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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 third 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
The holy priest-martyr Theodore Romzha. Born in Veliky Bychkiv in Carpatho-Russia in 1911, he came from a poor family and exhibited a vocation to the priesthood. Sent to Rome for studies, he was ordained in 1937 and sent to the country parish of Berzovo. In 1939, he was called to the seminary at Uzhhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1944, despite his youth, he was ordained bishop for the Mukachevo Eparchy. During the Soviet Army’s occupation of Carpatho-Russia, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned, and died. (1947)

Troparion of Theodore - Tone 4

My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!

Up on a cart as upon his bishop's throne, Theodore has been carried beyond the sanctuary veil. Let fall, O father, your mantle of pray'r,

and beseech Christ to save our souls.

Kontakion of Theodore - Tone 8

Though the godless poured poison into your veins, your heart still beats with love for Christ, O bishop Theodore, martyred father, who now
raise your prayers before the Throne of God.

**Prokeimenon - Tone 7** (Psalm 149:5,1):

> 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 - Tone 2** (Psalm 131:9,13):

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

> Al-le-lu-ia!

**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):

> The just man will be remembered forever;

> evil news he will not fear; evil news he will not fear.

> Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Also on November 1:

The holy unmercenary wonderworkers Cosmas and Damian who, it is said, practiced medicine asking for no money in Cyrrhus in Euphratesia and many were healed by their free cures.

Troparion - Tone 8:

Kontakion - Tone 2:

By your care, defeat our shameless enemies and give miraculous healing to the world.

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Troparion - Tone 8:

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By your care, defeat our shameless enemies and give miraculous healing to the world.
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):

Refrain: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
2  The holy martyrs Akindynos, Pegasius, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor, and Anempodistus, and very many companions in Persia, martyrs, who, under Licinius the emperor, suffered under the King Shapur II. (335)

Troparion - Tone 2

O victorious witnesses of the Lord, blessed is the earth which has drunk your blood. Holy are the tombs which have received your bodies. In the furnace you conquered the foe and preached Christ. Intercede with the gracious Lord to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2

Christ's soldiers were on earth like stars revolving around the Sun of Glory. They dispelled the darkness of the passions and generously poured out upon all people an abundance of grace, granting an assurance of salvation to those who call upon them with faith.
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.

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):
3 The holy martyrs Acepsimas the bishop, Joseph the priest, and Aeithalas the deacon. Acepsimas was eighty years old when the Persian king Sapor began the persecution of Christians in which Acepsimas was seized. He was interrogated, thrown into prison with Joseph and Aeithalas, and then killed. They suffered in the fourth century. (4th century)

Foundation of the church of the holy great martyr George in Lydda, where his relics are kept. This is the anniversary of the translation of the relics of the Great Martyr from Nicomedia to Lydda in Palestine. In the time of the emperor Constantine the Great, a beautiful church was built to house the relics. It remains a place of great pilgrimage.

Troparion of the Martyrs - 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.

Troparion of the Great Martyr George - Tone 4

O victorious Great Martyr George, protector of the poor, liberator of prisoners, physician of the sick, and champion of kings,
intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Martyrs - Tone 2

O holy Acepsimas, you served the Holy Mysteries faithfully and became an acceptable oblation while partaking of the cup of Christ.

Together with your companions, pray unceasingly for all of us.

Kontakion of George - Tone 8

We hurry to the shelter of your sure and swift protection, and we make this petition to you, O martyr: Save from every assault of the enemy and from dangers and evil those who sing to you. Therefore, we will sing to you:

Rejoice, O great martyr George!
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.

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.

For the Martyrs: (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.

For the Great Martyr: (Psalm 91:13,14):

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.
Communion Hymn for the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

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

Refrain

the up-right is fit-ting. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia!

Communion Hymn for the Great-Martyr (Psalm 111:6,7):

The just man will be re-mem-bered for-e-ver; e-vil news he

Refrain

will not fear. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia!
Our venerable father Joannicus the Great in the coenobium of Antidium in Bithynia, monk, who, having left the military after more than twenty years in arms, pursued the solitary life in different forests of Mt. Olympus. He was accustomed to end his prayer with these words: "God my hope, Christ my refuge, Holy Spirit my protector." (846)

The holy martyr Nicander, bishop of Myra and the priest Hermas, at Myra in Lycia. Both were ordained by the Apostle Titus. They were distinguished by a great zeal for the Faith and for their great labors in winning pagans for Christ. Because of this, they were tortured in various ways and eventually were buried alive. (1st century)

Troparion of Joannicus - Tone 4

You fought like a brave soldier against the hostile flesh, and you battled spiritual enemies by deep fasting. You vanquished legions of devils by humility and have shown yourself a great conqueror. You received the power to heal from God. O Joannicus, now beg him to save our souls.

Troparion of Nicander and Hermas - 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.

Kontakion of Joannicus - Tone 8

You became a brilliant star over the earth, guiding those in the fog of passions.

You became a truly effective doctor, for you received the grace to heal.

