

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 eighth 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.

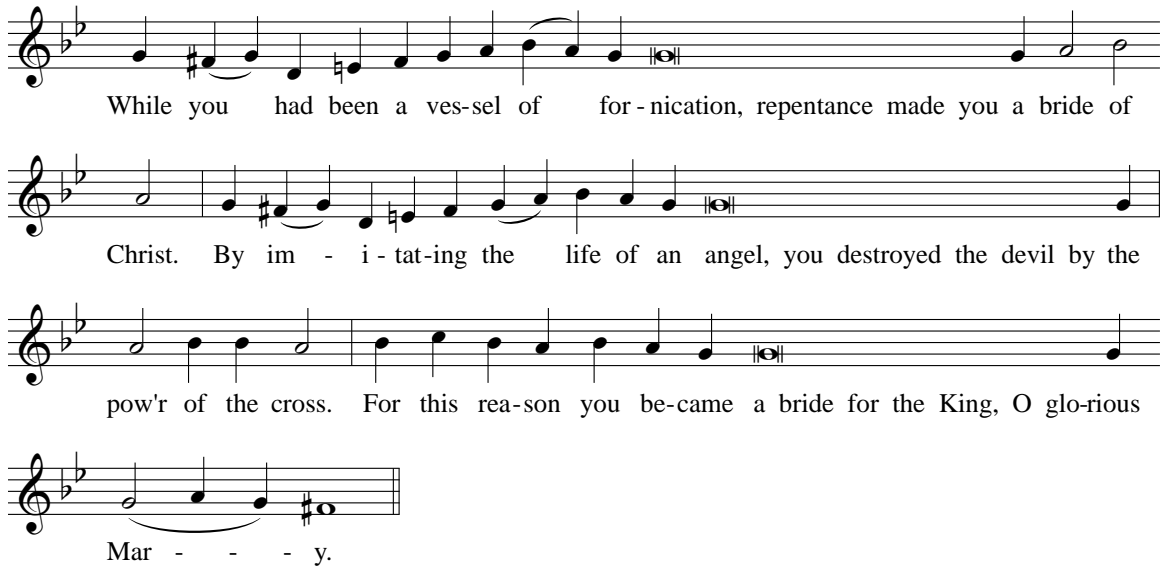
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*Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian and
Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo*

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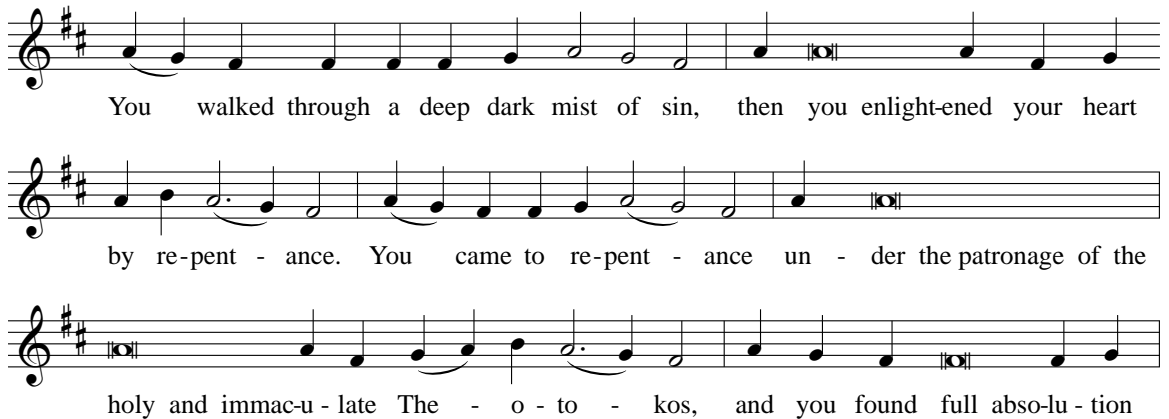
1 Our holy mother Mary of Egypt who, a notorious Alexandrian sinner, was converted to God in the Holy City. With the Blessed Virgin interceding for her, she led a penitential life across the Jordan. She died in Palestine after forty-seven years of penitence. (c.530)

Troparion - Tone 3



While you had been a ves-sel of for-nication, repentance made you a bride of Christ. By im - i - tat-ing the life of an angel, you destroyed the devil by the pow'r of the cross. For this rea-son you be-came a bride for the King, O glo-rious Mar - - - y.

Kontakion - Tone 4



You walked through a deep dark mist of sin, then you enlight-ened your heart by re-pent - ance. You came to re-pent - ance un - der the patronage of the holy and immac-u - late The - o - to - kos, and you found full abso-lu - tion

from your sins, Now you rejoice with the an - gels, O glo - rious saint.

