):

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

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.
Alleluia of a Priest-Martyr - 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):

23 The holy martyrs Trophimus and Theophilus and their companions suffered martyrdom by beheading during the reign of the emperor Diocletian. (4th century)
The holy martyrs Appolinaris and Vitalis, bishops of Ravenna. While spreading the unsearchable riches of Christ among the nations, Appolinaris was a good pastor who went before his flock (cf John 10:4) It is said that he was decorated with the glorious honor of martyrdom at the church of Classis near Ravenna in Flaminia. He is said to have been the first bishop of Ravenna. On this day, it is said, it was commanded by God that a famous basilica be built under the name of Vitalis, bishop at Ravenna in Flaminia, in that city. Because of his undaunted faith, tenaciously held, he has been honored from time immemorial with the holy martyrs Valeria, Gervasius, Protasius and Ursicinus. (2nd century)
23 (continued) Our holy father Sharbel (Joseph) Makhluf, priest of the Lebanese Maronite Church. Desirous of strict solitude and a higher perfection, he withdrew from the monastery of Annaias in Lebanon to a hermitage. There he served God in the greatest austerity of life, fasting and praying to God day and night. His wonder-working is well known by the faithful. (1898)

Blessed Basil Hopko, Bishop of Medila, son of Anna Petrenko and Basil Hopko, poor, landless peasants. His father died when the boy was just a year old, and when he was four his mother emigrated to the United States to look for work. Educated in Hungary, graduating with honors in 1923. Trained at the Eparchial Seminary, Prjashev, Czechoslovakia. He had dreams of joining his mother in the United States, and of pursuing his vocation there, but the cost of recurring health problems left him unable to afford to travel. When he finally decided to serve in his native land, he was suddenly cured, and realized he was been given a sign about his calling. Ordained on 3 February 1929. Parish priest in Prague where he was noted for a mission to the poor, the unemployed, and to students. Taught at the Eparchial Seminary in Prjashev. Awarded the title of Monsignor in 1936. Doctor of Theology in 1940. Auxiliary bishop of Prjashev on 11 May 1947.

Arrested on 28 April 1950 as part of the Communist government's suppression of the Greek Catholic Church. He was kept on starvation rations and tortured for weeks, he was eventually given a show trial and sentenced to 15 years for the "subversive activity" of staying loyal to Rome He was repeatedly transferred from prison to prison, and continually abused. His health, physical and emotional, failed, and in 1964 he was transferred to a home for the aged and kept under guard there. Though he managed to overcome severe depression, and went on to minister to a group of 120 nuns imprisoned at the home, he never recovered his physical health.

On 13 June 1968 his original eparchy was restored, but a group of activists insisted that a Slovak bishop be appointed to the see, and Basil was removed. Deep divisions occurred throughout the eparchy, not all of which have yet been settled. Father Basil died without being able to resume leadership of his flock. His death was a direct result of imprisonment, and he is considered one of the many martyred by Communism.

Troparion of the Holy Martyrs - Tone 4:

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\text{O martyrs, you entered the tribunal of the unbelievers like true soldiers on a grave mission. You suffered many torments for the}
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sake of the faith, professing Christ with fortitude. Intercede with Christ for all we need.

Troparion of blessed Basil - Tone 8:

Guide to Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary for the world, inspired adornment of bishops, O wise Basil, harp of the Spirit, you enlightened all by your teachings; intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Trophimus - Tone 1

You embraced all your suffering with heroic stance, and you were
ar-rayed with glory. O blessed saint. You turned a wolf into a lamb
by divine grace and inspired him to join you in martyrdom.

For this we praise you, O glorious Trophimus.

Kontakion of Basil - Tone 2

Di-vine-ly wise Basil, you prac-ticed self-con-trol and stilled
the desires of the flesh, O holy fa-ther. You flour-ished in faith
and flowered like the tree of life in Para-dise.

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

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the

won-ders of his will.

Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
Prokeimenon for a Priest-Martyr - Tone 7 (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: 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 for the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

Verse: Re- joice in the Lord, you righ - teous ones; praise from the up - right,
Verse: the up - right is fit- ting. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al-le-lu-ia!

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

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

Al-le-lu-ia!

24 The holy great martyr Christine, at Volsinus [now Bolsena] in Tuscany, virgin and martyr. (c.300)
The holy martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David, who, princes of Rus’ and sons of St. Vladimir the Great, preferred to suffer death than to resist their brother Svyatopolk by violence. Boris obtained the palm of martyrdom on the river Alta near Pereslavl and Gleb a short while later near Smolensk. (1015)

Troparion - Tone 2

Right-eous mar-tyrs for the gospel and shar-ers in the pas-sion, you did not
op-pose the vio-lence of the en-e-my. Al-though your brother tried to
kill your bod-ies, he still could not touch your souls. Let the e-vil
lover of power groan unhappy. You are filled with joy among the
angels standing before the Holy Trinity. Please pray for your homeland
and its conversion and for the salvation of its people.

