

Byzantine Monthly Menaion

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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 sixth 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 Ochoechos. The Typikon will also explain how Prokeimena and Alleluiaria are to be combined.

May this series of volumes be a blessing for all who attend daily celebrations of the Divine Liturgy, as well as for those who, unable to be at church each day, still wish to pray with the Church and honor the Lord and his saints.

August 28, 2005

*Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian and
Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo*

MENAION - FEBRUARY

1 The holy martyr Tryphon, put to death during the reign of the persecutor Decius.
(250)


Prefestive day of the Meeting

Troparion of the prefeast - Tone 1:



The an-gel-ic choir of heav-en looks earth - ward, peer-ing down from the
heav - en - ly heights to be-hold the first-born of all cre - a - tion car-ried
in - to the Tem-ple as an in - fant in the arms of his
moth-er who has not known man. To-geth-er with us they are o - ver-welmed
with awe and sing a hymn in pre - par - a - tion for the feast.

Troparion of Tryphon - Tone 4



Your mar - tyr Try-phon, O Lord our God, in his strug - gle, received an incor -
rup - ti - ble crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the ty - rants




and broke the cowardly val-or of de - mons. Through his prayers, O Christ our



God, save our souls.

Kontakion of the prefeast - Tone 6:



The in - vis - ible Word of the Fa - ther has be - come vis - i - ble in the flesh.



He was born of the Vir - gin in - ef - fa - bly and was placed in the arms of the




el - der - ly priest. Let us all wor - ship him, our true God.

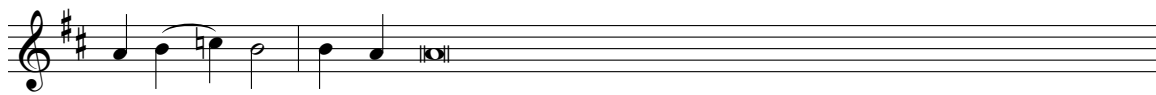
Kontakion of Tryphon - Tone 8




You are wor - thy of all praise, O Try - phon, for through the power of the Ho - ly



Trin - i - ty, you wiped out the might of pagan gods and increased in honor



be - fore God. Un - con - quered, you vanquished your persecutors through the power of



Christ the Sav - ior, de - serv - ing the crown of mar - tyr - dom and the God - giv - en

grace of heal - ing the sick.

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

The just man will re-joyce in the Lord, re - joyce 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):

A

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

2 THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WITH SIMEON AND ANNA, celebrated forty days after the Birth of the Savior on Dec. 25. Coming to his believing and exultant people, as “a light to enlighten the nations and the glory of his people Israel.” St. Sophronius of Jerusalem wrote about this feast: “Let us all hasten to meet (encounter) Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal Light.”

Entrance Hymn - Tone 1 Troparion (Psalm 97:2):

The Lord has made his sal - va - tion known; in the sight of the nations he has re - vealed his jus - tice.

Troparion - Tone 1:

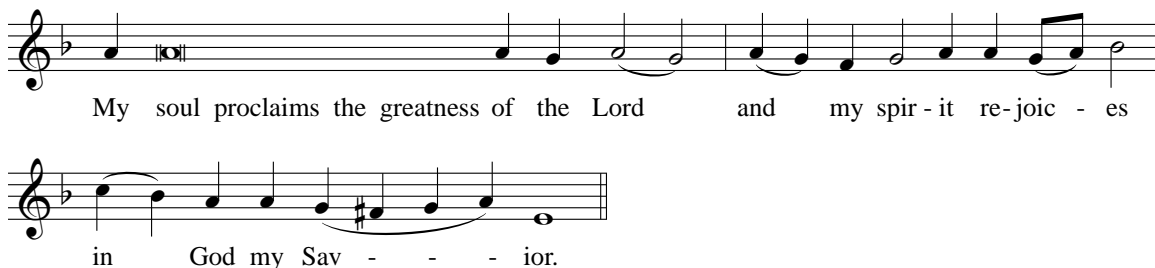
Re-joyce, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in dark - ness. Re-joyce al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in your arms the liber - a - tor of our souls, who grants us re - sur - rec - tion.

Kontakion - Tone 1:



Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the vir-gin's womb and blessed
the hands of Sim - eon as was prop - er. Now you have come and
saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strength - en our gov-ern-ment.
You, a - lone, love us all.

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



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

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

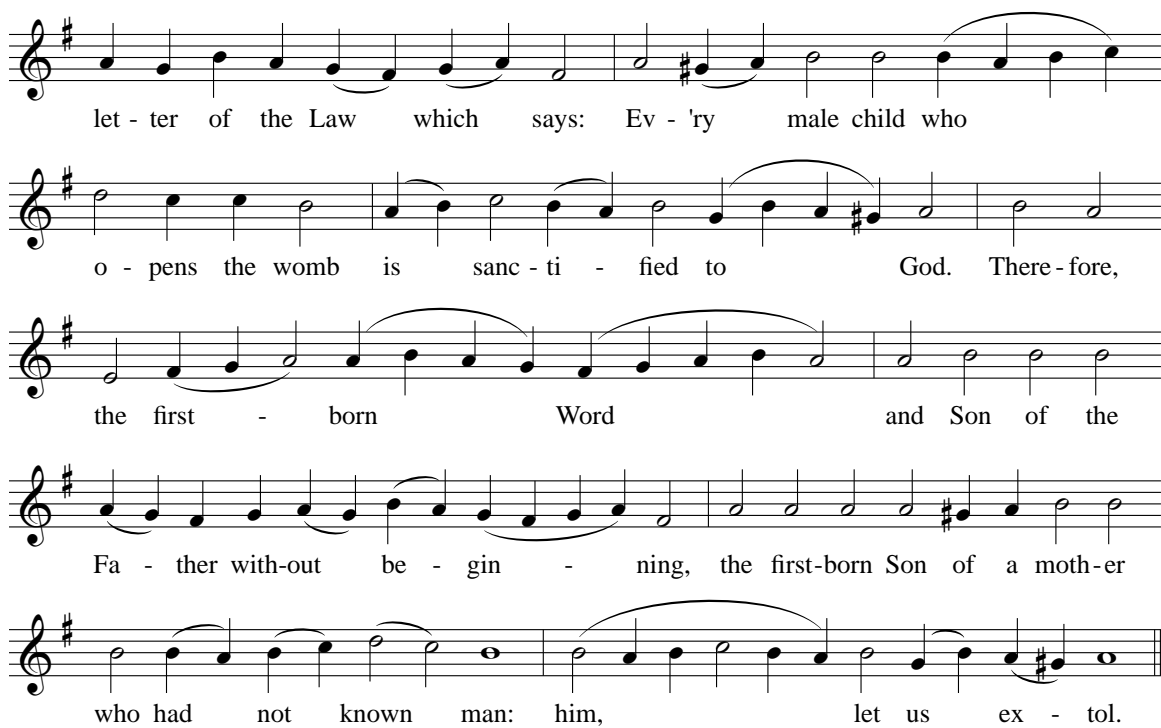
Alleluia - Tone 8 (Luke: 2:29,32):



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

Verse: Now you may dismiss your servant, O Lord, in peace according to your word.

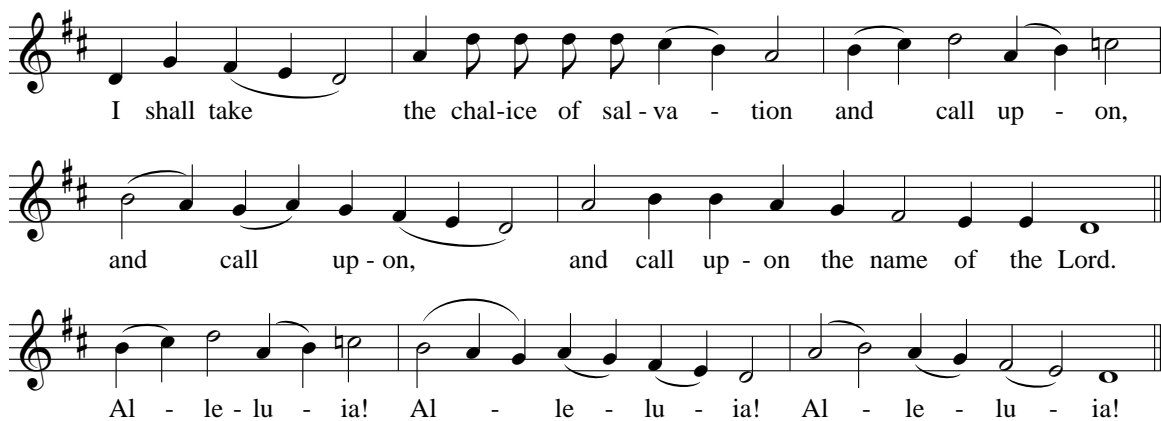
Verse: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.



let - ter of the Law which says: Ev - 'ry male child who
o - pens the womb is sanc - ti - fied to God. There - fore,
the first - born Word and Son of the
Fa - ther with - out be - gin - ning, the first-born Son of a moth - er
who had not known man: him, let us ex - tol.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):

E



I shall take the chal-ice of sal - va - tion and call up - on,
and call up - on, and call up - on the name of the Lord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

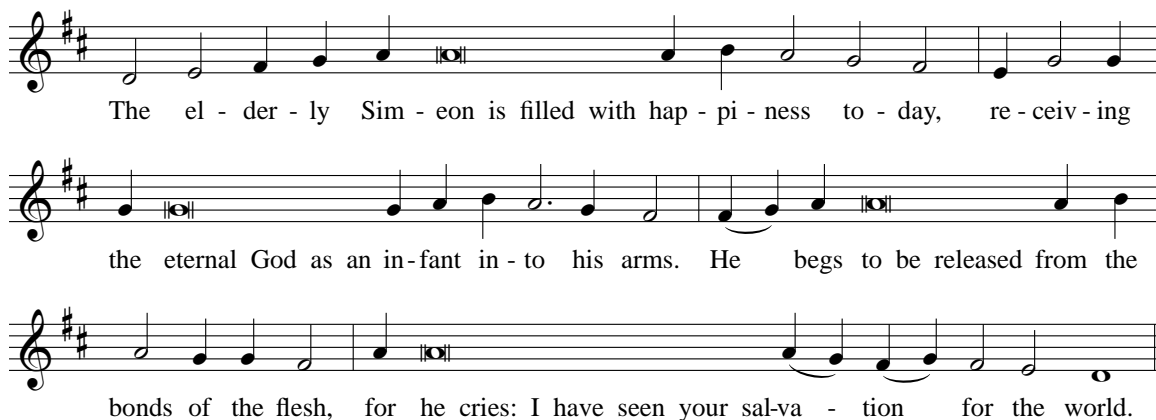
3 The Synaxis of the holy prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna, who, the one a righteous and devout old man, and the other a widow and prophetess, were worthy to hail the infant Jesus as the Messiah and Savior, the blessed hope and redemption of Israel, when he had been brought to the temple to be circumcised according to the custom of the law. All we know of them is given in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

Postfestive Day of the Meeting

Troparion of the Meeting - *Tone 1 (music found on page 6)*

Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Troparion of the Synaxis - *Tone 4*



The el - der - ly Sim - eon is filled with hap - pi - ness to - day, re - ceiv - ing
the eternal God as an in - fant in - to his arms. He begs to be released from the
bonds of the flesh, for he cries: I have seen your sal - va - tion for the world.

Kontakion of the Synaxis - *Tone 4*



The el - derly Simeon prayed to be re - leased from the bonds of this pass - ing life.
He re - ceived the Creator and Lord of all in - to his arms. He found release and
de - part - ed to life ev - er - last - ing.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)

Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government. You, alone, love us all.

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

Communion Hymn for the Meeting (Psalm 115:4): (music found on page 9)

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

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

E



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

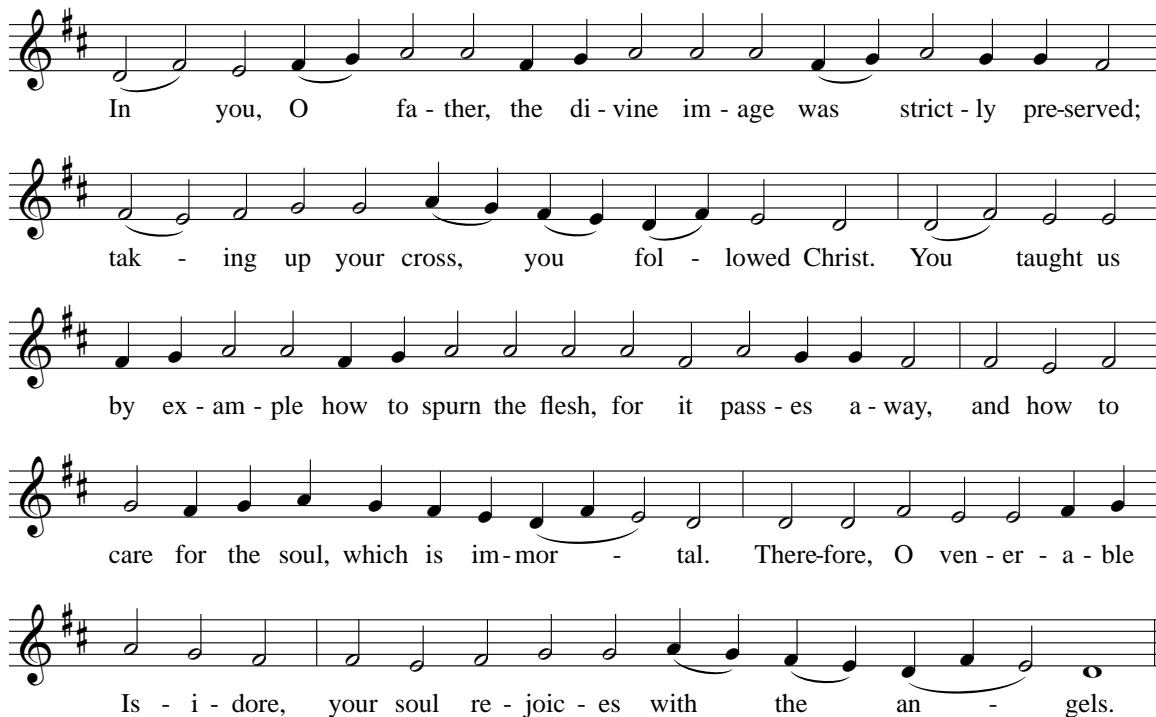
4 Our venerable father Isidore of Pelusium, in Egypt, priest, who, notable in his teaching, spurning the world and riches, preferred to imitate the life of John the Baptist in the desert, having taken up the monastic state, founded a monastery at Pelusium, and was held in much esteem as a theologian and a guide of souls. (c. 450)

Postfestive Day of the Meeting

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 6)

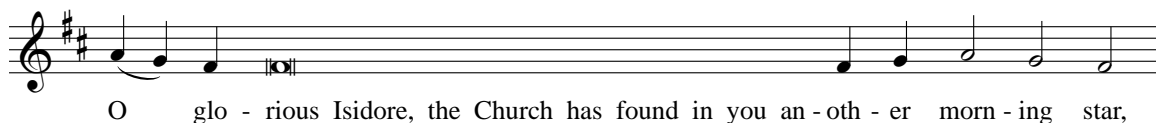
Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Troparion of Isidore - Tone 8

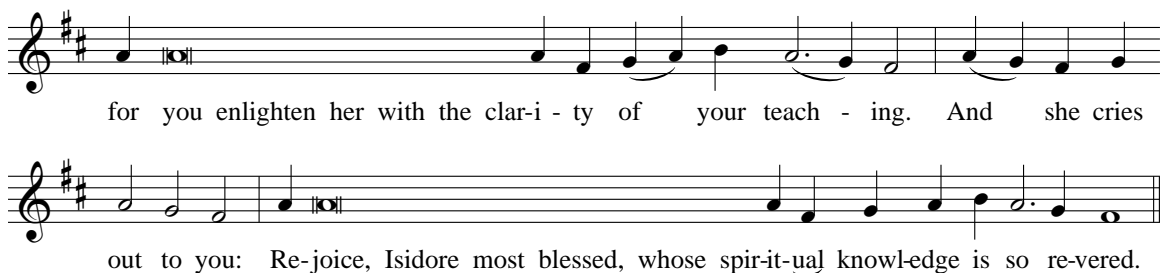


In you, O fa - ther, the di - vine im - age was strict - ly pre - served;
tak - ing up your cross, you fol - lowed Christ. You taught us
by ex - am - ple how to spurn the flesh, for it pass - es a - way, and how to
care for the soul, which is im - mor - tal. There - fore, O ven - er - a - ble
Is - i - dore, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion of Isidore - Tone 4



O glo - rious Isidore, the Church has found in you an - oth - er morn - ing star,

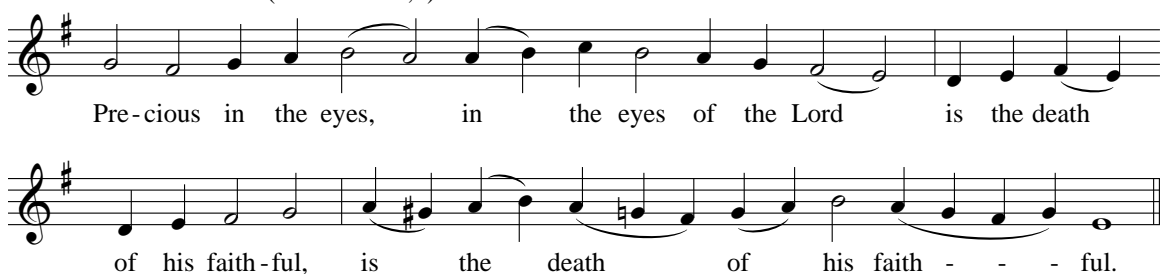


for you enlighten her with the clar-i - ty of your teach - ing. And she cries
out to you: Re-joyce, Isidore most blessed, whose spir-it-ual knowl-edge is so re-ver-ed.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (*music found on page 7*)

Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government. You, alone, love us all.