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 111:6,7):

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The just wo - man will be re - mem - bered for - ev - er;

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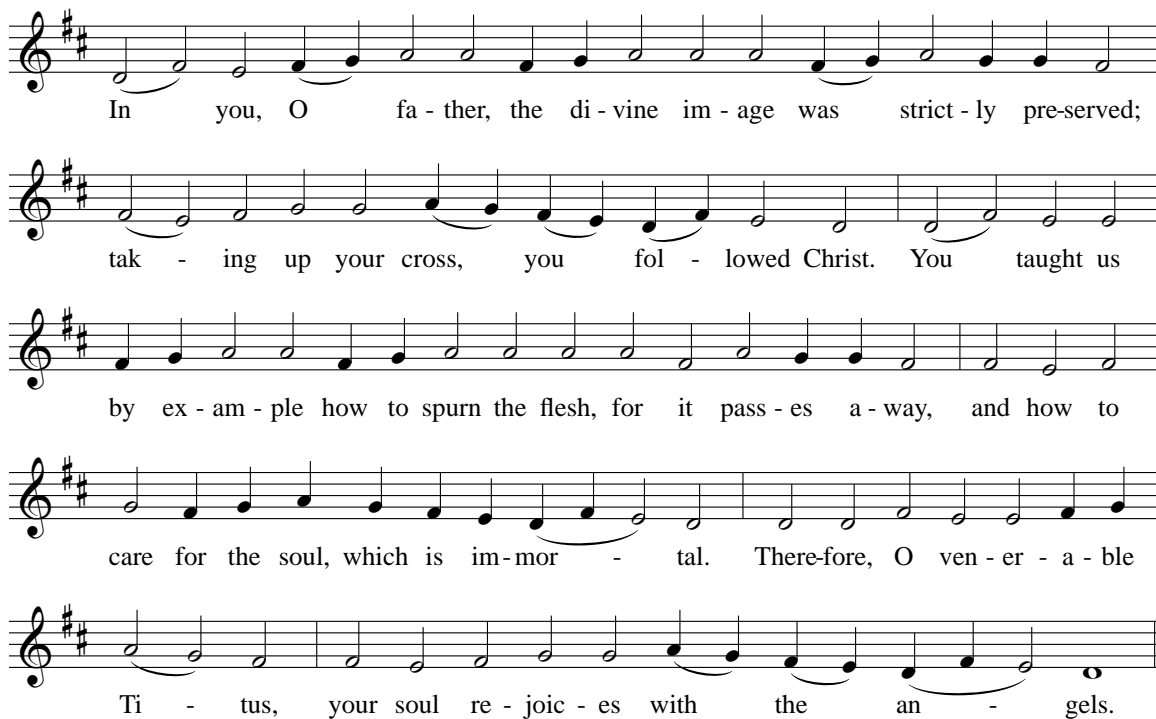
Refrain

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

2 Our venerable father Titus the Wonderworker. At a young age, he left the world and took the angelic habit. He was famous among his brethren for his heroic humility and obedience. During the iconoclast heresy, he was a noble defender of the Orthodox faith. Because of these things, God endowed him with the ability to work wonders, both during his life and after his death. (9th century)

Our holy father Nicholas Charnetsky, martyr-bishop, was born 1884 in Galicia. Gifted as a spiritual director and seminary professor, he became a Redemptorist. In 1926, he was made Apostolic Visitor to Ukrainian Catholics in Volyn and Polissya, and in 1931 he was consecrated bishop. He was arrested in 1945 by the Soviets, sent to Siberia for forced labor, and eventually returned to L'viv. (1959)

Troparion - 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
Ti - tus, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion - Tone 4



You passed your life in silence and drew near to God, O venerable and miracle-



work-ing fa - ther Ti - tus.

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!



