


Divine Liturgy, March 12, 2011
Saturday in the First Week of the Great Fast
Commemoration of the Miracle of St. Theodore

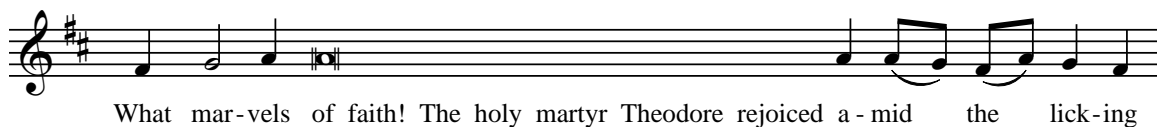
The forty holy martyrs of Sebaste in Armenia (*transferred from March 9*). They were comrades, not in blood, but in faith and obedience to the will of their heavenly Father. At the time of the emperor Licinius, after binding and savage tortures, they were ordered to pass the night naked at the coldest time of winter in a swamp in the open air. They consummated their martyrdom by the breaking of their legs at crucifixion. (320)

Troparion of the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste - Tone 1



O for - ty sol - diers of Christ and honora - ble mar - tyrs, you went through fire and
wa - ter, O might - y war - riors. and have come to live with the an - gels.
Join them in pray - ing to Christ for those who praise you.
Glo - ry to him who strength - ened you! Glo - ry to him who crowned you!
Glo - ry to him who heals us through you!

Troparion of Theodore - 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.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Kontakion of Theodore - Tone 8

Be-liev-ing in Christ with all your might, you struck a mighty blow to the en - e-my.

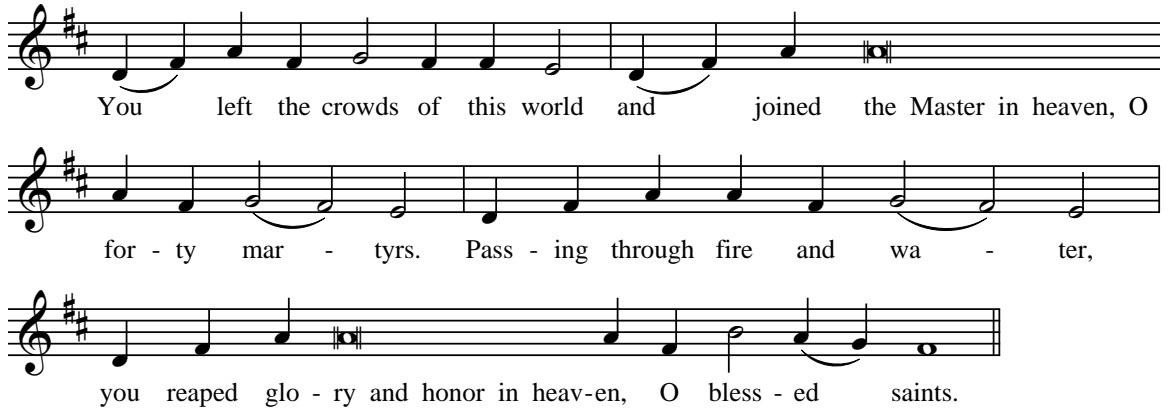
You re-ceived an e - ter-nal crown of glo-ry, O long-suf - fer-ing and victo-ri - ous

The - o - dore.

Cantor

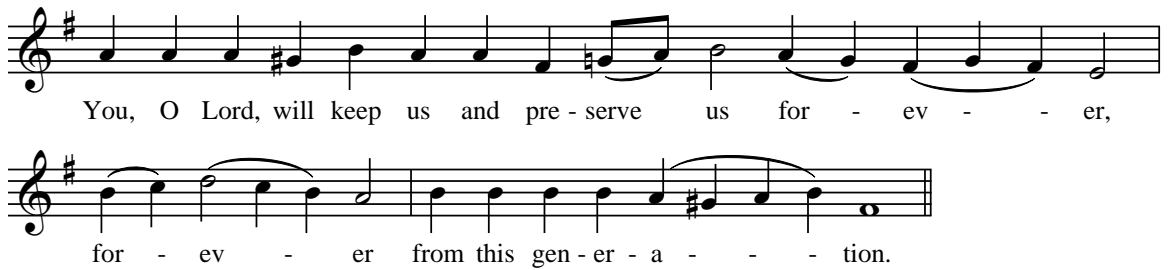
Now and ev - er and for-ev - er. A - - - men.

Kontakion of the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste - Tone 6



You left the crowds of this world and joined the Master in heaven, O
for - ty mar - tyrs. Pass - ing through fire and wa - ter,
you reaped glo - ry and honor in heav-en, O bless - ed saints.

Prokeimenon of the Forty Holy Martyrs - Tone 5 (Psalm 11:8,2):



You, O Lord, will keep us and pre - serve us for - ev - - er,
for - ev - - er from this gen - er - a - - - tion.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the righteous have vanished.
and then immediately:

Prokeimenon of a martyr - 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.

Alleluia of the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste - Tone 4 (Psalm 65:1-2, 10):



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

Verse: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to his name, give to him glorious praise.

Verse: For you, O God, have tested us, you have tried us as silver is tried.

Additional verses for the holy martyr Theodore:

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 of several martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

A




Re-joyce 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!


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

A



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

Refrain



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



Al - le - lu - ia!