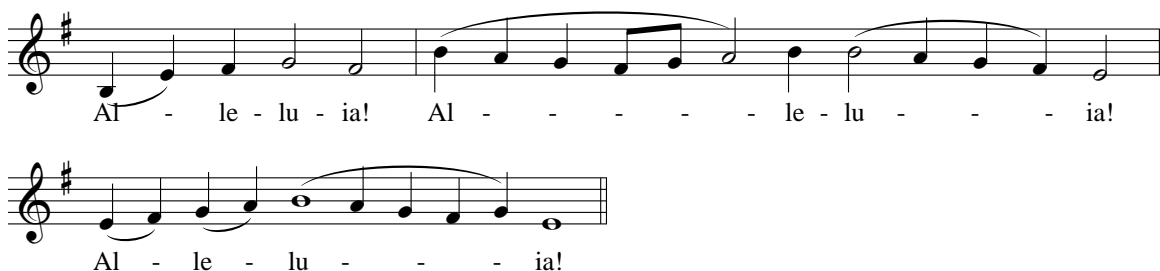
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death
of his faith-ful, 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!
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):

F



The just man will be re - mem - bered, be re - mem - bered for ev - ver

Refrain



e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!



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

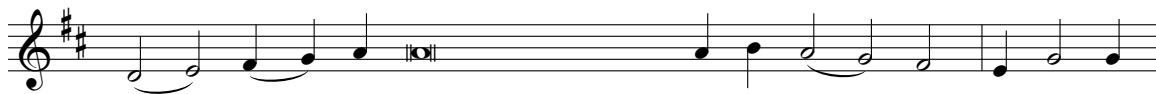
5 The holy martyr Agatha, virgin and martyr, who in Catania in Sicily, while still a girl, in a raging persecution, preserved her body unpolluted and her faith intact in martyrdom, offering a witness for Christ the Lord and suffering death during the persecution of Emperor Decius. (250)

Postfestive Day of the Meeting

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Troparion of Agatha - Tone 4



Your lamb Ag - atha, O Jesus, cries out in a loud voice: I love you,



my Bridegroom; I seek you with pain - ful long - ing; I am cru - cified with you;



in your baptism, I am bur - ied with you; I suf - fer for you that I may

reign with you; and I die for you that I may live with you. Re-ceive me
 as a spotless sacrifice immo-lat-ed with love for you. By her pray'rs, O merci-ful
 One, save our souls.

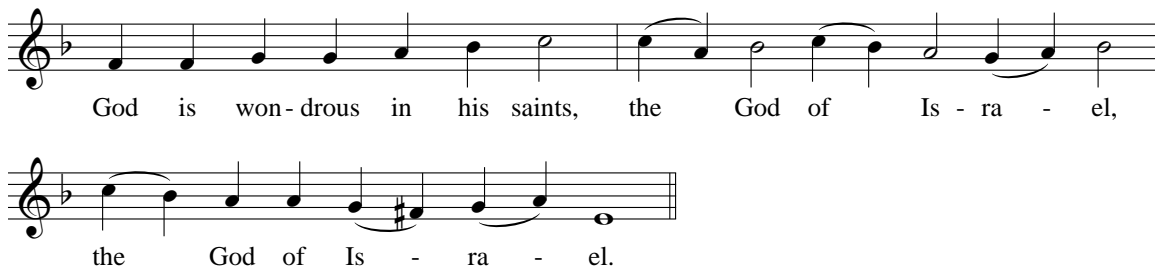
Kontakion of Agatha - Tone 4

May the Church be robed today in a mantle of pre - cious pur - ple
 made of the blood of the pure mar - tyr Ag - a - tha. Let us all cry out
 to her: Re - joice, Aga-tha, O pride of Ca - ta - ni - a!

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)

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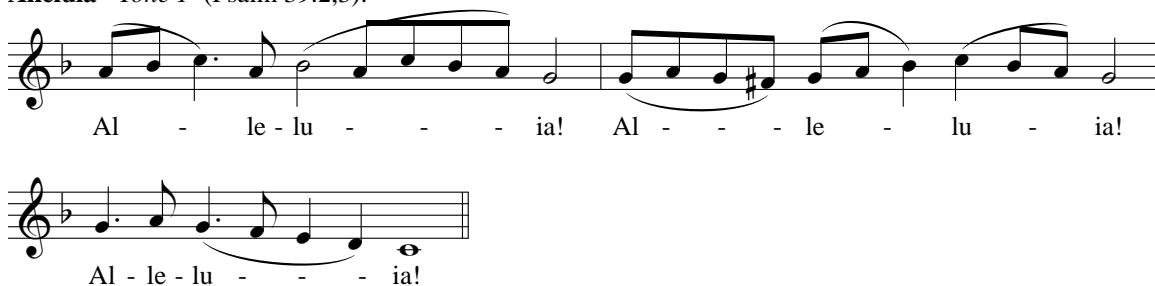
Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):



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):



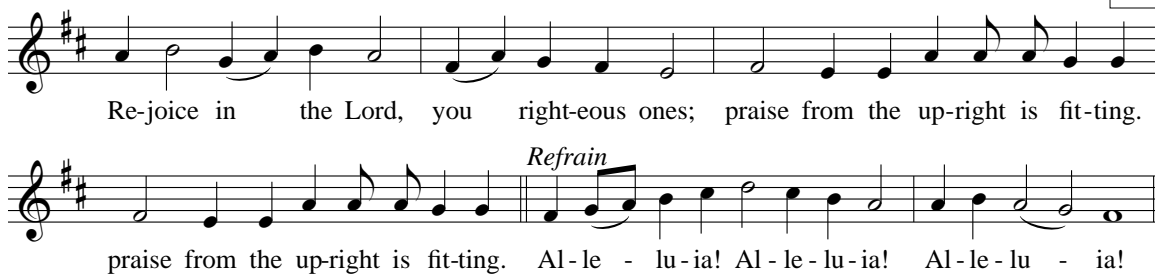
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

A



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!

6 Our venerable Father Bucolus, bishop of Smyrna, lived in Smyrna in the days of Saint John the Theologian, by whom he was appointed bishop before St. Polycarp the martyr. (2nd century)

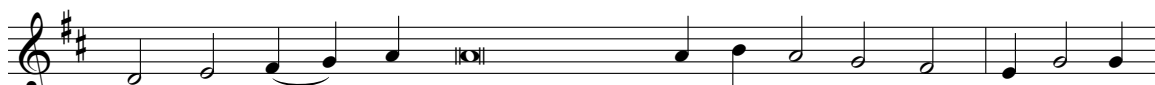
The holy martyr Silvanus, bishop of Emesa, and his companions. Silvanus of Emesa in Syria, was a bishop, who, when he had led that same Church for forty years, finally, under the emperor Maximinus thrown to the wild beasts. Together with Luca the deacon and Mocius the lector he received the palm of martyrdom. (313)

Postfestive Day of the Meeting


Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 6)

Rejoice, Theotokos, Virgin full of grace; for from you has shone forth the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, enlightening those who are in darkness. Rejoice also, you just elder; you received in your arms the liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.


Kontakion of Bucolus - Tone 4




Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im - age



of gentleness, and a teacher of mod - er - a - tion. You ac - quired great - ness




through hu - mil - i - ty and wealth through pov - er - ty. O fa - ther




and bish - op Bu - co - lus, in - tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Bucolus - Tone 4



Ra - diant with the light of the priest - hood, you il - lu - mined the peo - ple, O pas - tor.



You de - stroyed the darkness of i - dol - a - try, and you dispersed the clouds

of the pas - sions by your cures. You went be-fore the un - set - ting Light.

Now we ask you to pray for us who honor you, O bless - ed Bu - co - lus.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)

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

My lips will speak words of wis - dom;

un - der - stand - ing will be the theme of my heart.

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

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

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

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

B



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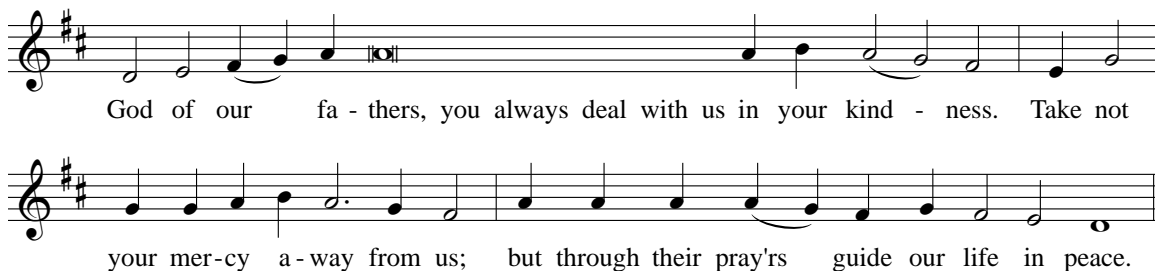
7 Our venerable father Parthenius, bishop of Lampsacus in Hellespont, bishop, who, in the time of the emperor Constantine, it is said propagated the faith by his preaching and example of life. (318)

Postfestive Day of the Meeting

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (*music found on page 6*)

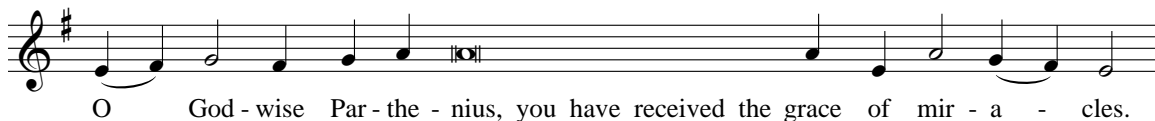
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Troparion of Parthenius - Tone 4



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

Kontakion of Parthenius - Tone 3



O God - wise Par - the - nius, you have received the grace of mir - a - cles.

O God-bearing fa - ther, you have dispelled all the passions of the faith - ful.
 and you have cast out the e - vil spir - its. There-fore, we praise you,
 the per - fect contemplator of di - vine truths.

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C

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

e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear, he will not fear.

Refrain

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

8 The holy great martyr Theodore was a general in the army of the Emperor Licinius. He suffered death in Heraclea in Thrace. (318)

The holy prophet Zechariah, who prophesied that the Chosen People would return from their exile to the land of promise. He bore the news to them of the king of peace, which Christ the Lord fulfilled marvelously by his triumphant entrance to the holy city Jerusalem.

Transferred from February 9:

The holy martyr Nicephor, a Christian from Syria, took the place of Saprificus, who apostasized before a pagan judge. He was put to death during the reign of Emperor Valerian. (260)

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (*music found on page 6*)

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Troparion of Theodore - Tone 4

O The-o-dore the triumphant, you became a bril-liant gen-er-al in the ar-mies

of the King of heav - en. You fought courageously with the weap-ons of faith

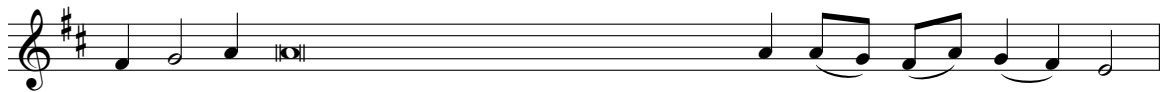


and put the le-gions of de-mons to flight, There-fore, we praise you with fer - vor



at all times.

Troparion of Zechariah - Tone 2



As we cel - ebrate the memory of your prophet Zech-a - ri - ah, O Lord,



we im - plore you to save our souls through his prayers.

Troparion of Nicephor - Tone 4



Your mar-tyr Ni - ce-phor, O Lord our God, in his strug - gle, received an incor-



rup - ti - ble crown from you. With your strength, he brought down the ty - rants



and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through his prayers, O Christ our



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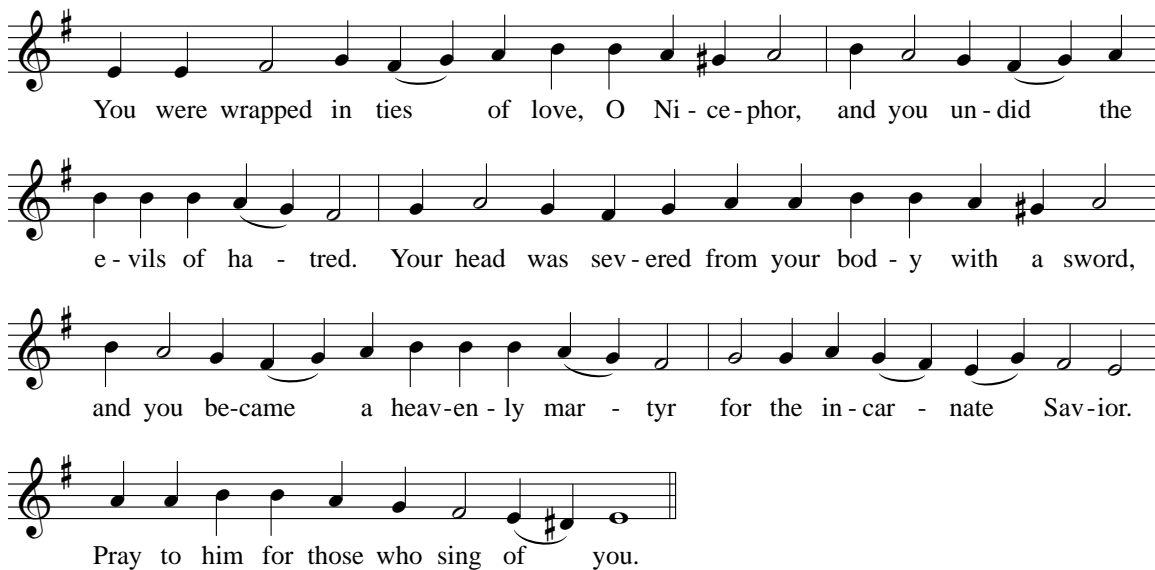
Kontakion of Theodore - *Tone 2*

O The - odore, the pride of martyrs, you put on the ar - mor of faith
and took the Word of God as a spear to van - quish the en - e - my.
In the com - pan - y of the mar - tyrs. do not cease to intercede
with Christ our God in be - half of all of us.

Kontakion of Zechariah - *Tone 2*

You saw the chariots being direct-ed by the hand of God,
and you looked down upon the servants, O Zech - a - ri - ah.
As you rest a - mong them now as a fav - ored proph - et,
pray for those who remember you with un - wav - er - ing faith,
that we may walk the road of un - der - stand - ing.

Kontakion of Nicephor - Tone 1

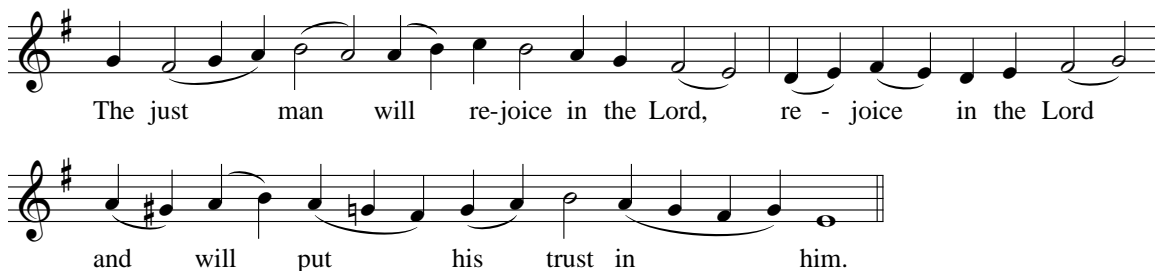


You were wrapped in ties of love, O Ni-ce-phor, and you un-did the
e-vils of ha-tred. Your head was sev-ered from your bod-y with a sword,
and you be-came a heav-en-ly mar-tyr for the in-car-nate Sav-ior.
Pray to him for those who sing of you.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (music found on page 7)

Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the virgin's womb and blessed the hands of Simeon as was proper. Now you have come and saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strengthen our government. You, alone, love us all.

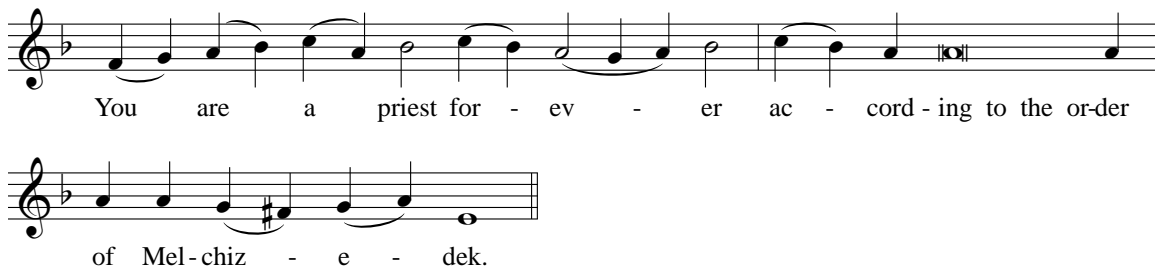
Prokeimenon for a Martyr - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)



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.

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



You are a priest for - ev - er ac - cord - ing to the or - der
of Mel - chiz - e - dek.

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

Alleluia for a Martyr - 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.