O father Joannicus, heal those who petition you, that we may ever sing to you.

Kontakion of Nicander and Hermas - Tone 4

You were enlightened with the anointing of truth, and you were illumined by

the blood of martyrdom. With joy you have taken up your place among the

angels. We gladly keep your memory today, hoping to obtain purification

by your pray'rs.
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 of the Priest-Martyrs - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):
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.

Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page XX)
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia of the Priest-Martyrs - 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):

5 The holy martyrs Galaction and Episteme, husband and wife who joined nearby monasteries immediately after their marriage. They did not see each other for many years, until the persecution which brought them both into court and saw them die on the same day. (253)

The holy priest-martyr Gregory Lakota, bishop of Peremyshl. He was born in the Lemko district in 1883, and studied theology in L'viw. He was ordained priest in 1908, and was subsequently sent for further studies. In 1913 he became a professor of the seminary at Peremyshl, and in 1926 he was ordained bishop, becoming auxiliary bishop of Peremyshl. He was arrested in 1946 by the Soviets and sentenced to ten years in prison, finally dying there as a martyr. (1950)
Your holy martyrs, O Lord our God, in their struggles, received incorruptible crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the tyrants and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

O Galacti-on, you and your faithful wife, Epis-te-me, were numbered among the martyrs of Christ because you fought the good fight in many encounters. Therefore pray unceasingly to the only God 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.

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. Alleluia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Our father Paul the Confessor, archbishop of Constantinople, who was frequently exiled by the Arians because of his adherence to the Nicene faith and as often restored in dignity. Finally he was sent by Constantius the emperor to Cucusum, a small village in Cappadocia. In that place, it is said, he was strangled in a conspiracy of the Arians. (351)

**Troparion - Tone 3**

The Church sees you as another Paul because of your confession of the divine faith. The blood of Abel and Zechariyah calls for you to the Lord. O father, beg Christ our God to have mercy on us.

**Kontakion - Tone 2**

You shone over the earth like a heavenly star, and now you enlighten the universal Church. For her sake, you shed your blood and made a gift of your soul, O Paul. Just like the blood of Abel and Zechariyah, your blood cried out to the Lord with might.
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 149:5,1):

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

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 32:1):

Refrain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
7 The holy thirty-three martyrs at Melitene. Hieron was a devout Christian who cared diligently for his blind mother, Stratonica. He was forcibly impressed into the army, where he refused to worship idols. He was brought before the local governor with thirty-two other local Christians. They went to their death singing the psalm, “Blessed are those undefiled in their way, who walk in the Law of the Lord.” (298)

Our venerable father Lazarus the Wonderworker, who fasted in the hills of Galilee. He left for the Holy Land on pilgrimage and became a monk of the monastery of St. Sabbas the Sanctified. After ten years, he settled in Galilee and lived as a stylite. (11th century)

Troparion of the Martyrs - 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.

Troparion of Lazarus - Tone 8

Your falling tears and constant prayers soaked the pillar, and the thoughts of your heart produced fruit a hundred-fold. You were a shepherd, and you obtain remission for all.
O father Lazarus, beg Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Martyrs - Tone 8

The radiant choir of martyrs in festival robes adorns the Church today by their presence among us. We celebrate their precious memory and beg favor from you, O Savior. By their prayers keep us from all troubles so that we can sing to you: Alleluia!

Kontakion of Lazarus - Tone 4

The Church of Christ praises you with a host of psalms, for you have become one of her lights. Do not cease your prayers to Christ. that we may obtain the remission of our sins.
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?

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):

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous ones;

praise from the upright, the upright is fitting.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Communion Hymn for 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.

Refrain

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
8 THE SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL THE ANGELIC POWERS. In the time of Pope Sylvester of Rome and Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria, this feast was established to honor Michael and Gabriel the Archangels, and all the holy bodiless powers of heaven in their nine choirs: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

Troparion - Tone 4

Lead-ers of the heav-en-ly ar-mies, al-though we are unworthy, we al-ways be-seech you to for-ti-fy us by your pray’rs and to shel-ter us beneath the wings of your sub-lime glo-ry. Watch over us who bow to you and cry out fer-vent-ly: De-liv-er us from dan-ger, for you are the com-mand-ers of the pow-ers on high.

Kontakion - Tone 2

Lead-ers of God’s armies and minis ters of di-vine glo-ry, com-mand-ers of an-gels and guides of mor-tals, plead on our behalf for what we need and for great mer-cy; since you are the lead-ers of the heav-en-ly hosts.
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 103:4,1):

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, how great you are.

Alleluia - 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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 103:4):

Refrain: a flaming fire. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
The holy martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphry of Ephesus, martyred for their faith in the time of the emperor Diocletian (284-305). They were harshly beaten, and then broken to pieces by horses.