Kontakion - Tone 3

Today the memory of your suffering gleams, O noble martyrs;
it compels us to praise Christ our God. Rushing to gather around your holy
relics, we seek gifts of health by your pray'rs. You are heavenly healers, O holy ones.

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 2 (Psalm 132: 1, 3):

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

25 Dormition of the Holy Anna, mother of the Mother of God. All that we know of the mother of the Mother of God is taken from tradition, and from the apocryphal “Proto-Evangelion of James.” She is also commemorated on September 9th, with her husband St. Joachim.

Memory of the holy women Olympiada and Euphraxia at Nicomedia in Bithynia. Olympiada was a widow who, bereft of her husband while still young, passed the remainder of her life most piously at Constantinople among women devoted to God. She was a deaconess, first in the time of Patriarch Nectarius, and then under St. John Chrysostom. She assisted the poor and was also very faithful to St. John Chrysostom in his exile. (408) Euphraxia went with her mother to Egypt, traveling around the monasteries and giving alms. She received the monastic habit and entered into deep ascetic discipline. (413)
O holy Anna, you are filled with the wisdom of God, and you gave birth to the most pure Mother, the one who gave birth to Life. Therefore, you have been carried up in glory on this day to the blessedness of heaven, to the abode of those who exult with joy. And now you pray, O ever-blessed one, for the forgiveness of sins for all those who honor you with all their heart.

Let us celebrate the memory of Christ’s ancestors, and fervently ask for their help so that, delivered from all affliction, we may cry out: O God, who glorified them according to your good will,
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

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

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

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification:

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul

the wondrous conception of the Mother of God.
Let us, the faithful, ex-tol the The-o-to-kos, the Ev-er-flow-ing Foun-tain of Life,
ra-diant Bea-con of Grace, Liv-ing Tem-ple, and-most pure Tab-er-na-cle,
more spa-cious than earth and heav-en.

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

26 The holy priest-martyr Hermolaus and his companions. He was a priest in Nicomedia in the time of the Emperor Maximian, and was with the 20,000 martyrs condemned to be burned inside their church (cf Dec 28). These three priests escaped. They were all caught, tortured and martyred. (304)
The holy venerable martyr Paraskevia. Born in Rome to Christian parents, she preached Christ even as a small child. When her parents died, she gave away all her goods to the poor and received the monastic habit. She was denounced to the emperor Anoninus Pius, and beheaded. (2nd century)
Our venerable father Moses the Carpathian of the Monastery of the Caves. He was at the court of Prince Boris of Russia. When Svyatopolk murdered Boris and Gleb, Moses escaped and fled to Kiev. He was enslaved and sold to King Boleslav of Poland, where he suffered much on account of his monastic commitment. He eventually returned to the Monastery of the Caves and lived for ten years in silence. (1043)

Troparion of the holy priest-martyr Hermolaus and his companions - Tone 4

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.
Your personal pledge is like a marriage, for you promised your fidelity to the one faith, and you inherited life, O Paraskevia, the martyr named for Christ. From your heritage you bestow health, and you pray for the salvation of our souls.

We praise you with sacred hymns as another Joseph, O most honored Moses, great lover of purity and chastity, and equal of the angels.

We earnestly pray to you: entreat Christ our God to heal all our passions and to grant us great mercy.
Liv - ing like a good pastor, you re - ceived a mar - tyr's crown. You scattered the
sacri - fices be - fore the i - dols and proved yourself a good shep - herd
of your flock. You were an honest teacher for Pan - te - lei - mon, O wise saint.

We ven - erate you on this account, O father Hermo - laus, and cry out:
De - liver us from mis - for - tune by your pray'rs.

Kontakion of Paraskevia - Tone 8

Come you faith - ful, let us praise Par - aske - vi - a the mar - tyr. She shines with miracles
in the world, dispel - ling the mist of lies, and she gives boun - ti - ful grace
to those who sing: Re - joice, O long - suf - fring mar - tyr.
O Father, we have you as a model of virtues, For you disdained carnal
pleasures and earthly wealth. You endured temporal sufferings
and received eternal joy and the glory of the Kingdom of heaven.

O father Moses, boast of the Carpathian lands, pray to Christ our God
that our souls may be saved.

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.

God is wondrous in his saints, the God of Israel,
the God of Is - ra - el.

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

Prokeimenon for a Venerable - 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 for Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):

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

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

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

Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.
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 for the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

Communion Hymn for a Venerable - (Psalm 111:6,7):
You received an invitation through the lips of Hermolaus which came from heaven itself. You embraced the faith of your mother, and you rejoiced when you were killed for it.