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



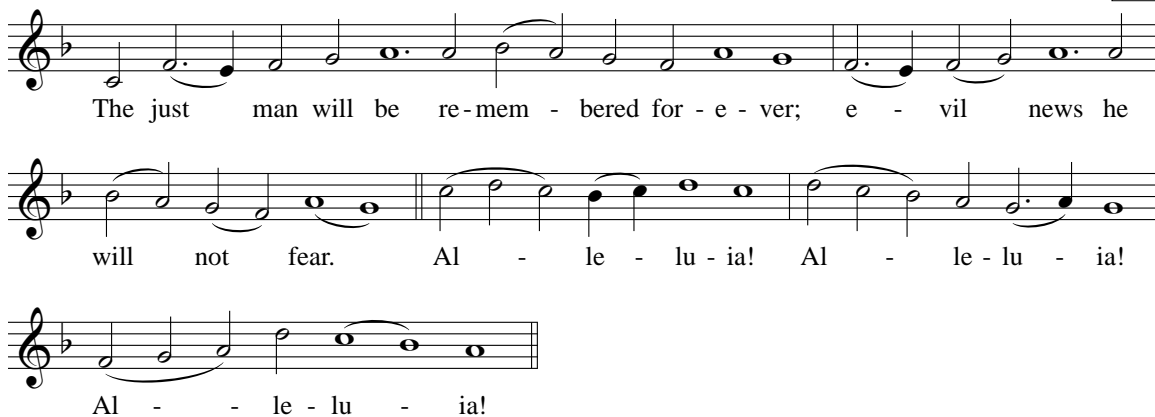
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Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver; e - vil news he
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9 Leave-taking of the Meeting

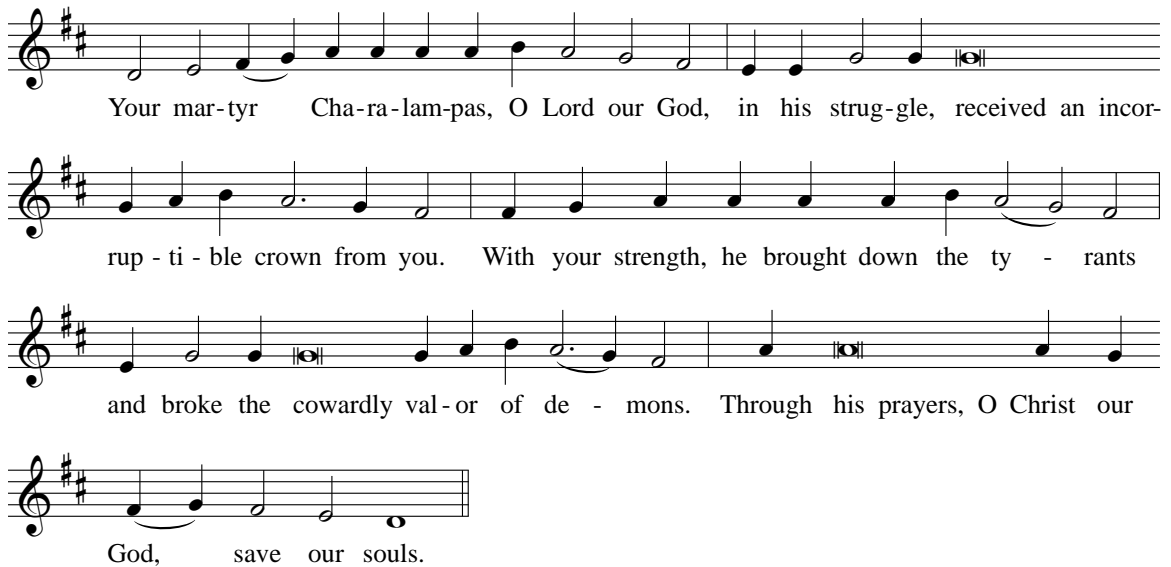
Holy Martyr Nicephor (*Transferred to February 8*)

All as on February 2, beginning on page 4

10 The holy martyr Charalampas, who endured death for Christ by the sword, in the reign of Emperor Septimus Severus, along with Porphyrius, Dauctus and the three women of Magnesia in the province of Asia. (203)

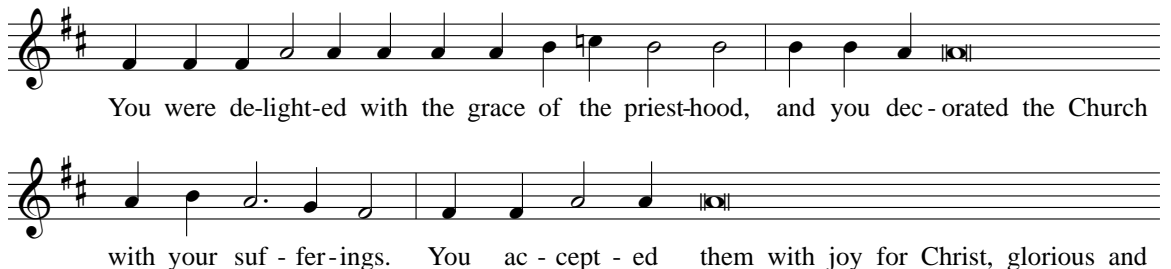
In Benedictine communities, our venerable mother Scholastica, virgin, who, the sister of St. Benedict, consecrated to God from infancy, had one mind in God with her brother, so that once a year she would spend a whole day at Monte Cassino in Campania with him in the praises of God and holy conversation. (c.547)

Troparion - Tone 4



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

Kontakion- Tone 8



You were de-light-ed with the grace of the priest-hood, and you dec-orated the Church
with your suf-fer-ings. You ac-cept-ed them with joy for Christ, glorious and

dear Cha - ra - lam - pas, and now you enlighten the world as a true vic - tor.

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

The just man will re-joyce in the Lord, re - joyce in the Lord

and will put his trust in him.

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

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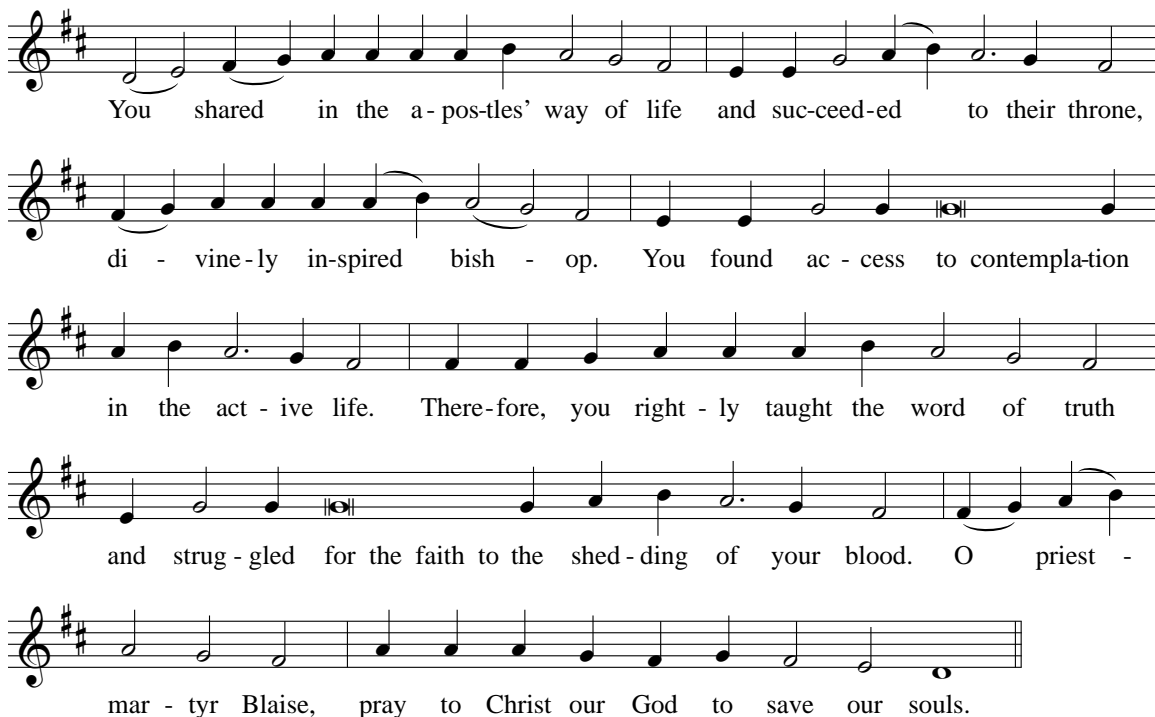
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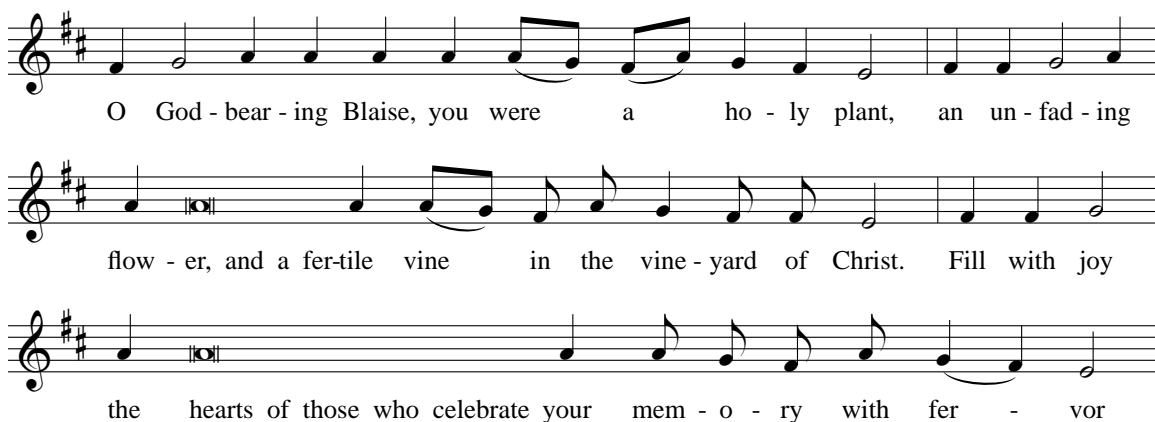
11 The holy martyr Blaise, bishop of Sebaste, who suffered martyrdom at Sebaste in the power-struggle between Licinius and the Emperor Constantine. (316)

Troparion - Tone 4



You shared in the a-pos-tles' way of life and suc-ceed-ed to their throne,
di - vine-ly in-spired bish - op. You found ac - cess to contem-pla-tion
in the act - ive life. There-fore, you right - ly taught the word of truth
and strug - gled for the faith to the shed - ding of your blood. O priest -
mar - tyr Blaise, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2



O God - bear - ing Blaise, you were a ho - ly plant, an un - fad - ing
flow - er, and a fer-tile vine in the vine - yard of Christ. Fill with joy
the hearts of those who celebrate your mem - o - ry with fer - vor



and nev - er cease to in-ter - cede for all of us.

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



Let the faith - ful re-joyce in glo - ry, re - joyce



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 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):

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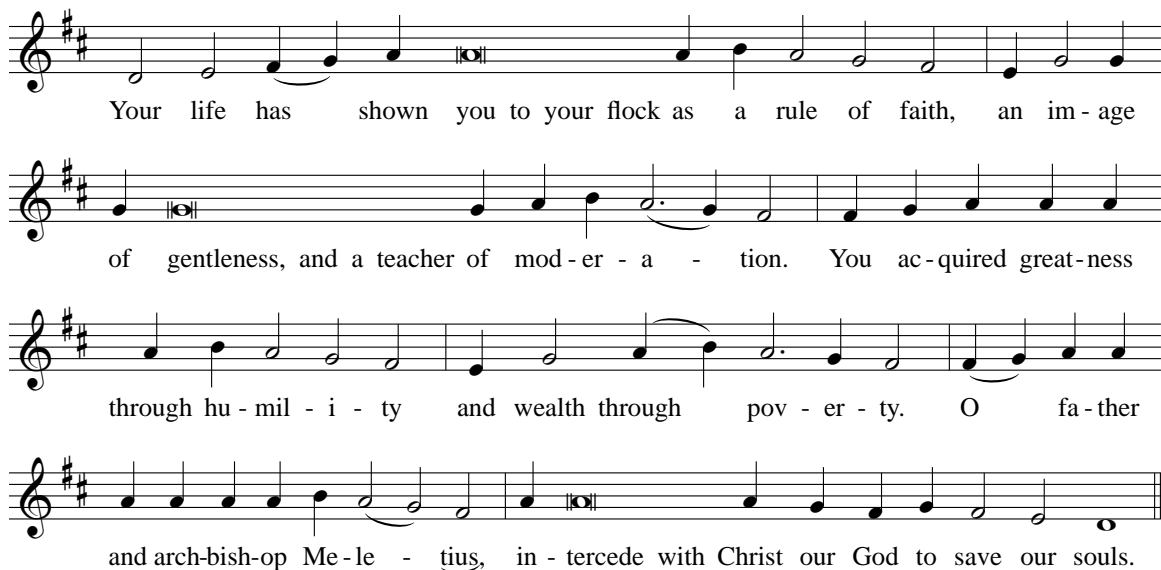
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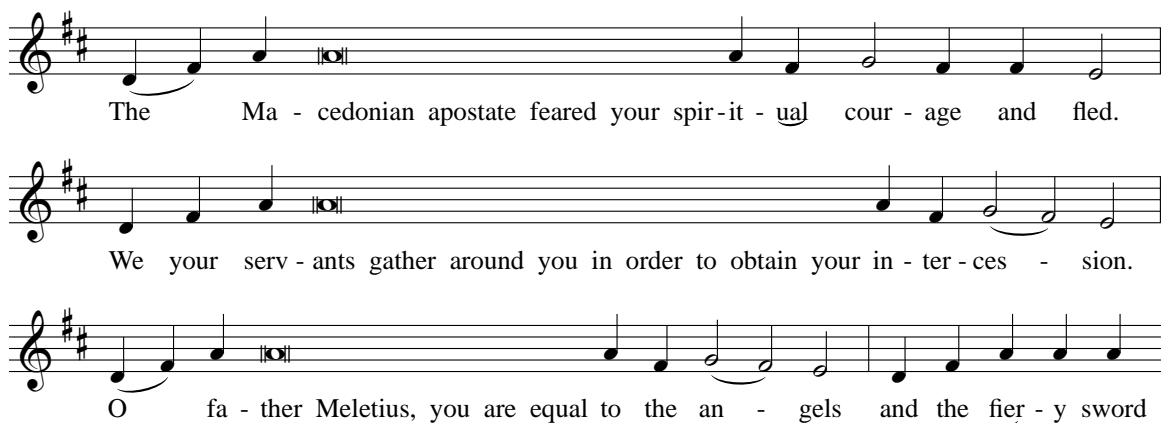
12 Our holy father Meletius, archbishop of Antioch, was elected to the patriarchal see in 360, but within a month he was sent into exile by Emperor Constantius. Reinstated in 379, he held a council of 150 bishops and took a prominent role in the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople (381). He was persecuted on account of the Nicene faith with frequent exile and soon after presiding over the First Ecumenical Council of Constantinople departed to the Lord. His virtues were celebrated with the highest praises by Saints Gregory of Nyssa and John Chrysostom (381)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im-age
of gentleness, and a teacher of mod-er-a-tion. You ac-quired great-ness
through hu-mil-i-ty and wealth through pov-er-ty. O fa-ther
and arch-bish-op Me-le-tius, in-ter-cede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 6



The Ma-cedonian apostate feared your spir-it-ual cour-age and fled.
We your serv-ants gather around you in order to obtain your in-ter-ces-sion.
O fa-ther Meletius, you are equal to the an-gels and the fier-y sword

of Christ our God. We praise you as a star enlight-en - ing all of us.

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

My lips will speak words of wis - dom;
un - der - stand - ing will be the theme of my heart.

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

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

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

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

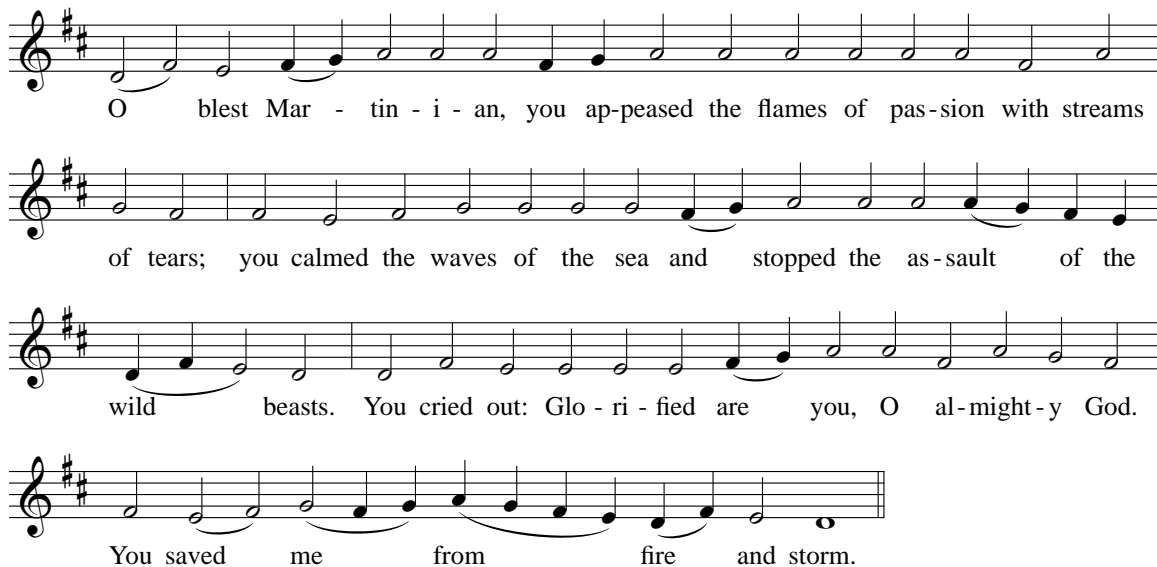
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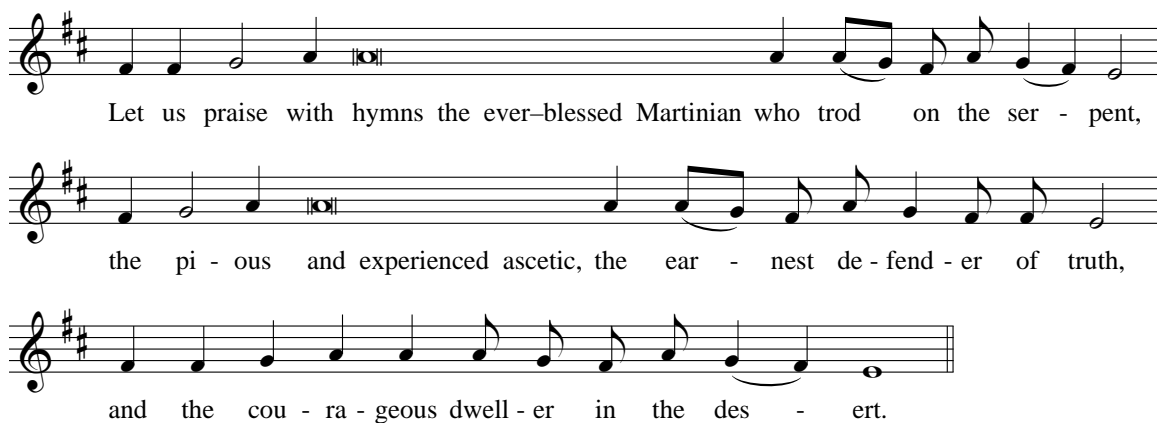
13 Our venerable father Martinian of Athens in Greece, who earlier had led an eremetical life near Caesarea in Palestine. (c.398)

Troparion - Tone 8



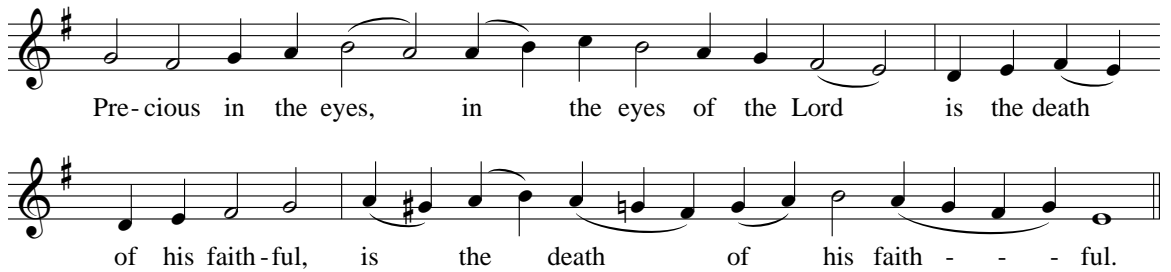
O blest Mar - tin - i - an, you ap-peased the flames of pas-sion with streams
of tears; you calmed the waves of the sea and stopped the as-sault of the
wild beasts. You cried out: Glo - ri - fied are you, O al-might-y God.
You saved me from fire and storm.