Our venerable mother Matrona. From Perga in Pamphylia, she fled a horrible marriage by dressing in men’s clothing and, under the name of Babylas, lived in a monastery in Constantinople. She went from monastery to monastery to evade her husband. She lived the monastic life for seventy-five years and fell asleep in the Lord. (492)

The venerable Theoctista of Lesbos became a nun at the age of seventeen. Saracens descended on the island and enslaved all the people they captured. Theoctista escaped and lived in an abandoned church on the island of Paros for thirty-five years. (881)

Troparion - Tone 8

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Kontakion - Tone 2

O venerable Matrona, you spent all your strength in fasting and abstinence.
You have devoted yourself to pray'r; you have served the Lord with generosity. For him you have left everything and spent your life in fidelity.

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!

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):

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

Refrain

Alleluia!

10 The holy apostles Erastus, Olympas and Rhodion and their companions. Erastus was the treasurer of the city of Corinth and ministered to blessed Paul the Apostle.

Troparion - Tone 3

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

Kontakion - Tone 2

You illumined your mind with light divine, and you refuted crafty arguments with true wisdom. You converted the Gentiles, O
glo-rious a-pos-tles, and you brought them to the Mas-ter,

teach-ing them to wor-ship the Trin-i-ty.

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

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.

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

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

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

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 voice resounds;

Refrain

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

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

11 The holy martyrs Menas, Victor, and Vincent. Menas was a soldier from Egypt, who could not bear to look upon the food offering made in sacrifice to idols. Because of this, he left the army and went into the desert to live with wild beasts. Menas was arrested by a pagan governor and tortured and martyred with his companions Victor and Vincent. (304) The holy martyr Stephanis volunteered to die with Vincent. (304) Our venerable father and confessor Theodore the Studite was hegumen of that monastery in Constantinople who suffered greatly for his defense of the cult of the holy icons. He was a wise organizer of monastic life, an inspired teacher of the Orthodox faith, and a great ascetic. He died in Constantinople at the age of 68. (826)

The holy priest-martyr Vincent Eugene Bossilkov. A member of the Passionist community, he admirably shepherded the flock of the Bulgarian Greek Catholic Church, and, when the Communists took control of the country, he refused to renounce the Union with Rome and was put to death in a most cruel manner. (1952)

Troparion of the Martyrs - Tone 4

O Lord and Master, you have made those martyrs who shared in your passion orna-ments of glory for the world. Therefore, we have in them an in-vi-cible ad-vo-cate.
Troparion of Theodore - Tone 8

Guide to Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness,

luminary for the world, inspired adornment

of monks O wise Theodore, harp of the Spirit, you enlightened all by your teachings; intercede with Christ

our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Martyrs - Tone 4

Christ our God summoned you from an earthly army, and enlisted you in

the army of heaven, O martyr Menas. You have been given

the untarnishing crown of the martyrs.
You surrounded yourself with every ascetic practice in order to protect your angelic life. With the grace of God you became like the angels.

Together with them, O Theodore, never cease to intercede with Christ our God for the sake of 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.

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 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 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 (Psalm 32:1):
Our venerable father John the Merciful, patriarch of Alexandria. Also called “the Almsgiver,” he died at Amathus on the island of Cyprus. He was famous for his compassion to the poor. Filled with love toward all, he built very many churches, hospitals, and orphanages and worked with the greatest care to relieve every misfortune of the city. To this end, he gave away the goods of the Church and diligently urged the rich to help them out with their wealth. (620)

Our venerable father Nilus was a government official in Constantinople. He and his wife, seeing the state of morals there, joined monasteries in Egypt (the women) and on Mt. Sinai (the men). He lived the monastic life for sixty years and died at the age of eighty. (450)

The holy martyr Josaphat, bishop of Polotsk. Josaphat Kuncewicz, bishop of the Greek Catholic Church and martyr, spurred his flock to Catholic unity by his constant effort and nurtured the Byzantine-Slavic Church by his pious love. At Vitebsk in Belarus (then under the control of Poland), he was cruelly seized by an angry mob and died for the unity of the Church and in defense of the Catholic truth. (1623)
You were enlightened by a spark from the crucified Christ from the time when you were a child. You were like an angel in monastic life, living in it with true holiness. You openly preached unity, and with your martyr's blood, you calmed the hearts of those who had been tossed about with schism. Christ has crowned you and we sing to you:

Rejoice, unshatterable pillar of unity.

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 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 32:1):

13 Our holy father John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople. Born in Antioch, he was ordained to the priesthood and found worthy of the title Chrysostom because of his golden eloquence. Chosen for the see of Constantinople, he showed himself to be the best pastor and teacher of the faith. He was forced into exile by his enemies. When he was recalled from his exile by a decree of Pope Saint Innocent I, having suffered many evils from the accompanying soldiers, he returned his soul to God on the fourteenth day of September at Comana in Pontus. (407)
The grace shining forth from your mouth like a torch

has enlightened the universe; it has stored up in the world the treasure of disdain for wealth. It has shown us the heights of humility. Instruct us by your words, John Chrysostom our father, and intercede with the Word, Christ God, to save our souls.