In return you received the grace to heal sickness, so heal our infirmities that we may honor you, O great martyr Panteleimon.

Troparion - Tone 8:

Kontakion - Tone 5

You imitated the merciful Lord. By the grace...
to heal which he gave you, heal our souls through your effective prayers, O martyr of Christ our God. Drive away the demons from those who honor you and who sing in their faith: Save us O Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be remembered forever;
Refrain

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

28 The holy apostles and deacons Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas, who were of the seven chosen to be deacons in Acts 6:1ff. and there described as “full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.” The congregation of the disciples chose them, and the Apostles laid their hands on them, that they might minister in service to the needy.

Our venerable mother Alphonsa Muttathupadathu. When threatened with marriage by her parents, she placed her feet into the fire and fled to the Malabarese Poor Clares in Kerala state, India, where she offered the remainder of her life and work to God. (1946)

Troparion - Tone 3

O ho-ly a-pos-tles, in-ter-cede with the mer-ci-ful God

that he may grant our souls for-give-ness of sins.

Kontakion - Tone 2

You were dea-cons and eye-wit-ness-es of the Word, cho-sen ves-sels of the

faith and glo-ri-ous saints. To-day we take up the celebra-tion of your
mem - o - ry and glo - ri - fy you with a light and hap - py heart.

Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage reach - es
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.

Through all the earth their voice re - sounds;

their mes - sage rea - ches to the ends of the world.

Refrain
29 The holy martyr Callinicus at Gangra in Paphlagonia. He left all behind to preach the Gospel. When arrested for the sake of Christ, he testified boldly and was tortured. He was burned to death. (250)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your martyr Callinicus, 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 - Tone 2

You were burnt to ashes because you loved Christ. In heaven you have inherited eternal goods. How courageously you endured your pains, O Callinicus. Now that you are in heaven, do not forget us who are still on earth.
The just man will re-joice in the Lord, and will put his trust in him.

Verses:

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

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

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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

30 The holy apostles Silas and Silvanus and their companions. Silas was sent by the apostles to the Churches of the gentiles together with Saints Paul and Barnabas. He earnestly fulfilled the office of preaching, full of the grace of God. (Acts 15:22) Silvanus helped both Peter and Paul (I Peter 5:12; II Corinthians 1:19), and became the first bishop of Salonica. Crescens was a fellow-worker with St. Paul (II Tim. 4:10) and then bishop in Galatia and missionary in Gaul. Epaenetus is mentioned by Paul (Rom. 16:7) and became bishop of Carthage.
Let us praise the apostles Silas, Silvanus, and their companions.

They overcame the deceits of idolatry and caught the pagans for the faith. They pray unceasingly for those who keep their memory.

O Silas and Silvanus, you were two disciples of the Lord, two vines in the Lord's vineyard producing clusters of virtue like grapes. You poured out for us the wine of salvation that fills the hearts of the faithful with joy and makes them celebrate your honorable memory. Obtain for us the remission of our sins and transgressions.

Troparion - Tone 3

Kontakion - Tone 4
Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their message reaches to the ends of the world.

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

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

**Alleluia - Tone 1** (Psalm 88:6,8):

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

**Verse:** God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.

**Communion Hymn** (Psalm 18:5):

Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their voice re-sounds;

Refrain

their message reaches to the ends of the world. Alleluia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
The holy and righteous Eudocimus, who lived in the time of the emperor Theophilus, the iconoclast. He was the military governor of Cappadocia, and lived a virtuous life before God and man. He died at the age of thirty-three. (9th century)
The holy Joseph of Arimathaea. Noble Joseph, a rich man and member of the Jewish Sanhedrin, was a secret follower of Christ (Matt.27:57; Jn. 19:38). He took Christ’s body down from the tomb with Nicodemus, and laid it in his own new tomb. The risen Lord appeared to him and brought him to faith in the Resurrection. He traveled far, preaching the Gospel, and took it to England, where he died. (1st century)

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 our venerable father Eudocimus - Tone 4

Holy Eudocimus, God called you out of this world and led you to the eternal mansions. He will keep your body incorrupt.

You lived a life of wisdom and honor, keeping your body pure.

Intercede trustingly with Christ that he may save all of us.
Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 4

The heavens surpassed the sun in brilliance, for the cross illumines ev’rything
by its radiance. Enlighten our minds and senses by its pow’r.

We have the cross as an armor of peace and a trophy of light.

Kontakion of Eudocimus - Tone 2

You yearned for the things of heaven, and you achieved union
with them. You perfected your soul like a fiery chariot
by means of the ladder of good works. O most bless-ed Eudocimus, since you
lived your life on earth like an angel, now you have received
the Creator’s seal.
Prokeimenon of the Cross - Tone 7 (Psalm 98:5,1):

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

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

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

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

Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.
Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.
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.

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

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

Refrain

Alleluia of a Venerable (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