Kontakion - Tone 2



Let us praise with hymns the ever-blessed Martinian who trod on the ser - pent,
the pi - ous and experienced ascetic, the ear - nest de - fend - er of truth,
and the cou - ra - geous dwell - er in the des - ert.

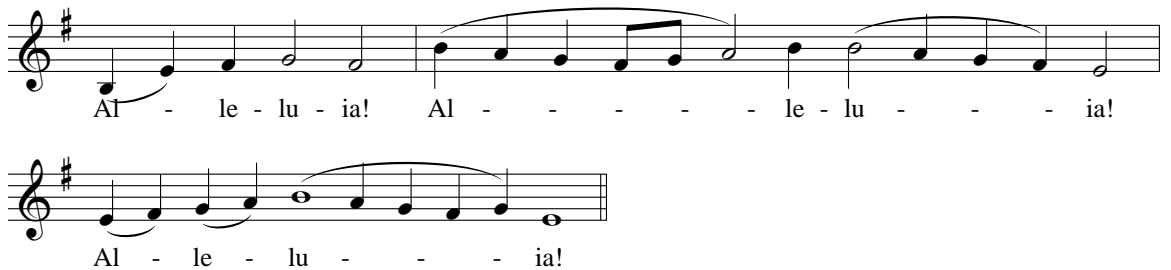
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death
of his faith-ful, 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!
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):

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14 Our venerable father Auxentius on Mount Skopa [modern Siopë] in Bithynia, priest and archimandrite, who argued the Chalcedonian faith with a strong voice in a prominent place as if established in a position of authority. (5th century)

The passing of our venerable father Constantine, whose monastic name is Cyril, the Apostle of the Slavs. This man from Thessalonica, along with his brother Methodius, was sent by Photius the bishop of Constantinople to Moravia, where he preached the Christian faith and devised an alphabet that they might translate the sacred books from the Greek to the Slavic language. When they came to Rome, Cyril, who was previously known as Constantine, was afflicted by illness. He was made a monk and the same day slept in the Lord. (869)

The venerable Maron, hermit and wonder-worker, who lived on a mountain near Apamea in Syria, and was very much dedicated to ardent penance and the interior life. At his famous tomb a monastery was built. The Maronite Catholic Church takes its name from this saint. (c. 423)

Troparion - Tone 4



From your child-hood you made wis-dom your sis - ter, and you took her to wife as



a ra-diant vir - gin. You a-dorned your mind and soul with it like gold.

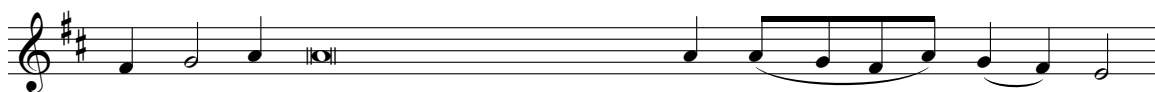


You be-came a second great Cyr-il, O voice of God. You became a marvel



by name and a bless - ed think - er.

Kontakion - Tone 2



En - light - en - ing the world by your divinely in - spired teach - ings,

you have ex - tend - ed your sway like light - ning o - ver the world.

You sow the brilliant Word of God ev - 'ry - where you go;

all the cor - ners of the world shine with your mir - a - cles,

the north, south, east and west, O bless - ed Cyr - il.

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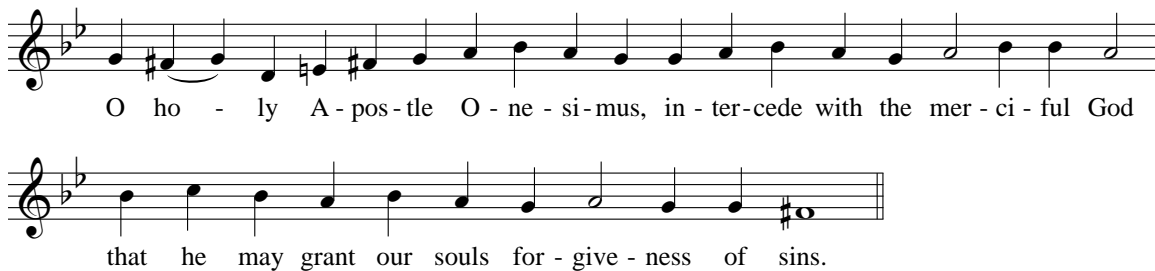
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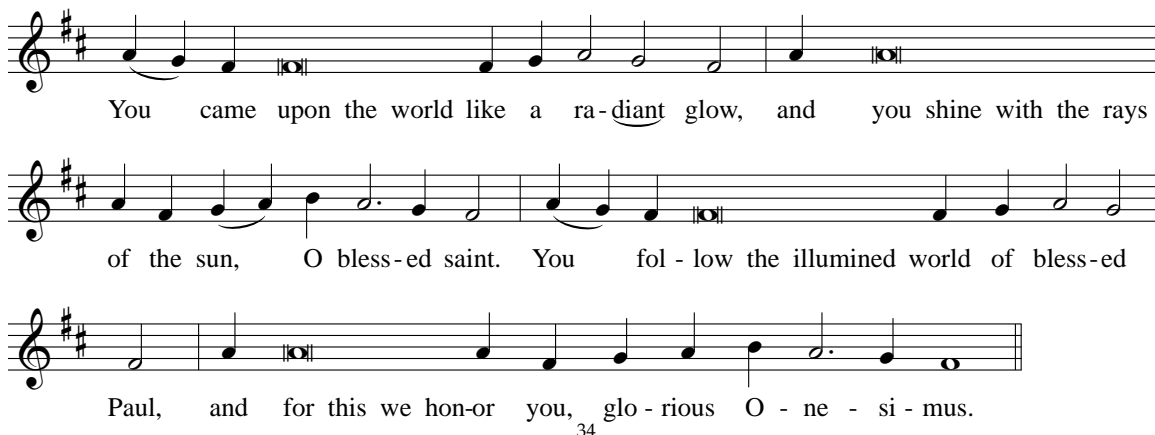
15 The holy apostle Onesimus, a fugitive slave whom St. Paul the apostle caught and gave birth to in Christ, a son in the faith, as Paul himself wrote to his master Philemon.

Troparion - Tone 3



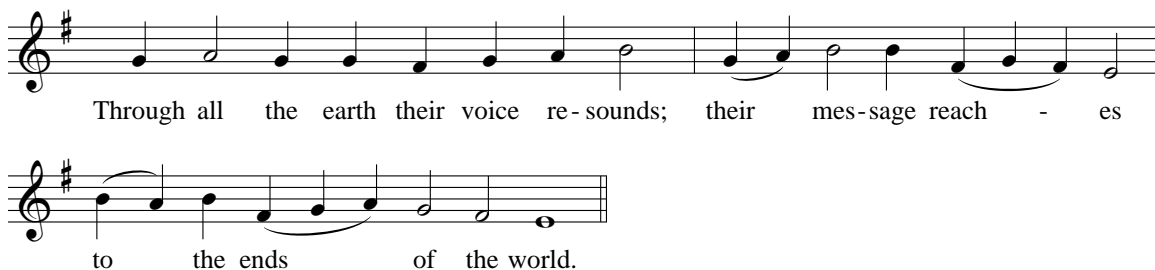
O ho - ly A - pos - tle O - ne - si - mus, in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Kontakion - Tone 4



You came upon the world like a ra - diant glow, and you shine with the rays
of the sun, O bless - ed saint. You fol - low the illumined world of bless - ed
Paul, and for this we hon - or you, glo - rious O - ne - si - mus.

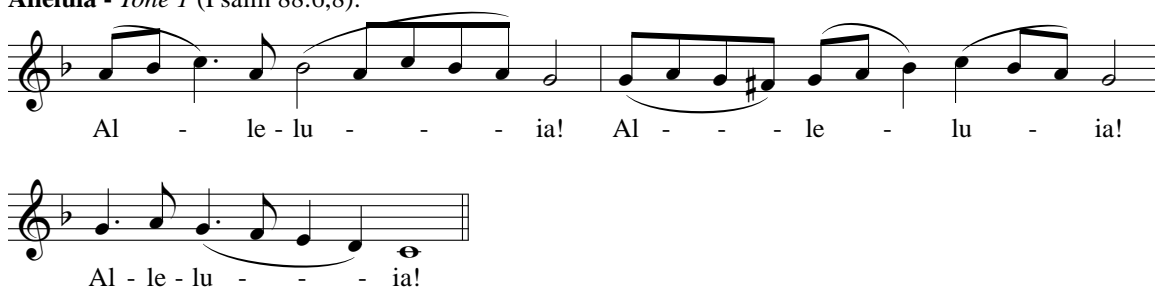
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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):



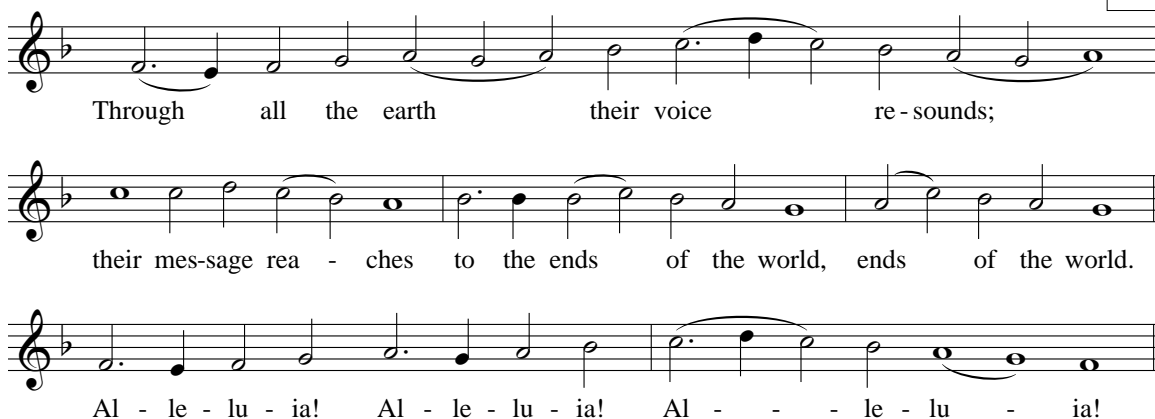
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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):

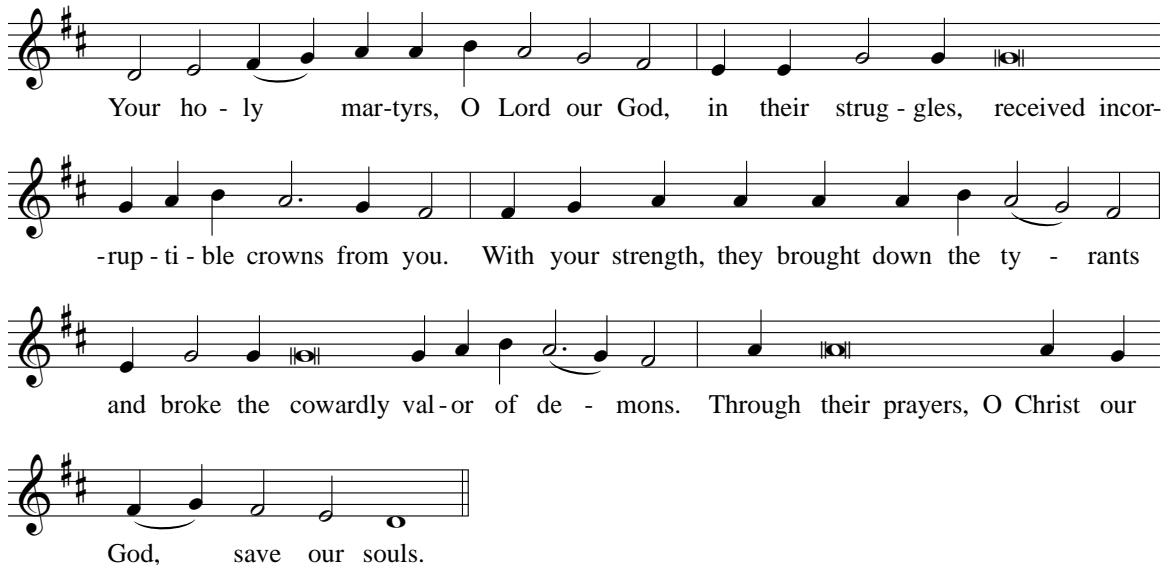
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Through all the earth their voice re-sounds;
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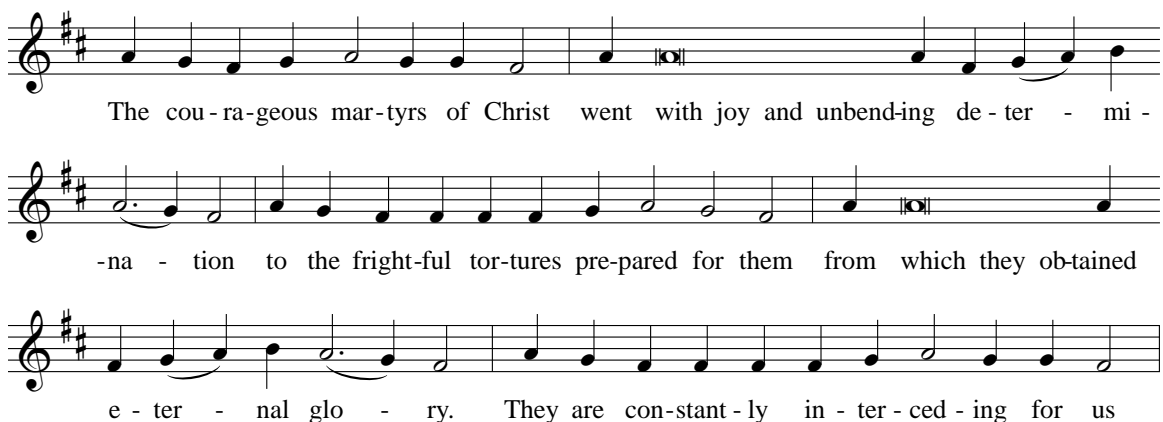
16 The holy martyrs: the presbyter Pamphilus, Porphyry and their companions, who received the crown of martyrdom: Pamphilus the priest; Valens, a deacon of Jerusalem; and Paul, born in the city of Jamnia, who had passed two years in prison; and also Porphyry, a servant of Pamphilus; Seleucus the Cappadocian, who was of high rank in the military; Theodulus, an old man from the family of the governor Firmilian; and finally Julian the Cappadocian, who, coming from abroad that very same hour, when he kissed the bodies of the martyrs, was accused as a Christian and ordered by the governor to be burned over a slow fire. (309)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your ho - ly mar - tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, 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 8



The cou - ra - geous mar - tyrs of Christ went with joy and unbend - ing de - ter - mi -
 - na - tion to the fright - ful tor - tures pre - pared for them from which they ob - tained
 e - ter - nal glo - ry. They are con - stant - ly in - ter - ced - ing for us

who praise their strug - gle.