You have received divine grace from heaven and with your lips you teach all how to worship one God in the Trinity, most blessed venerable John Chrysostom. It is fitting that we praise you; for you are the teacher who reveals the divine.
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 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 (Psalm 111:6,7):
The holy and illustrious apostle Philip. Philip, who like Peter and Andrew was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and had become a disciple of John the Baptist, was called by the Lord to follow him. He preached in Phrygia with John the Theologian, and Bartholomew. Philip was crucified there upside down on a tree.

Our holy father Gregory Palamas, archbishop of Thessalonica. When Gregory completed his secular studies, he withdrew to the Holy Mountain and became a monk of (successively) Vatopedi and the Great Lavra. He was made Metropolitan of Salonica in 1347, and governed that church for twelve years. He is famous as both an ascetic and a theologian. (1359)

Troparion - Tone 3

She re ceived light from you, O di vine preach er Philip, and she celebrates your mem o ry. You taught ev ry one to be lie ve in Christ and you completed the course of the Gos pel. There fore, Eth i o pi a has come to serve God. Beg him to have mer cy on us.

Kontakion - Tone 8

O Lord, your disciple Philip was in spired by God; your be lov ed one and the imitator of your pas sion has preached your divini ty to the world.
Through his intercession and for the sake of the Theotokos, guard your Church and your flock from their enemies, O most merciful Christ our God.

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

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

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

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Refrain

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

15 The holy martyrs and confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Habib. Gurias, ascetic, and Samonas suffered at Edessa in Osrhoene. They were condemned to death under Diocletian the emperor by the prefect Mysian after lengthy and savage torture and then were beheaded by the sword. Habib was a deacon who suffered for the faith later. (322)

Troparion - Tone 5

You granted us the miracles of your holy martyrs as a stronghold and a protection. Through their pray'rs, strengthen our country in every good deed. O Christ our God, you alone are merciful and you love all people.

Kontakion - Tone 2

O wise martyrs, after receiving a special grace from on high, you became
the protectors of those threatened by danger. You saved a maiden from cruel death, O holy ones; you are indeed the glory of Edessa and the joy of the world.

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

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

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

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

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):

Re-joice in the Lord, you righteous ones; praise from the upright,
16 The holy apostle and evangelist Mathew who, named Levi, was called by Jesus to follow him and leave his job of publican or tax collector. Chosen among the Apostles, he wrote a Gospel in which Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham, is particularly proclaimed to fulfill the Old Testament.

Troparion - Tone 3

You rose from the tax collector’s booth and you followed Christ in all earnestness. He made you a blessing for all, a chosen apostle and evangelist for the world. Therefore, we honor your sacred memory and we ask you to beg God to forgive our sins.

Kontakion - Tone 4

You cast off the yoke of gathering taxes, and you put on the yoke of
just - tice. You be - came a shrewd mer - chant, ob - taining a wealth of wis - dom

from heav - en it - self. When you preached the word of truth, you lifted up
depressed spir - its. You wrote of the com - ing hour of judg - ment.

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

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.

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

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

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

43
Our holy father Gregory the Wonder-worker, bishop of Neocaesarea in Pontus, who embraced the Christian faith as a youth, progressed in both human and divine knowledge, was ordained a bishop and was famous for his teaching, virtue and apostolic labors. Because of very many marvels he performed, he is called Wonder-worker/Thaumaturgus. (270)

The holy priest-martyr Josaphat Kotsylovsky. Born in the Lemko district in 1876, he graduated with a degree in theology from Rome, and was ordained priest in 1907. Not long after, he was appointed vice-rector of the seminary at Ivano-Frankivsk. He entered the novitiate of the Basilian Order in 1911. In 1917, he was ordained bishop of Peremyshl. In September of 1945, the Polish Communist government arrested him, and he died for the Faith two years later in Kiev. (1947)
our God that he may enlighten our minds, lest we go to sleep in sin which leads to death.

Kontakion - Tone 2

You received the pow'r of performing miracles and frightened the devils through your wonder-working and your healing of the sick. Therefore,

O most wise Gregory, your deeds entitled you to be called the Wonderworker.

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 2 (Psalm 36:30,31):

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):

18 The holy martyrs Plato and Roman. Born in the town of Ancyra in Galatia, Plato showed early and great perfection in virtue. Because he did not hide his faith, he was called before the governor for trial. After having been cruelly tortured, he was beheaded and died in 266. Roman was a deacon of the Church in Caesarea. Boldly accusing the governor of idolatry, he was tortured and killed. (303)

Troparion - Tone 4

Your holy martyrs, O Lord our God, in their struggles, received incor-
rup-ti-ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty-rants
and broke the cowardly val-or of de-mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4
Your ho-ly memory de-lights the u-ni-verse and brings us together in your
ho-ly tem-ple. Since we are now gathered to-geth-er in our joy,
we praise your great deeds with hymns, O Pla-to and Ro-man,
as we cry out to you with faith: O holy ones, save your cit-y from its
en-e-mies.
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):

19 The holy prophet Obadiah, who after the exile of the people of Israel announced the wrath of the Lord against the enemy nations.

