

## Divine Liturgy, March 9

**The forty holy martyrs of Sebaste in Armenia.** 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.

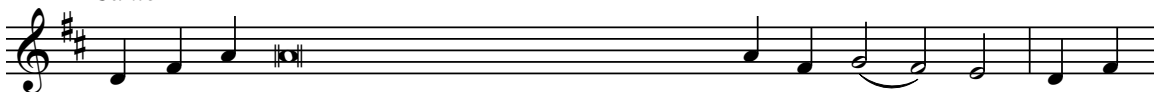


Glo - ry to him who strength - ened you! Glo - ry to him who crowned you!



Glo - ry to him who heals us through you!

### *Cantor*

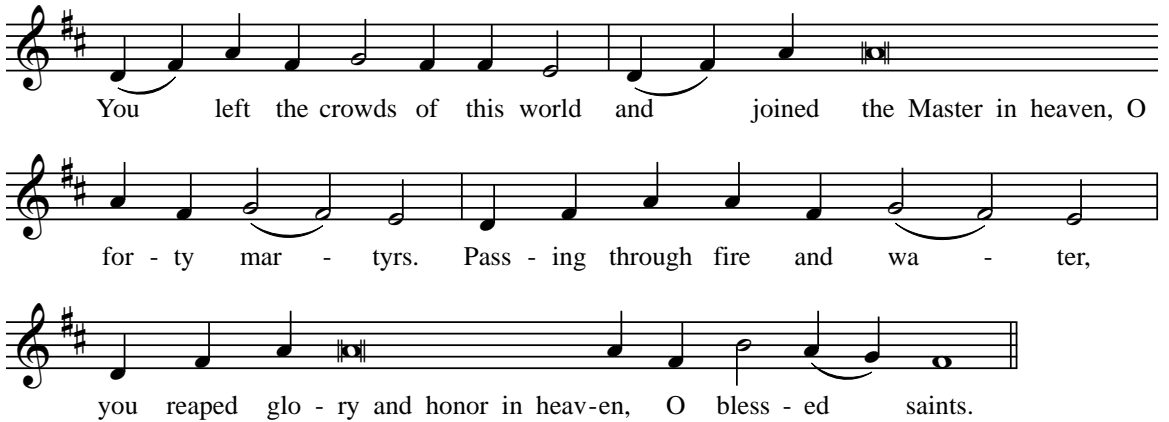


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and



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.

**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.

Communion Hymn of several martyrs (Psalm 32:1):


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Re - jice 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!