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

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

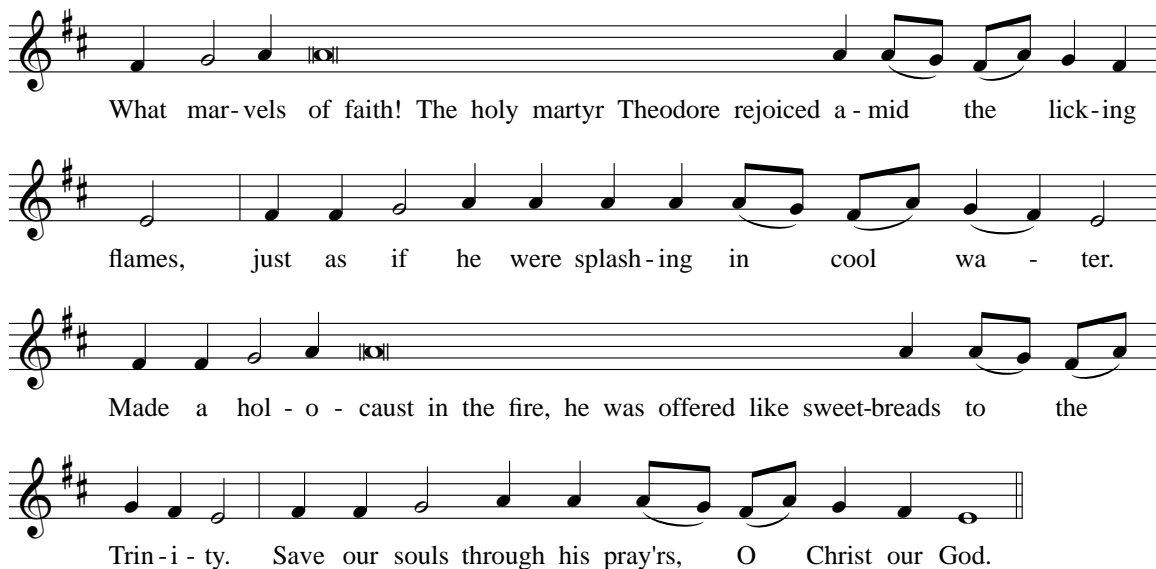
Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

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Re-joyce 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!
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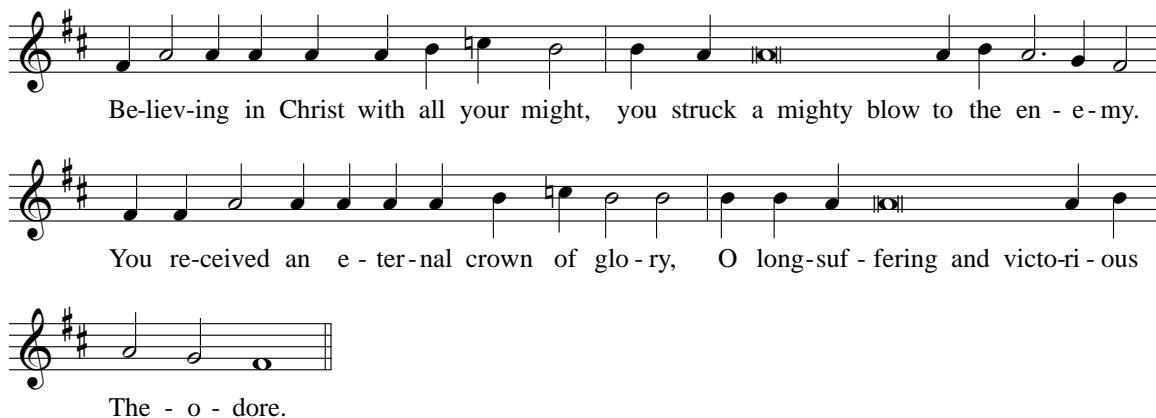
17 The holy great martyr Theodore the Recruit (Tyro) of Amasea in Hellespont, who, in the time of the emperor Maximianus, for his confession of the Christian faith was forcefully beaten and cast into prison, then handed over to be consumed by fire. St. Gregory of Nyssa celebrated his praises in a famous eulogy. (306)

Troparion - Tone 2



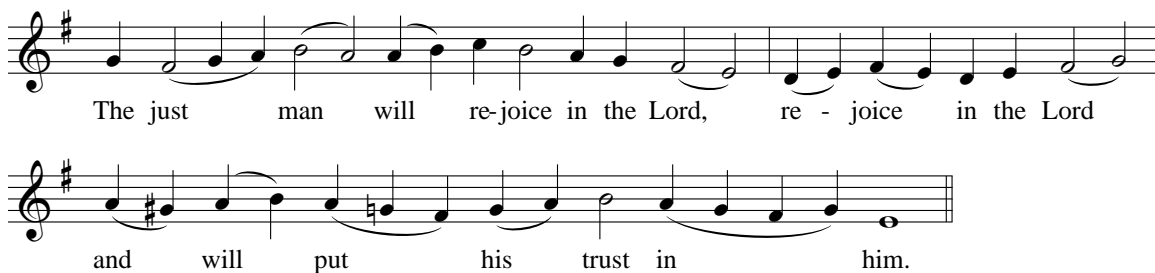
What mar-vels of faith! The holy martyr Theodore rejoiced a-mid the lick-ing
flames, just as if he were splash-ing in cool wa-ter.
Made a hol-o-caust in the fire, he was offered like sweet-breads to the
Trin-i-ty. Save our souls through his pray'rs, O Christ our God.

Kontakion - Tone 8



Be-liev-ing in Christ with all your might, you struck a mighty blow to the en-e-my.
You re-ceived an e-ter-nal crown of glo-ry, O long-suf-fering and victo-ri-ous
The-o-dore.

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



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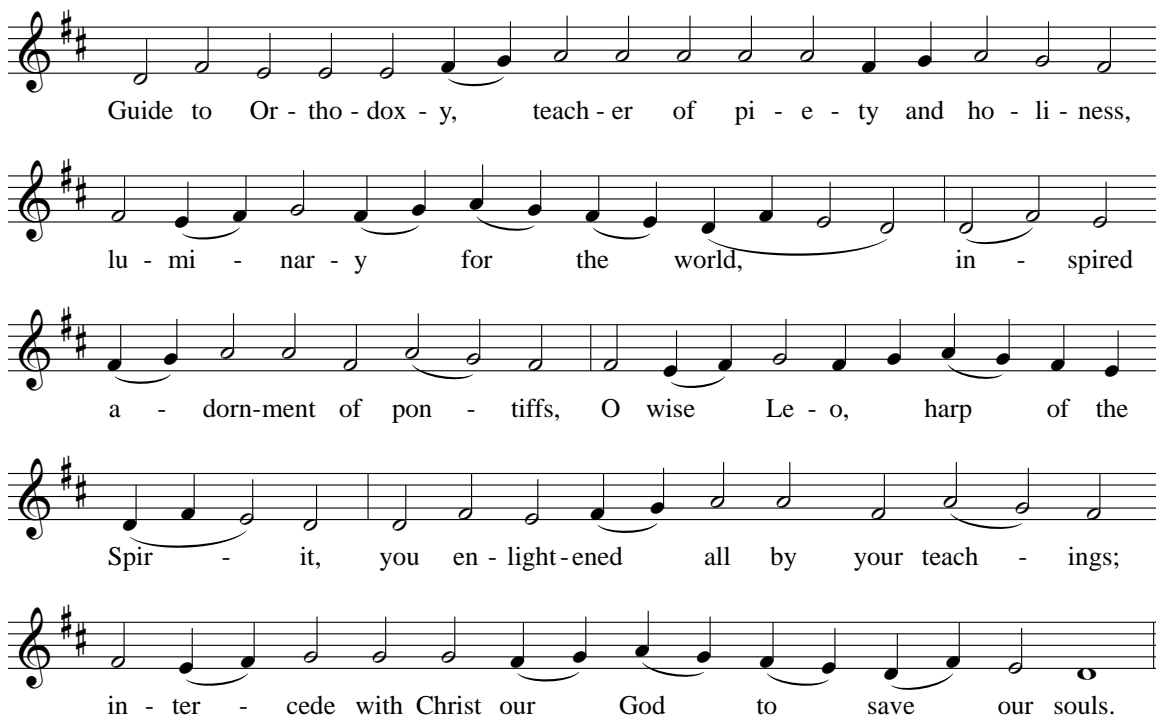
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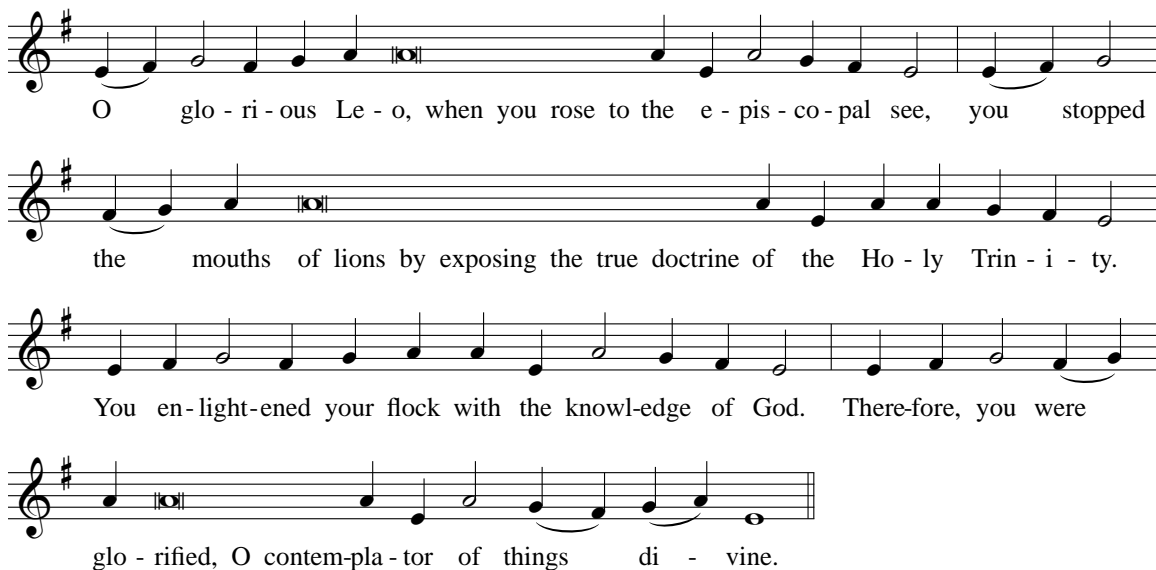
18 Our holy father Leo, Pope of Rome who, born in Etruria [i.e., Tuscany], first stood out as a diligent deacon of Rome. He was then elevated to the chair of Peter, where rightly and by his merit he deserved to be called "the Great." He nourished his flock by his excellent and prudent discourse. Because of his orthodox teaching on the incarnation of God, the true faith was vigorously affirmed through his delegates to the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon. He rested in the Lord at Rome, where he was buried on this day. (461)

Troparion - Tone 8



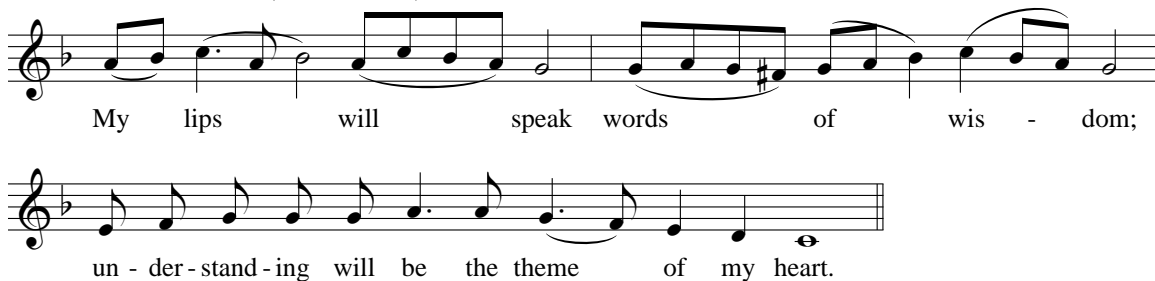
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lu - mi - nar - y for the world, in - spired
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Spir - it, you en - light - ened all by your teach - ings;
in - ter - cede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3



O glo - ri - ous Le - o, when you rose to the e - pis - co - pal see, you stopped
the mouths of lions by exposing the true doctrine of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty.
You en - light - ened your flock with the knowl - edge of God. There - fore, you were
glo - rified, O contem - pla - tor of things di - vine.

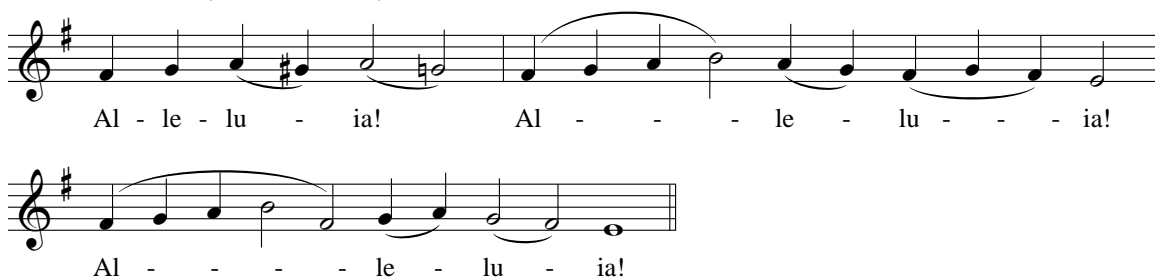
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

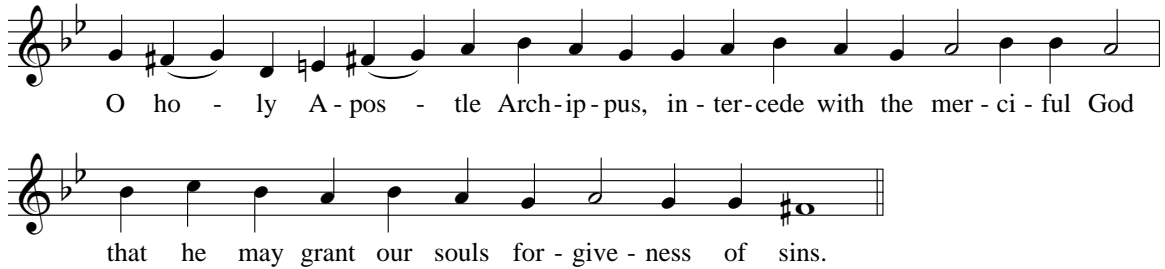
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The just man will be re-mem-bered, be re-mem - bered for ev - ver
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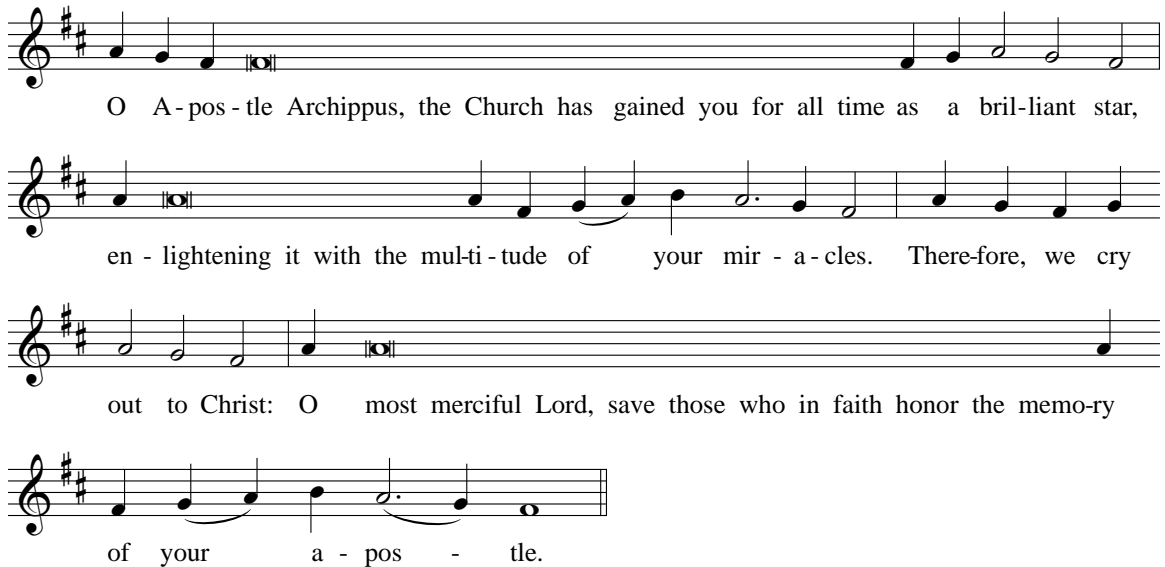
19 The holy apostle Archippus, fellow-soldier of blessed Paul the Apostle, whom Paul remembers in the epistles to Philemon and to the Colossians. Tradition says that he was stoned to death during the reign of emperor Nero.

Troparion - Tone 3



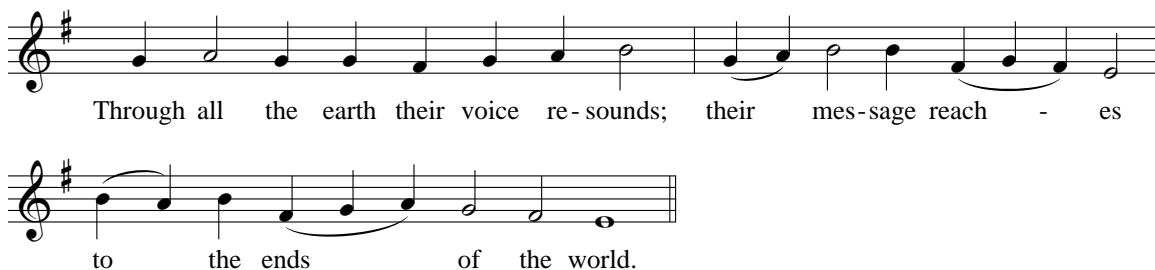
O ho - ly A - pos - tle Arch-ip-pus, in - ter-cede with the mer - ci - ful God
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Kontakion - Tone 4



O A - pos - tle Archippus, the Church has gained you for all time as a bril-liant star,
en - lightening it with the mul-ti - tude of your mir - a - cles. There-fore, we cry
out to Christ: O most merciful Lord, save those who in faith honor the memo-ry
of your a - pos - tle.