The holy martyr Barlaam at Antioch in Syria. He was rustic and unpolished but strong in the wisdom of Christ. He withstood the fire with incense placed on his hand by the unconquered constancy of his faith. Because of the ferocity of the tyrant, he came to his palm of martyrdom. (304)
As we celebrate the memory of your prophet Obadiah, O Lord, we implore you to save our souls through his prayers.

Your martyr Barlaam, 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.

Receiving clarity of mind from divine illumination, the great Obadiah sees the future through the Holy Spirit. We piously and wisely
keep his memory today, and venerate him to find light for our hearts.

**Kontakion of Barlaam - Tone 4**

You became a renowned person because of your might, and you offered yourself like incense as a sacrifice in the fire to Christ. You received a crown of honor, O martyr Barlaam; now pray for us at all times.

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

You are a priest for ever 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.

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

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

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

50
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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Prefestive day of the Entrance of the Theotokos.

Our venerable father Gregory the Decapolite at Constantinople, monk. He first professed the monastic life and then the life of an anchorite. Then he made a journey and settled for a long while in Thessalonica. Finally he returned his soul to God at Constantinople where he fought vigorously in defense of the holy Images. (9th century)

Our holy father Proclus, archbishop of Constantinople, who vigorously proclaimed blessed Mary to be the Theotokos (“she who gave birth to God”). He returned the body of St. John Chrysostom from exile in a triumphal translation. His episcopate was so adorned with blessings that at the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon he was thought worthy to be called the Great. (446)

Our venerable mother Josaphata Hordashevska, in the town of Chervohohrad near L’viv in Galicia, who served wherever the need was greatest in the Institute of the Sisters Servant of Mary Immaculate. She founded this community to serve the Greek-Catholic Church in Galicia and Canada. (1919)

Troparion of the Prefeast - Tone 4

To-day Anna prepares for us a joy that dispels all sadness for she has blossomed and borne the only Ever-Virgin. To-day she fulfills her vows with gladness and leads into the Temple of the Lord the one who is the true temple of God the Word and his pure Mother.

Troparion of Gregory - Tone 4

God of our fathers, you always deal with us in your kindness. Take not
your mercy away from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion of the Prefeast - Tone 4

Filled with joy today by the auspicious feast of the Theotokos,
the whole world cries out: This is the Heavenly Ark.

Kontakion of Gregory - Tone 3

The Church recognizes you as a brilliant sun which enlightens the world with virtue and with miracles of healing. You pleased Christ, and now we praise you, as we celebrate your precious memory, O Gregory.

Kontakion of Proclus - Tone 4

The most honorable of cities celebrates your death in a manner
worthy of you, O wise Proclus, father of our ancestors.

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

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

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

Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.
Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
THE ENTRANCE OF OUR MOST BLESSED LADY, THE THEOTOKOS
AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY INTO THE TEMPLE. The day after the dedication of
the basilica of the New St. Mary’s, built near the wall of the temple in Jerusalem, that
dedication is celebrated which the future mother of God showed of her own accord
toward God from her infancy. By the movement of the Holy Spirit she was immaculate,
filled with grace at her conception.

Troparion - Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God’s benevolence and the herald of our
salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God
and fore-tells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her:
Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator’s plan.

Kontakion - Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Saviour, the most precious Bridal Chamber
and Virgin, the Treasury of the glory of God, is led
today into the house of the Lord, bringing grace in the Spirit of God.
God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heavenly Ark.

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.

Instead of “It is truly proper . . .”

Magnification:

The angels were struck with amazement, behold ing the entrance of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.
Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God;

but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of

the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure

Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.

Or this melody:

Irmos: 

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Tone 4 samopodoben

Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.
I shall take the chalice, the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thursday after November 21 - THANKSGIVING DAY

Troparion - Tone 7

You made the earth, O God, and all it contains. You have given us a share in your life. All creation sings praise to you. As our forefathers gave thanks to you after coming to these shores, we, your unworthy servants, also give thanks on this day for all your benefits bestowed throughout the years.
To-day, O faithful, sing to God your thanksgiving hymns; learning Scripture’s command to give thanks with heart as well as lips, and to seal heart and lips with blessed deeds. Let America play her thankful part among the nations, giving praise to our saving Lord, the benefactor of our souls.

Prokeimenon - Tone 2 (Psalm 115:8,3): A thanks-giving sacrifice I make; I shall call on the Lord’s name, I shall call on the Lord’s name.

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

Alleluia - Tone 5 (Psalm 117:21,28): Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: I shall thank you for you have answered and you are my Savior.
Verse: You are my God, I thank you; my God, I praise you.
First Communion Hymn: (Psalm 68:31):

I shall praise God's name, God's name with song; I shall glorify him with thanksgiving, I shall glorify him with thanksgiving.

Refrain

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

Second Communion Hymn (Psalm 66:7):

The earth has yielded, has yielded its fruit, for God, our God, has blessed us, for God, our God, has blessed us. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia!