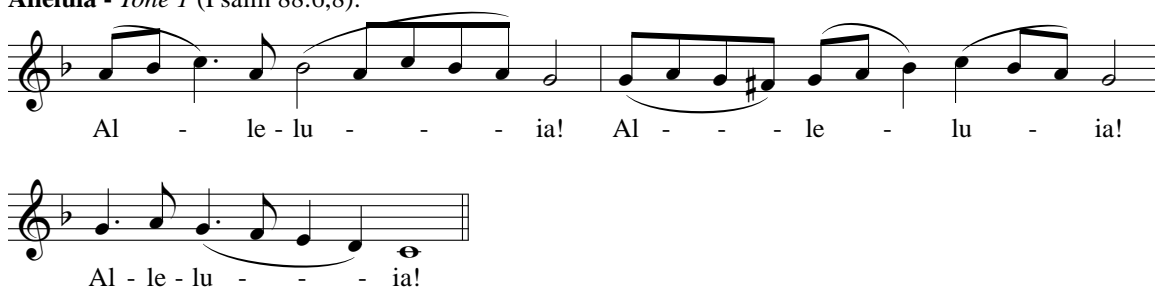
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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!
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):

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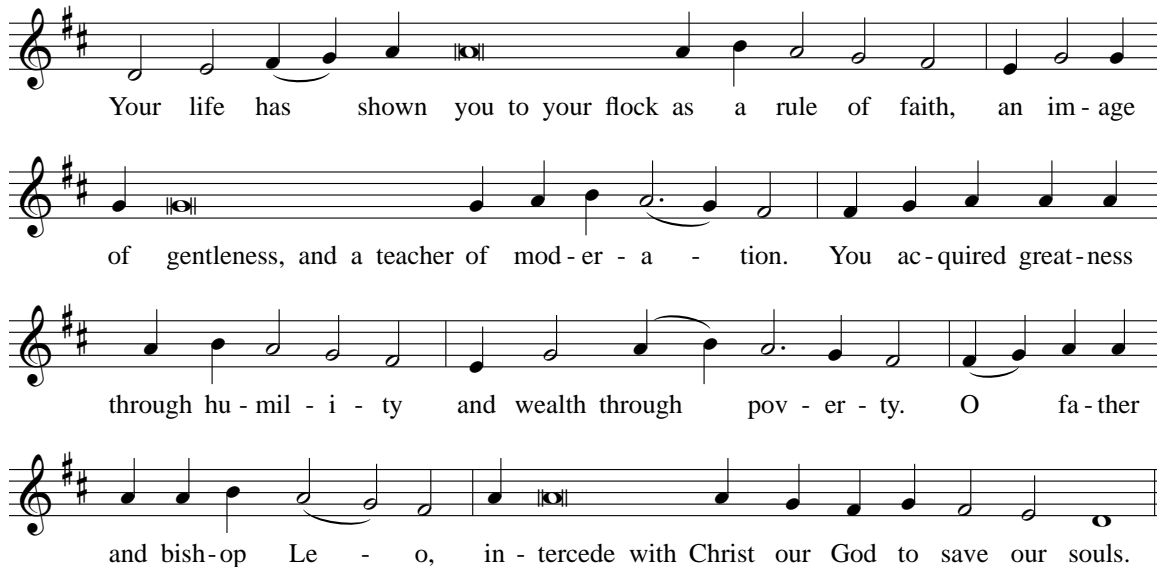


Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage rea-ches
to the ends of the world. *Refrain* Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

20 Our venerable father Leo, bishop of Catania in Sicily, who diligently cared for the poor. (c.787)

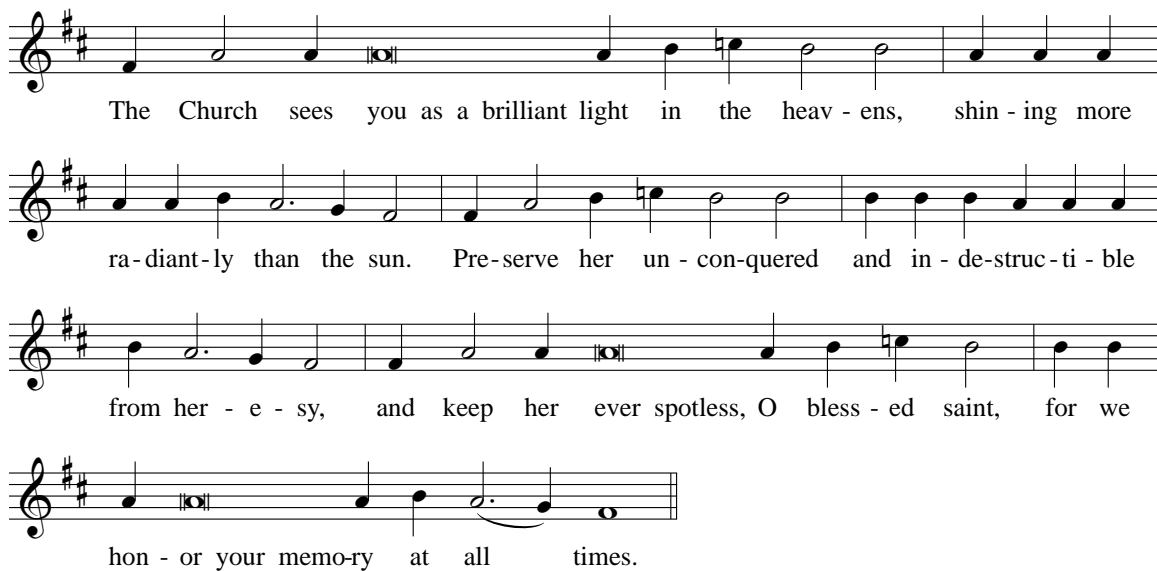
Our holy father Agathon, Pope of Rome, who kept the faith blameless against the errors of the Monothelites and, at synods, promoted the unity of the Church. (681)

Troparion - Tone 4



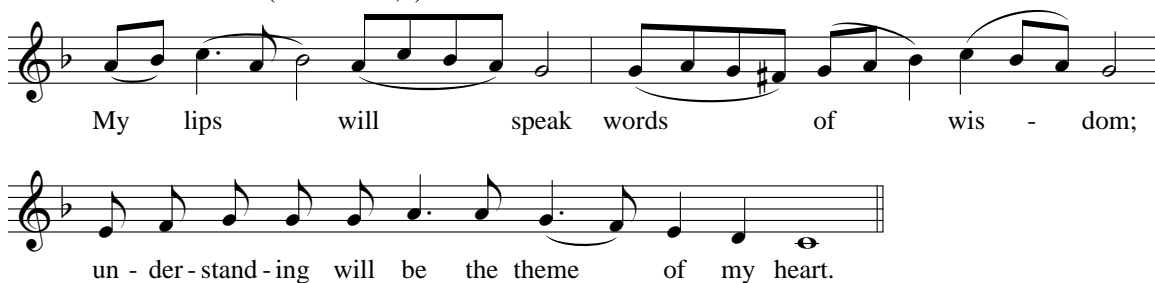
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im-age
of gentleness, and a teacher of mod-er-a-tion. You ac-quired great-ness
through hu-mil-i-ty and wealth through pov-er-ty. O fa-ther
and bish-op Le-o, in-tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8



The Church sees you as a brilliant light in the heav-ens, shin-ing more
ra-diant-ly than the sun. Pre-serve her un-con-quer-ed and in-de-struc-ti-ble
from her-e-sy, and keep her ever spotless, O bless-ed saint, for we
hon-or your memo-ry at all times.

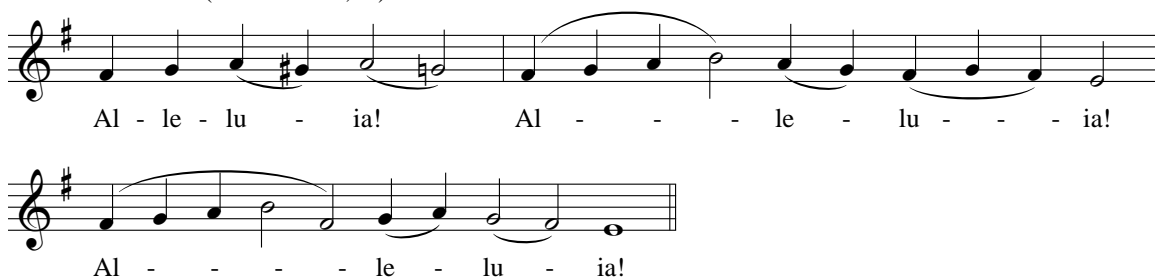
Prokeimenon - Tone 1 (Psalm 48:4,2):



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



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

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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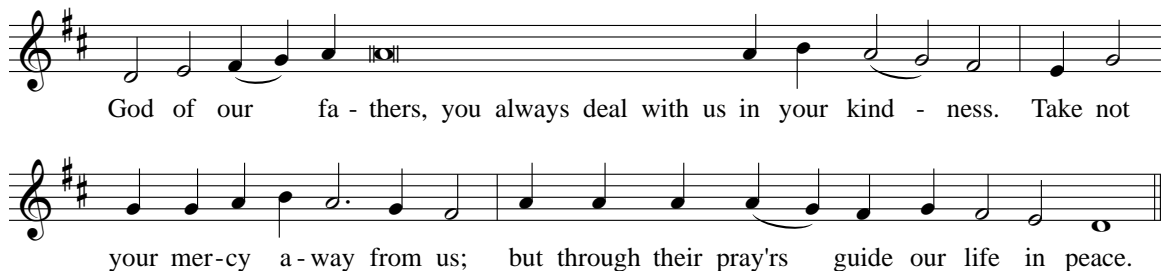


The just man will be remembered for - e - ver;
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Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

21 Our venerable father Timothy of Symbola, hermit. His earthly life was spent in fasting, prayer and vigils. He remained pure and chaste throughout his life. (795)

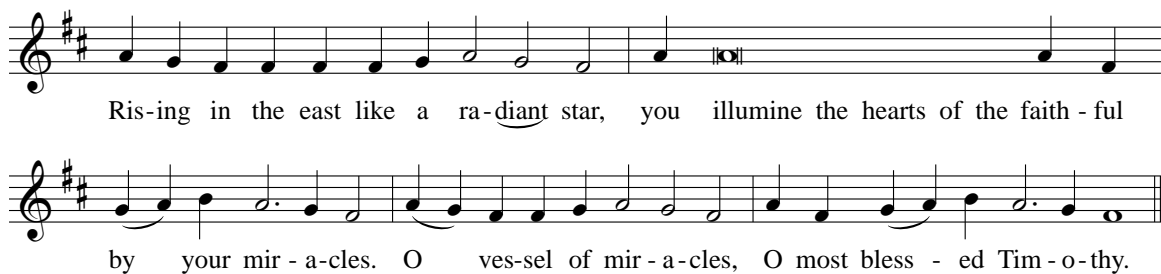
Our holy father Eustathius, Archbishop of Great Antioch, who was notable for his teaching. Under the Arian emperor Constantius, he was driven into exile to Trajanopolis in Thrace for his defense of the Catholic faith, and rested in the Lord there. (c.338)

Troparion - Tone 4



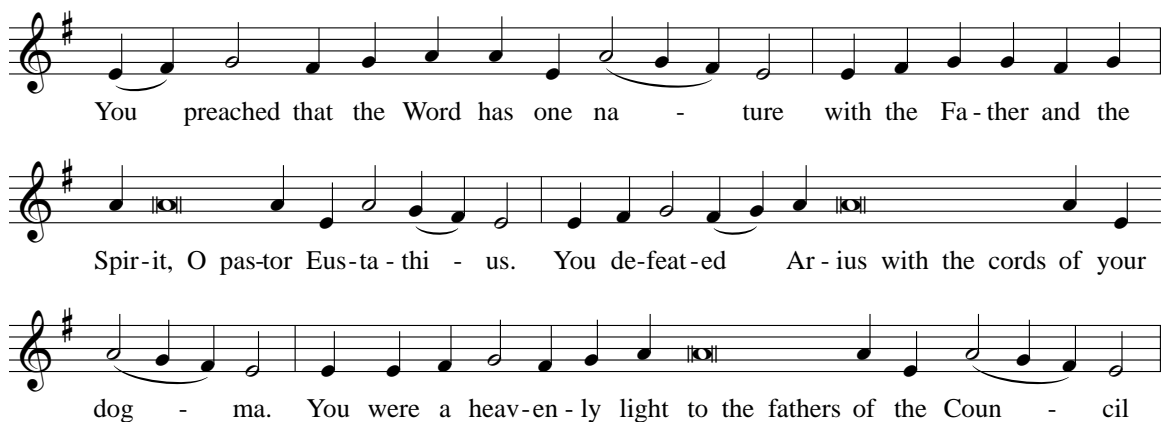
God of our fa - thers, you always deal with us in your kind - ness. Take not
your mer-cy a-way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Kontakion of Timothy - Tone 4



Ris-ing in the east like a ra-diant star, you illumine the hearts of the faith - ful
by your mir - a-cles. O ves-sel of mir - a-cles, O most bless - ed Tim - o - thy.

Kontakion of Eustathius - Tone 3



You preached that the Word has one na - ture with the Fa - ther and the
Spir-it, O pas-tor Eus-ta - thi - us. You de-feat-ed Ar - ius with the cords of your
dog - ma. You were a heav-en - ly light to the fathers of the Coun - cil

and have be-come a cham-pion of the Trin - i - ty. As you stand
 be - fore them, pray for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

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

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

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

My lips will speak words of wis - dom;
 un - der - stand - ing will be the theme of my heart.

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

Alleluia for a Venerable - 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.

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

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

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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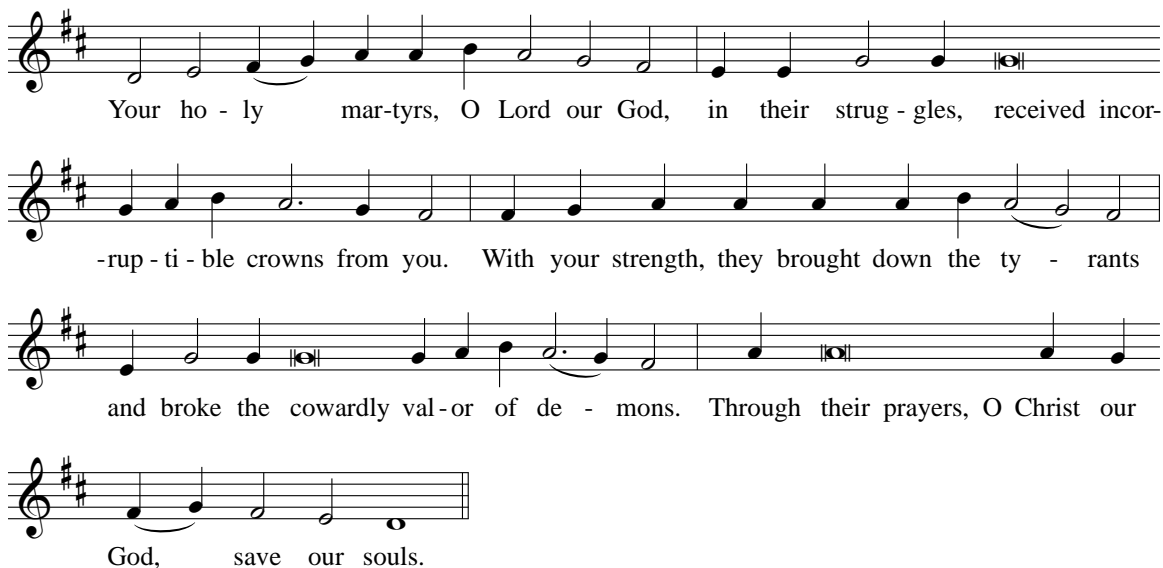
The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;

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

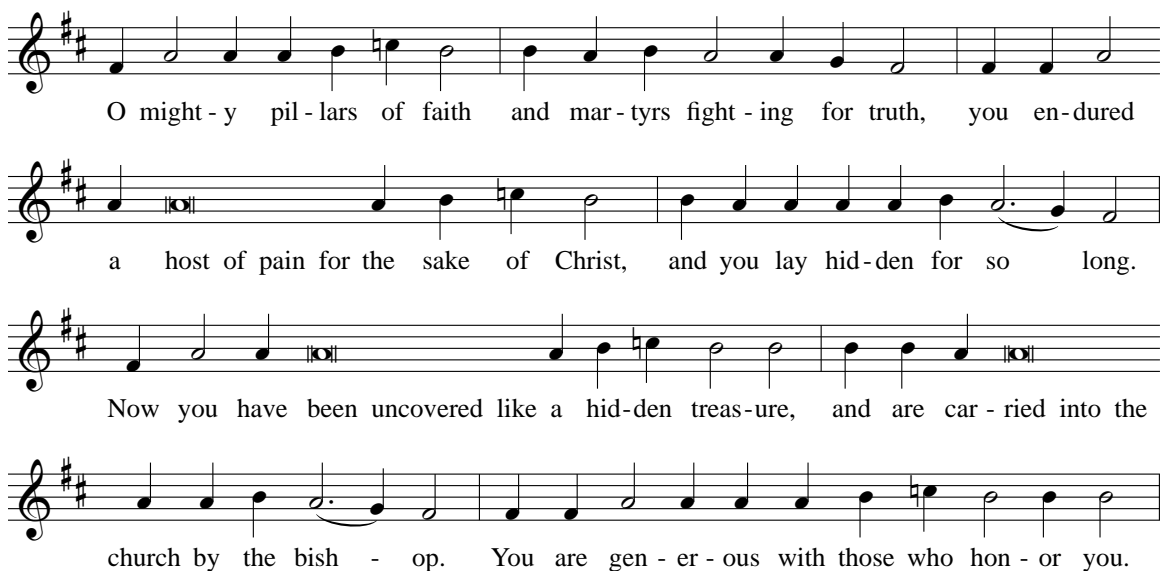
22 The Finding of the venerable relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia near Constantinople. During the reign of the emperor Arcadius, a divine revelation showed the burial place of these martyrs of whom it was said, "God alone knows their names, and he has written them in the Book of Life in heaven."