22 Postfesto day of the Entrance

The holy Philemon and his companions of Colossae, for whose love in Christ Jesus blessed Paul the Apostle rejoiced and who is venerated together with his wife St. Apphia.

The holy martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius and Maximus. St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr, who it is said attained that double palm for the love of Christ at Rome in the cemetery of Callistus on the Appian Way and whose name provides the ancient title of a church, Trastevere [across the Tiber]. She was martyred after she buried with loving care the bodies of the martyrs Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus. (c.230)
**Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page 55)**

Today is the prelude of God's benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

**Troparion of Philemon and companions - Tone 3**

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

**Kontakion of Philemon and companions - Tone 2**

We praise these stars who bathe the world in light, the apostles Philemon, Archipus and Onesimus, also Mark, Apollo and Apphia.

We cry: Pray unceasingly for all of us.

**Kontakion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page 55)**

The most pure Temple of the Savior, the most precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the Treasury of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, bringing grace in the Spirit of God. God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heavenly Ark.

**Prokeimenon of the Entrance - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48): (music found on page 56)**

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

Allegro

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 of the Entrance - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13): (music found on page 56)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.
Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

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

Allegro

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.

Instead of "It is truly proper:
Magnification (music found on page 56)
The angels were struck with amazement, beholding the entrance of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

Irmos: (music found on page 57)
Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.

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

I shall take the chalice of salvation
and call up - on the name, and call up - on the name, the name of the Lord.

Refrain

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

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

Through all the earth their voice re - sounds;

their mes - sage re - aches to the ends of the world, ends of the world.

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

23 Postfes tive day of the Entrance.  
Our holy fathers Amphilocius, bishop of Iconium, in Lycaonia, who, a companion of 
Saints Basil and Gregory of Nazianzus in the desert and a colleague in the episcopate,  
famous for his holiness and teaching, underwent many trials for the Catholic faith (395)  
and Gregory, bishop of Agrigento, a great wonderworker and bishop who took part in  
the Fifth Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in 553.  (7th century)

Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page 55)  
Today is the prelude of God's benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in  
the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: Rejoice, fulfillment  
of the Creator's plan.

Troparion of the Hierarchs - Tone 4

God of our fa - thers, you always deal with us in your kind - ness.  Take not
your mercy away from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion of Amphilocius - Tone 2

Di-vine thun-der, spir-i-tual trum-pet, sow-er of faith, and destroy-er of her-e-sies, serv-ant of the Trin-i-ty, O great bish-op Amphilocius, you stand for-ev-er with the an-gels. Pray with-out ceas-ing for all of us.

Kontakion of Gregory - Tone 4

The Church shines with the splendor of the Ho-ly Spir-it up-on those who cel-ebrate your joy-ful passage into e-ter-nal life, O most bless-ed fa-ther Greg-ory.

Kontakion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page 55)
The most pure Temple of the Savior, the most precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the Treasury of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, bringing grace in the Spirit of God. God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heavenly Ark.

Prokeimenon of the Entrance - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48): (music found on page 56)
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.
Precious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful, is the death of his faithful.

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

**Alleluia of the Entrance - Tone 8** (Psalm 44:11,13): *(music found on page 56)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

**Alleluia of the Hierarchs - Tone 2** (Psalm 131:9,13):

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**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.

Instead of "It is truly proper:

**Magnification (music found on page 56)**
The angels were struck with amazement, beholding the entrance of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

**Irmos:** *(music found on page 57)*
Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.

**Communion Hymn of the Entrance** (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chalice of salvation and call
Communion Hymn of the Hierarchs (Psalm 111:6,7):

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

Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page 55)

Today is the prelude of God's benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

24 Postfeste day of the Entrance.

The holy great martyr Catherine, about whom it is told that she was an Alexandrian and a martyr, filled with sharpness of mind and wisdom no less than with strength of soul. Her body is honored in pious veneration in a famous coenobium on Mt. Sinai. (310) The holy great martyr Mercury was an Armenian soldier in the army of the emperor Decius. In a battle, an angel of the Lord appeared to Mercury and steeled him for combat. After this victory, he was made a commander by the emperor, but was denounced to him as a Christian by jealous soldiers. He was beheaded in Cappadocia, sometime between 251-259.
You enlightened the pagan philosophers with the light of your works.

You were like a full moon for those who travel at night.

You overcame the darkness and converted the queen.

You stood up to the torturer, O blessed Catherine, chosen by God.

On your wishes you were carried to the heavenly bridal chamber

of your splendid Bridegroom Christ. You were espoused to him with a regal crown, O bride chosen by God. In the company of the angels, pray for us who keep your memory.

Hav-ing passed through martyrdom like a true soldier, you have marched on
to the King immortal, O Mercury. You have been welcomed into the choir of martyrs. Receive our pray'rs and pray in turn for us, for we hold fast to your precious memory.