Troparion - Tone 4

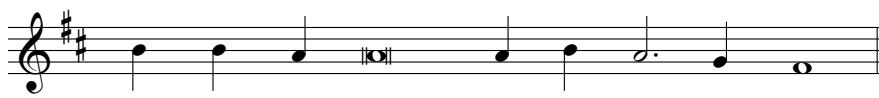


Your ho - ly mar-tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor-
 -rup - ti - ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
 and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
 God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 8



O might - y pil - lars of faith and mar - tyrs fight - ing for truth, you en - dured
 a host of pain for the sake of Christ, and you lay hid - den for so long.
 Now you have been uncovered like a hid - den treas - ure, and are car - ried into the
 church by the bish - op. You are gen - er - ous with those who hon - or you.



There - fore, pray for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

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

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

D



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



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



Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

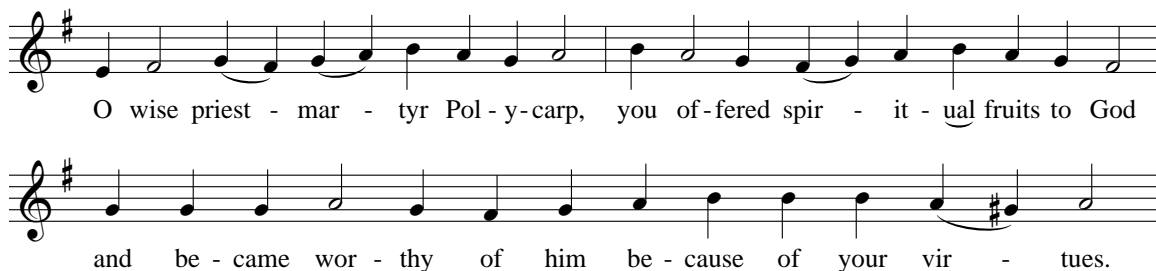
23 The holy martyr Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna who is honored as a disciple of blessed John and the final witness of the apostolic age. Under the emperors Marcus Antoninus and Lucius Aurelius Commodus, about the age of 90, he was given over to the flames in the amphitheater at Smyrna in Asia. Before the proconsul and the whole people, he gave thanks to God the Father because he had been deemed worthy to be numbered among the martyrs and to receive a portion from the cup of Christ. (c.155)

Troparion - Tone 4



The musical notation for the Troparion is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and a final cadence. The lyrics are: "You shared in the a-pos-tles' way of life and suc-ceed-ed to their throne, di - vine-ly in-spired bish - op. You found ac - cess to contempla-tion in the act - ive life. There-fore, you right - ly taught the word of truth and strug-gled for the faith to the shed-ding of your blood. O priest-mar-tyr Pol - y - carp pray to Christ our God to save our souls."

Kontakion - Tone 1



The musical notation for the Kontakion is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and a final cadence. The lyrics are: "O wise priest - mar - tyr Pol - y - carp, you of-fered spir - it - ual fruits to God and be - came wor - thy of him be - cause of your vir - tues."



There-fore, we who have been en-light-ened by your teach-ings, hon-or your mem-o - ry



and glo - ri - fy the Lord.

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



Let the faith - ful re-joyce 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 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):

E



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

Refrain

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

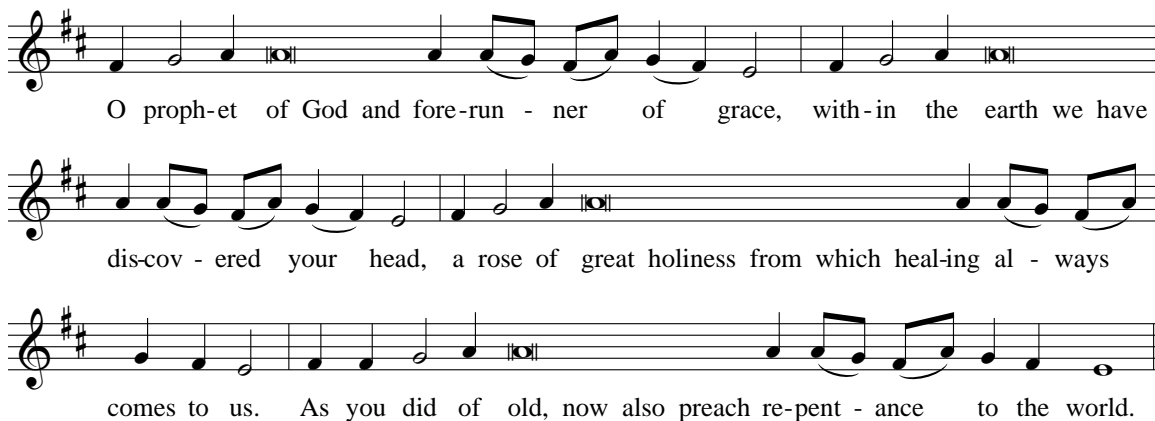
24 The first and second findings of the head of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John. Tradition tells us that the first finding was by two monks, in the palace of Herod the King. They brought the relic to the city of Emmesia. The second finding was much later, during the reign of the emperor Marcianus.

Our venerable father Erasmus of the Kiev Caves. He inherited great wealth from his parents, and spent it all on the beautification of churches. When he had nothing left and was despised by all, including his brothers, he entered into a time of despair, from which he was saved by the intercession of Ss. Anthony and Theodosius and the Theotokos. (1160)

Troparion - Tone 4

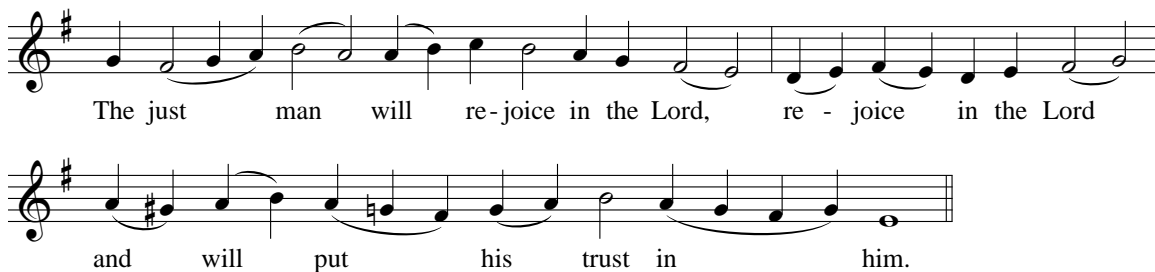
The head of the Fore - runner arose from the earth like a star, send - ing out
rays of heal - ing and im - mor - tal - i - ty. In heav - en, it gathers together the
choirs of an - gels, while on earth, it assembles the human race in a
sin - gle voice to sing the glo - ry of Christ our God.

Kontakion - Tone 2



O proph-et of God and fore-run - ner of grace, with-in the earth we have
dis-cov - ered your head, a rose of great holiness from which heal-ing al - ways
comes to us. As you did of old, now also preach re-pent - ance to the world.

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



The just man will re-joyce in the Lord, re - joyce 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):

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Refrain



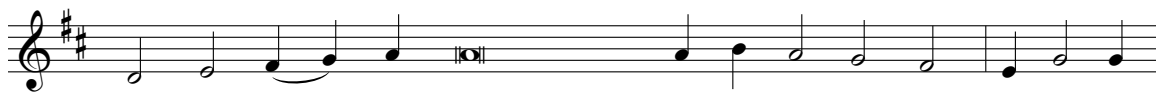
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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

25 Our holy father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople, notable for learning and piety. He opened the Second Nicene Council, in which the Fathers vindicated the cult of holy Images. He was called the “father of the poor.” (806)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im - age



of gentleness, and a teacher of mod - er - a - tion. You ac - quired great - ness

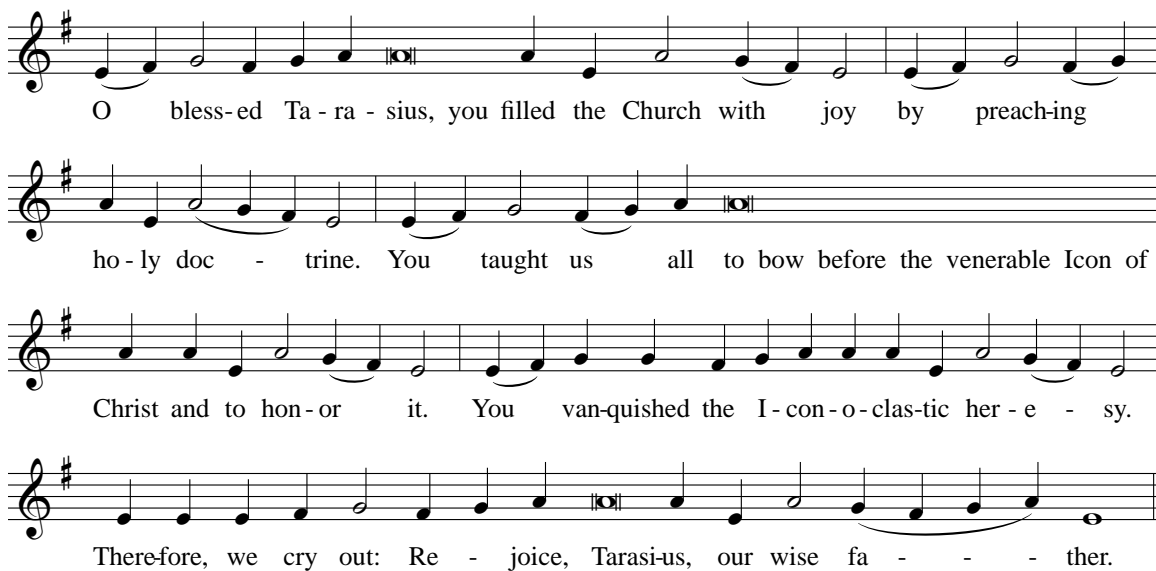


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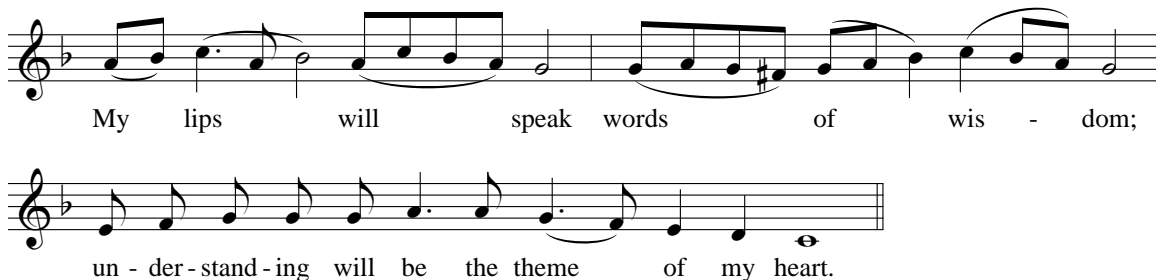
and bish - op Ta - ra - si - us, in - tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3



O bless-ed Ta-ra-sius, you filled the Church with joy by preach-ing
ho-ly doc-trine. You taught us all to bow before the venerable Icon of
Christ and to hon-or it. You van-quished the I-con-o-clas-tic her-e-sy.
There-fore, we cry out: Re-joice, Tarasi-us, our wise fa-ther.

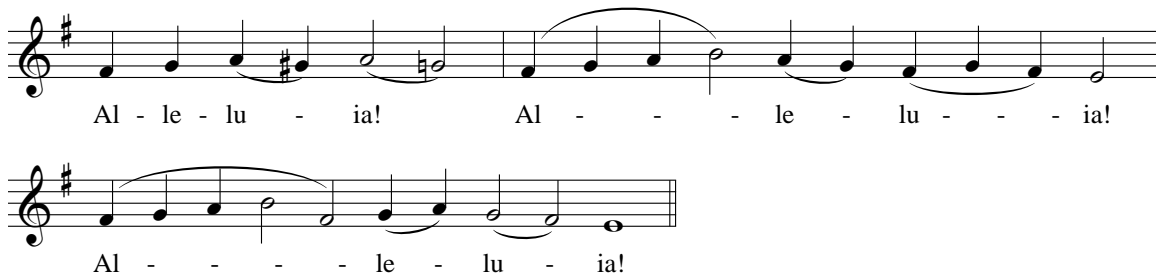
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My lips will speak words of wis-dom;
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Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

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



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

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will not fear, e-vil news he will not fear. *Refrain* Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia!

26 Our holy father Porphyry, bishop of Gaza in Palestine. Born in Thessalonica, he spent five years as a hermit in Skete and as many across the Jordan, where he was notable for his kindness toward the poor. Afterwards ordained a bishop, he overturned many temples of idols and was afflicted with troubles by their attendants for a long time, until, worthy of respect, he rested in peace with the saints. (421)

The holy great martyr, Photina the Samaritan. Tradition identifies her with the woman with whom Jesus spoke at the well (cf. John 4).

Troparion of Porphyry - Tone 4

Who can re-count all you works and suffer-ings of pi-e-ty? You nev-er stopped
work-ing day or night un-til you washed Gaza clean of im-pu-ri-ty
and re-placed its evil ways with sound ho-li-ness. You are a con-stant
guard-ian o-ver your flock. Now beg Christ our God to save our souls, O



Por - phy - ry.

Troparion of Photina - *Tone 3*



You were il - lu-mined by the Ho - ly Spir - it and re-freshed by the



streams of Christ the Sav - ior. Hav-ing drunk the Wa-ter of Sal-va - tion,



you gave gen - er-ous-ly to the thirst - y. O ho-ly Great Mar-tyr Pho-ti - na,



E-qual-to - the - A - pos - tles, en - treat Christ our God that our



souls may be saved.

Kontakion of Porphyry - *Tone 2*



You were splen-did in the robes of the priest - hood, a-dorned with your priest-ly

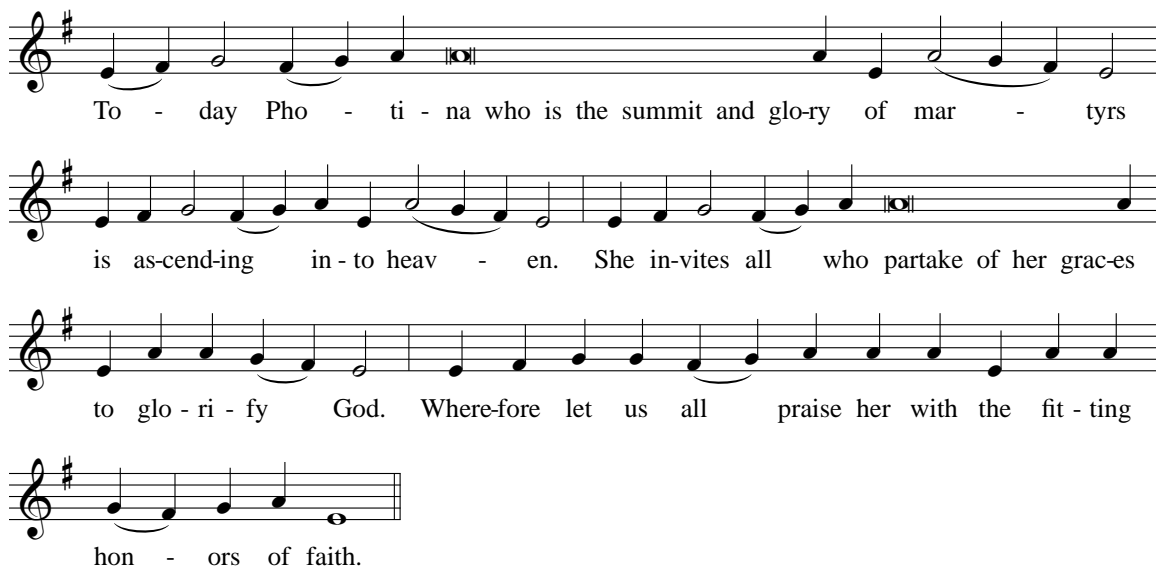


vir - tue, O bless-ed saint. You dis-pense treas-ures of cures, O wise-in-God,



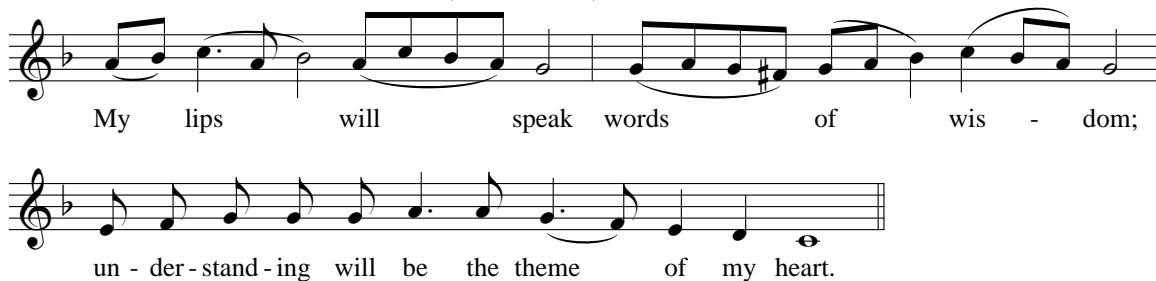
pray - ing un - ceas - ingly on our be - half, O Por - phy - ry.

Kontakion of Photina - Tone 3



To - day Pho - ti - na who is the summit and glo-ry of mar - tyrs
is as-cend-ing in - to heav - en. She in-vites all who partake of her grac-es
to glo - ri - fy God. Where-fore let us all praise her with the fit - ting
hon - ors of faith.