Kontakion of Catherine - Tone 2

Raise up the strains of glory for this martyred woman. Let us all venerate the wise woman, Cath'er-ine. She preached Christ from the pulpit of a furnace; she stepped up on the snake and crushed its head and silenced the long-winded orators.

Kontakion of Mercury - Tone 4

Let us praise and bless Mercury in song. He is an invincible warrior in
battle and a sure defender in trouble. He delivers from all danger and tribulation those who reverence him.

**Kontakion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page 55)**
The most pure Temple of the Savior, the most precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the Treasury of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, bringing grace in the Spirit of God. God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heavenly Ark.

**Prokeimenon of the Entrance - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48): (music found on page 56)**
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.

**Prokeimenon of 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.

**Alleluia of the Entrance - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13): (music found on page 56)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse:** Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.
**Verse:** The rich among the people will seek your favor.
Alleluia of a Venerable Martyr - 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.

Instead of "It is truly proper:
Magnification (music found on page 56)
The angels were struck with amazement, beholding the entrance of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

Irmos: (music found on page 57)
Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.

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

The just man will be remembered forever;
25 Leave-taking of the Entrance.
Our holy fathers and martyrs Clement, pope of Rome, and Peter, bishop of Alexandria. Clement ruled the Church of Rome third after blessed Peter the Apostle and wrote an outstanding letter to the Corinthians to strengthen the peace and concord among themselves. The burial of his body on this day in Rome is honored, his relics having been restored to the Eternal City by Saints Cyril and Methodius. (101) Peter came to the throne of Alexandria in the year 299, and died a martyr by the grave of the holy Apostle Mark. He fought against Arius and his teaching, and drove him out of the city. (311)

Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page 55)
Today is the prelude of God's benevolence and the herald of our salvation; for the Virgin openly appears in the temple of God and foretells Christ to all. Let us also with full voice exclaim to her: Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

Troparion of the Hierarchs - Tone 4
God of our fathers, you always deal with us in your kindness. Take not your mercy away from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion of the Hierarchs - Tone 4
Heavenly and immovable pillars of the Church, heavenly and strong
Kontakion of the Entrance - Tone 4 (music found on page 55)
The most pure Temple of the Savior, the most precious Bridal Chamber and Virgin, the Treasury of the glory of God, is led today into the house of the Lord, bringing grace in the Spirit of God. God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heavenly Ark.

Prokeimenon of the Entrance - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48): (music found on page 56)
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.

Prokeimenon of the Hierarchs - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):
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 of the Entrance - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13): (music found on page 56)
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.
Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.
Alleluia of the Hierarchs - 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.

Instead of "It is truly proper:
Magnification (music found on page 56)
The angels were struck with amazement, beholding the entrance of the Most Pure; seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

Irmos: (music found on page 57)
Let no uninitiated hand touch the living Ark of God; but let faithful lips, singing without ceasing the words of the angel to the Theotokos, cry aloud in great joy: O pure Virgin, you are truly exalted over all.

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

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

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

26 Our venerable father Alypius the Stylite at Hadrianopolis in Paphlagonia, deacon, who died near the age of one hundred. (640)
The commemoration of the dedication of the church of the holy great martyr George in Kiev

Troparion of Alypius - Tone 4

You seem a terror unscalable to the devils, crippling them by the club of your effective pray'rs. You chase away passions by fasting.

You are a firm support of those wavering. O blessed father Alypius,

beg Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion of George - Tone 4

Sat-ed with miracles, the whole world bless'es you to-day. Drunk with your blood, the earth keeps a hol-i-day. The Christians of Kiev rejoice at the
dedication of your Church, O martyr George, O chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit who pleased Christ. Beg him to forgive the sins of those who come to your Church with faith and pray'r. Beg him to give peace to the world and mercy to our souls.

Kontakion of Alypius - Tone 8

The Church glorifies and honors you today, O Alypius, a perfect example of virtue and pride of the ascetics. Through your pray'rs, release from their sins all those who eagerly venerate your life and struggles.

Kontakion of George - Tone 2

Let us who walk in procession into this consecrated Church praise the
heavenly and triumphant martyr George. He gained the laurels of victory over the enemy, and God deigned to set him among the saints in his name.

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

Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful, is the death of his faith - ful.

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

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

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

**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 holy martyr James the Persian. A noble at the Persian court, James offered sacrifice to idols despite his baptism. His mother and wife reproached him, begging him to repent. Moved by this, he repented bitterly and returned to Christ. The king sentenced him to death by being cut to death, bit by bit, until the end. He praised God and forgave his persecutors till they cut off his head. His holy head was taken to Rome, and a part of his relics are venerated in Portugal, where his feast is kept on May 22.

(400)
Our venerable father Palladius. (6th-7th century)
The holy icon of the Mother of God, called “the Sign”
thanks to God. For this you were crowned after your ordeal, and you have been admitted to the court of heaven. O long-suffering James, beg him to save our souls.