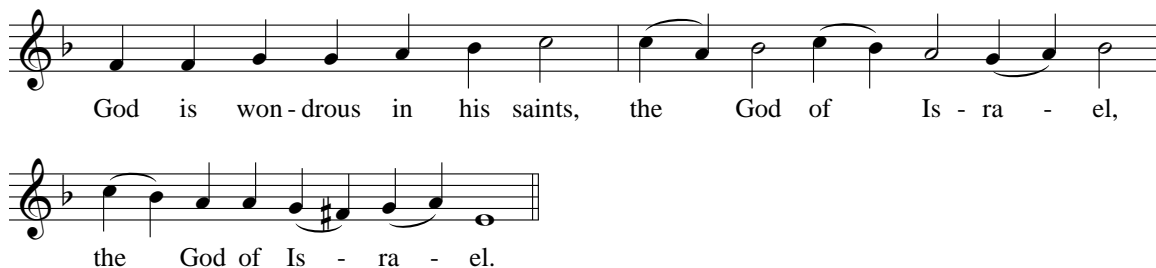
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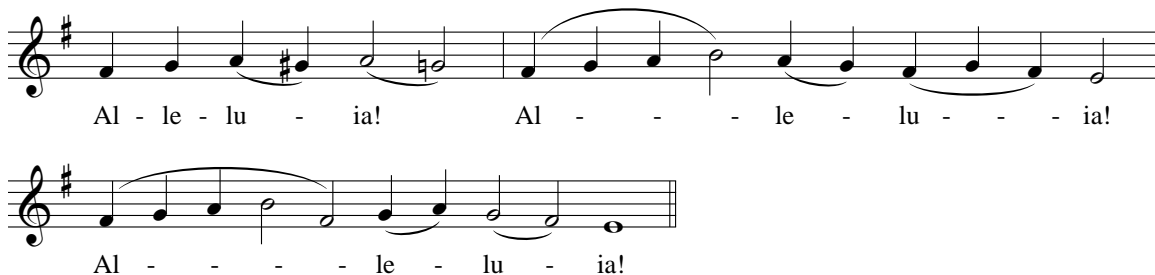
Prokeimenon for a Woman-Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):



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



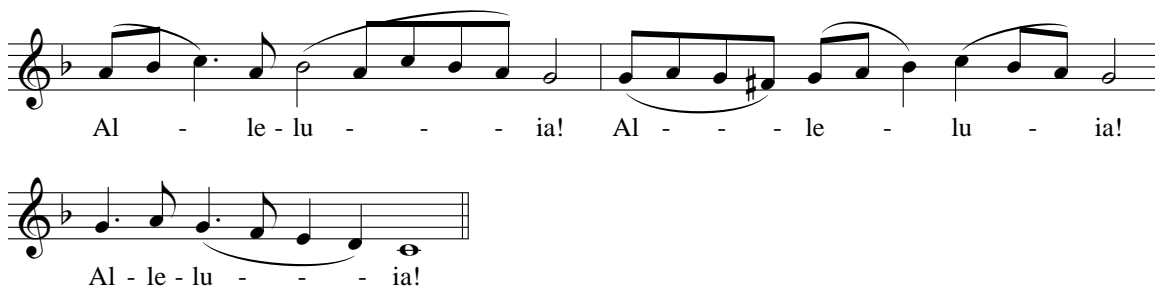
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Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

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

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

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.

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

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

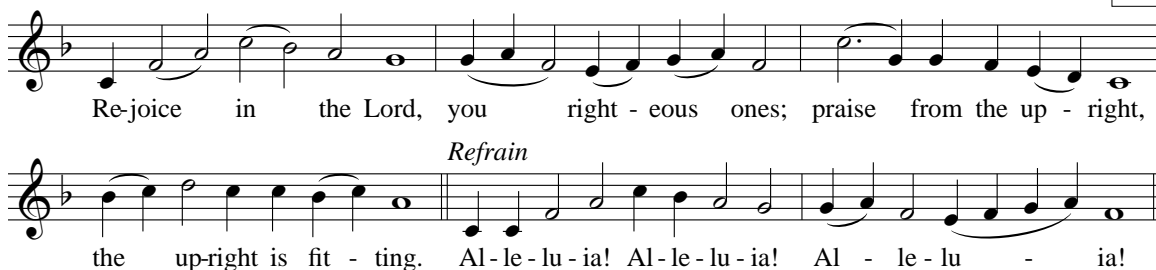
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Refrain

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

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

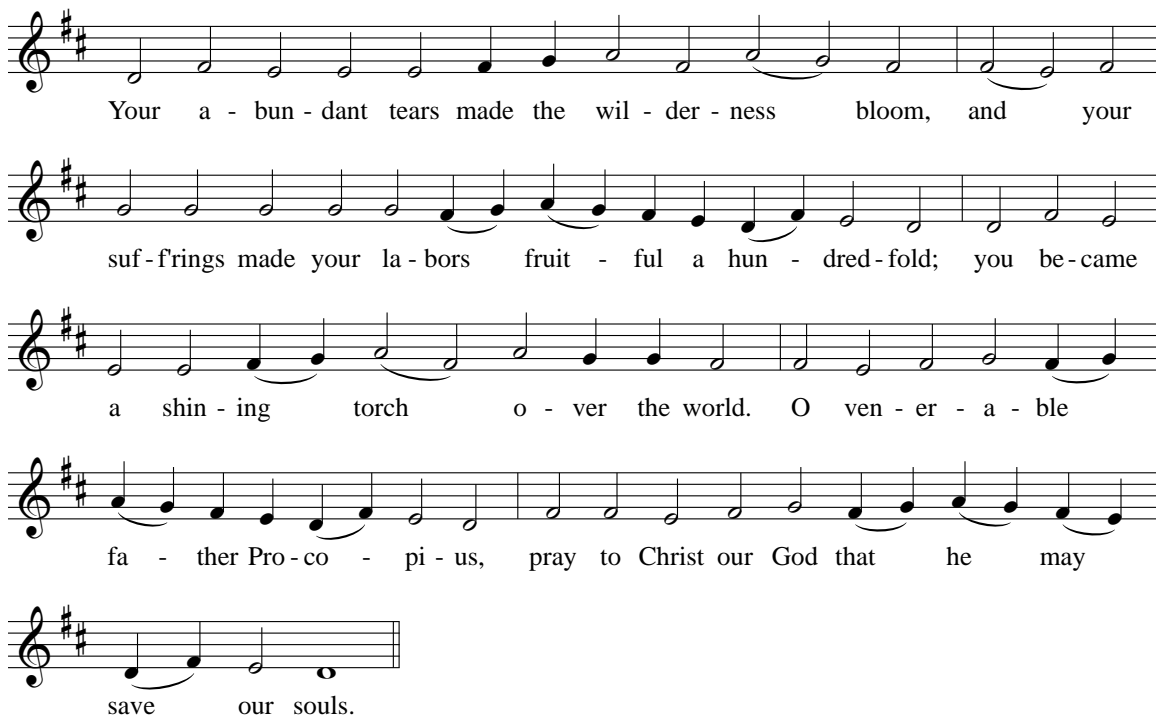
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Re-joyce in the Lord, you right - eous ones; praise from the up - right,
Refrain
the up-right is fit - ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

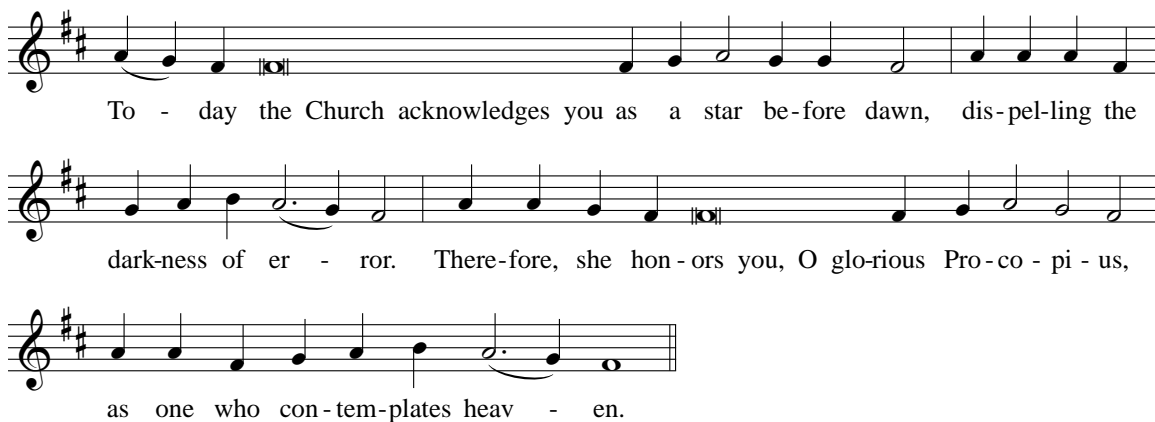
27 Our venerable father and confessor Procopius the Decapolite, who, at the time of emperor Leo III Isaurus [c.680-740] vigorously contended for the cult of holy Images. (741)

Troparion - Tone 8



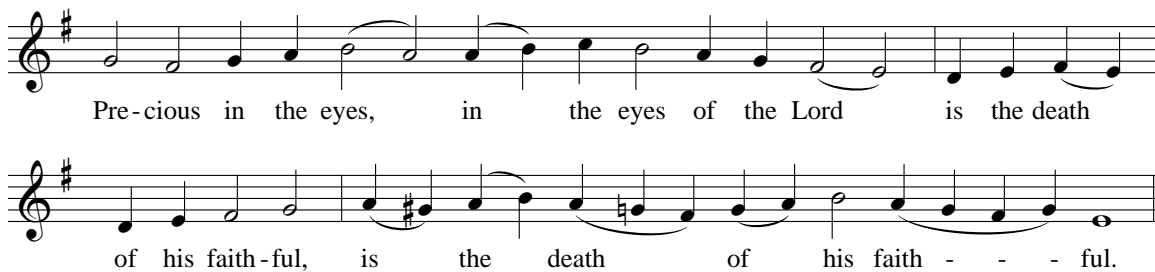
Your a - bun - dant tears made the wil - der - ness bloom, and your
suf-frings made your la - bors fruit - ful a hun - dred - fold; you be - came
a shin - ing torch o - ver the world. O ven - er - a - ble
fa - ther Pro - co - pi - us, pray to Christ our God that he may
save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4



To - day the Church acknowledges you as a star be-fore dawn, dis-pel-ling the
dark-ness of er - ror. There-fore, she hon - ors you, O glo-rious Pro-co - pi - us,
as one who con-tem-plates heav - en.

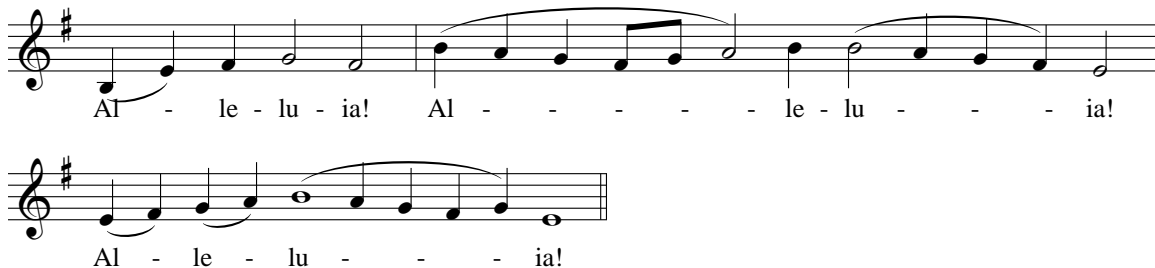
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



Pre-cious in the eyes, in the eyes of the Lord is the death
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Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

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



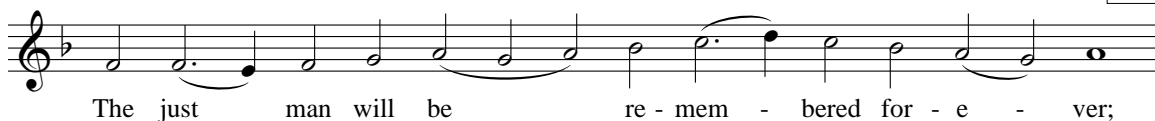
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Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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):

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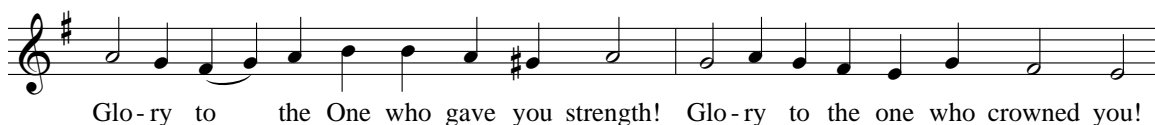
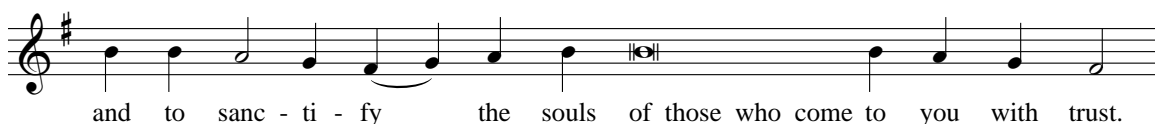
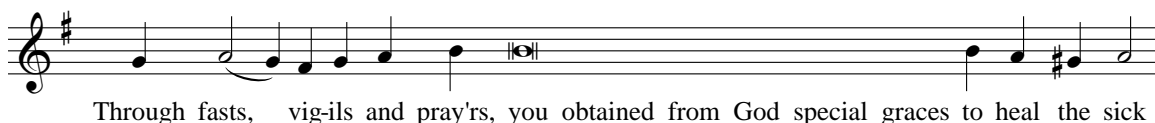


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28 Our venerable father and confessor Basil, fellow ascetic of Procopius, who, at the time of emperor Leo III Isaurus [c.680-740] vigorously contended for the cult of holy Images. (741)

Troparion - Tone 1



Glo - ry to the One who through your inter-ces - sion grants heal - ing to all!

Kontakion - Tone 2

Ho - ly and wise father, when you re - ceived your call - ing from God, you left

the troubles of this world and em - braced the as - cet - ic life. Most ho - ly Basil, you

received the graces of miracles and of heal - ing dis - eas - es.

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

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of his faith - ful, is the death of his faith - - - ful.

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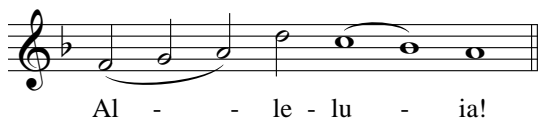
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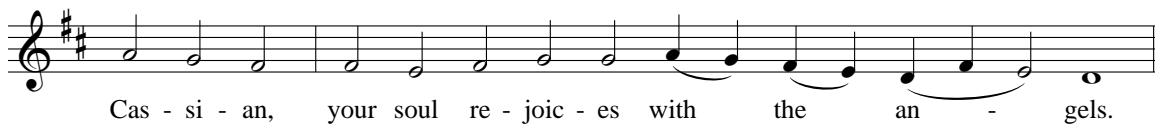
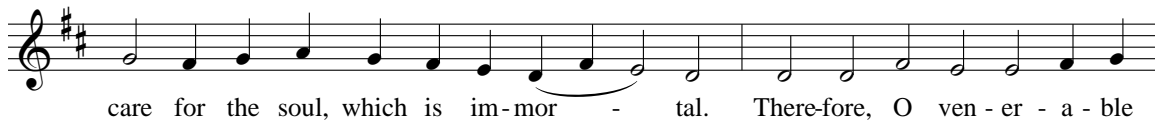
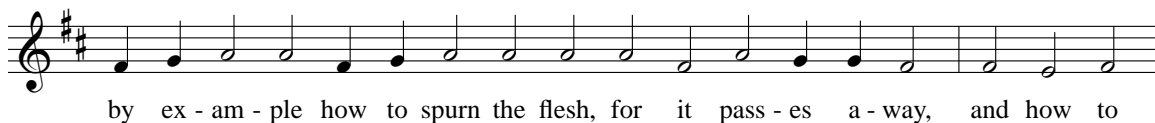
Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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29 Our venerable father Cassian, at Massilia in the province of Gaul, priest. He founded two monasteries, one for men and one for women. Long an expert in monastic customs, he wrote “on the Cenobitic Institutions” and the “Conferences of the Fathers” for the edification of monks. (c.453)

Troparion - Tone 8

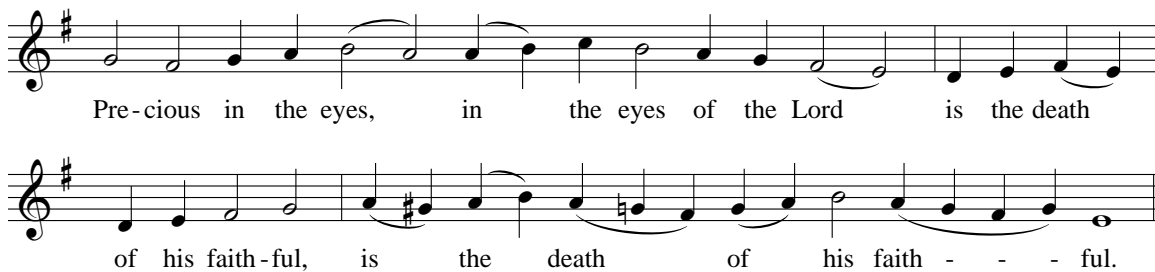


Kontakion - Tone 4



Be-ing a pi-ous man, you re-lied on God. Il - lumined with good teach-ings,
you let us share the light. We ven - er - ate you and ask you
to im-plore Christ for all of us.

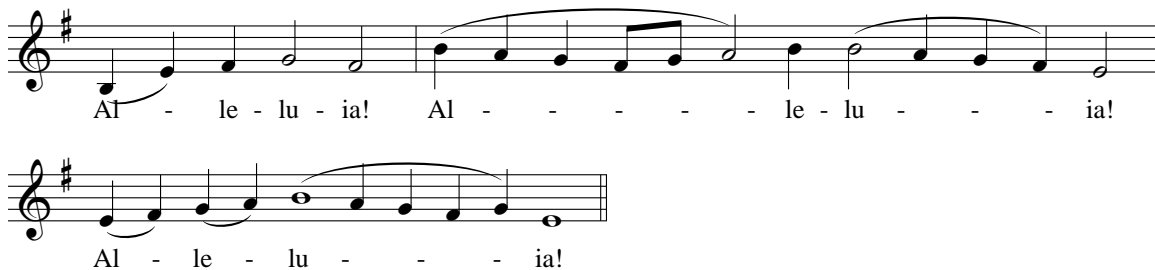
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The just man will be re-mem - bered for - e - ver;

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e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia!



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