Troparion of Palladius - Tone 8

In you, O father, the divine image was strictly preserved; taking up your cross, you followed Christ. You taught us by example how to spurn the flesh, for it passes away, and how to care for the soul, which is immortal. Therefore, venerable Palladius, your soul rejoices with the angels.
You listened to your good wife and meditated upon the judgment of God, O holy James. You despised the threats and commands of the Persians and accepted to be cut to pieces like a vine.

Therefore, you became a martyr worthy of admiration.

You gained God by fast-ing and pray'r, by liv-ing a per-fect life as a monk.

You were a pure of-fering to the Holy Spirit and a shining example to the faithful. You en-light-en all who look to you, and so we are led to sing:

Glo-ry to Christ who ex-alt-ed you! Glo-ry to him who strength-ened you! Glo-ry to him who heals us through you!
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)

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

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

Refrain

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
The holy venerable martyr Stephen the Younger at Constantinople, monk and martyr, who, under Constantine Copronymus, was tortured by various punishments for the cult of sacred Images and confirmed the Catholic truth by his shed blood. (767)

The holy martyr Irenarchus at Sebaste in Armenia. He was a torturer. It is related that he was converted to Christ by the steadfastness of Christian women martyrs. Under Diocletian the emperor and Maximus the governor, he was struck down with an axe. (4th century)

Troparion of Stephen - Tone 4

O bless-ed Ste-phen, your ascetical life on the mountain and the pow'r of the cross made you ca-pa-ble of routing your spir-it-u-al en-e mies. By your cou-rage in battle and your strong faith, you defeat-ed Co-pro-ny-mus. For both these rea-sons, God has crowned you with im-mor-tal life. O mar-tyr a-mong the saints, you are wor-thy of all praise.

Troparion of Irenarchus - Tone 4

Your mar-tyr I-re-nar-chus, O Lord our God, in his strug-gle, received an incor-rup-ti-ble crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the ty-rants
and broke the cowardly valor of demons. Through his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Kontakion of Stephen - Tone 8

Come, O you faithful who love to celebrate; let us praise by song the holy Stephen, the faithful servant of the Holy Trinity, for he has honored the icon of the Lord and his blessed Mother.

Let us all sing together: Joy to you, O father worthy of all praise.

Kontakion of Irenarchus - Tone 1

May you have an abundance of peace, O Irenarchus, for you laid hold of the enemy. You defeated that army of lies by the power of
di-vine grace. You en-dured the most ter-ri-ble suf-fer-ings.

Now we beseech you to de-liv-er from all e-vils those who hold fast to your mem-o-ry, O mar-tyr.

Prokeimenon - 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.

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

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 32:1):

**Refrain.**

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

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**29 The holy martyr Paramon** was martyred in Bithynia in Asia Minor along with 370 other Christians during the persecution of the governor Aquilinus. (250)

The holy martyr Philemon at Ancyra in Galatia. It is said that he, in the persecution of Aurelian the emperor and under Felix the governor, was taken to the fire. Then his hands and feet and head were pierced with nails and he consummated his martyrdom.

Our venerable father Acacius, mentioned in “The Ladder” was a novice living under an evil Elder. Through all of the abuse the Elder gave, Acacius was patiently trusting that the Lord would bring good out of evil. He died an early death and testified from the grave against the elder, who repented.

Troparion - Tone 4

Your ho-ly mar-tys, O Lord our God, in their strug-gles, re-ceived incor-

-rup-ti-ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty-

rants and broke the cowardly val-or of de-

mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4

You washed your soul clean of all impurity by following the divine mandates. This is how you endured your martyrdom.

You refused to offer sacrifice to any idols; therefore, they pierced you with a spear.

This is how you followed Christ. O blessed Paramon, pray for all of 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 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):

30  The holy and glorious apostle Andrew, the First-Called. Born in Bethsaida, he was the brother of Simon Peter and a fisherman with him. He was called first from the disciples of John the Baptist at the Jordan by the Lord Jesus. Andrew followed him and even brought his brother to the Lord. After Pentecost it is said that he preached the Gospel in Achaia and at Patrae was tied to a cross. The Church in Constantinople considers him their praiseworthy and remarkable patron.

The holy Frumentius, enlightener of Ethiopia. Frumentius was shipwrecked off the coast of Ethiopia and captured by the people living there. After having begun preaching the Gospel to the people, he went to St. Athanasius the Great in Alexandria to tell him of the situation. Athanasius ordained Frumentius bishop, and he returned to Ethiopia. His zeal, his preaching, and his miracles brought the whole country to Christ during his lifetime. (370)

Troparion - Tone 4

An-drew, the first-called of the apostles and brother of Pe-ter their lead-er,
in-ter-cede with the Mas-ter of All that he may grant peace to the world
and great mer-cy to our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2

Let us praise An-drew the the-o-logian for his cou-rage, the first
a-postle of the Savior and broth-er of Pe-ter. In like man-ner he
drew his broth-er to Christ. He is now cry-ing out to us:

Come and see, for we have found the One whom the world de-sires.

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

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.
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 voice resounds;
their message reaches to the ends of the world. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!