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

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

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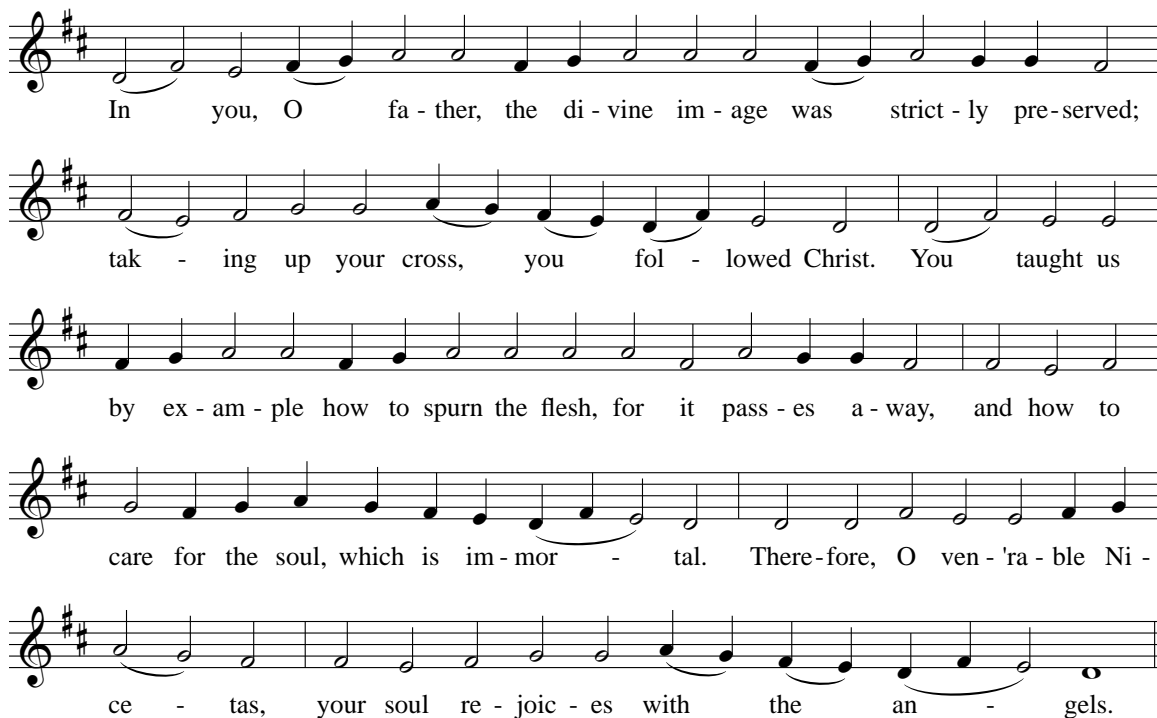
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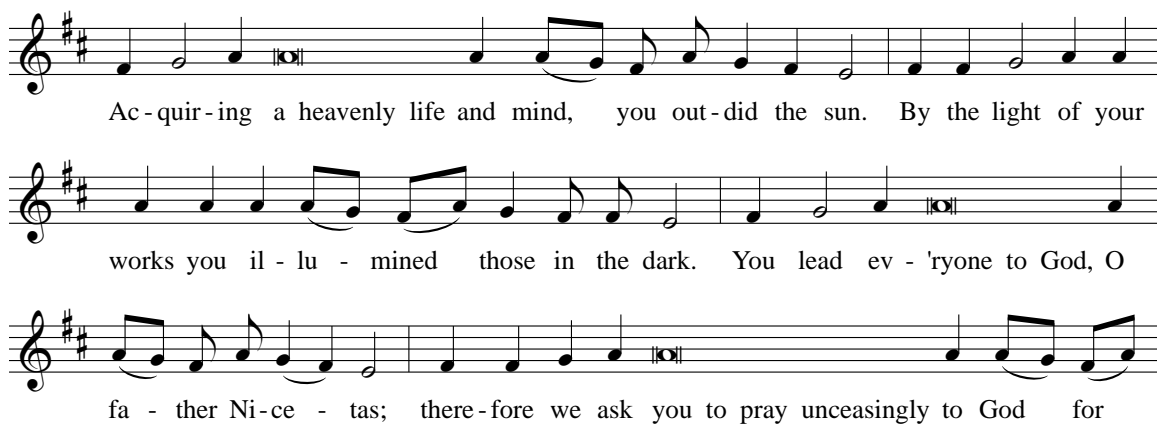
3 Our venerable father and confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of Medikion on Mt. Olympus in Bithynia, who for his defense of the holy icons suffered patiently imprisonment and exile under Leo the Armenian. (824)

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ce - tas, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion - Tone 2



Ac - quir - ing a heavenly life and mind, you out - did the sun. By the light of your
works you il - lu - mined those in the dark. You lead ev - 'ryone to God, O
fa - ther Ni - ce - tas; there - fore we ask you to pray unceasingly to God for



all of us.

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



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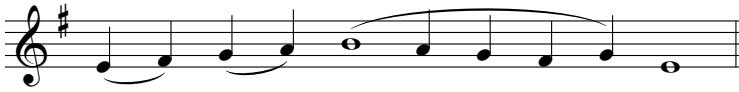
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Refrain



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

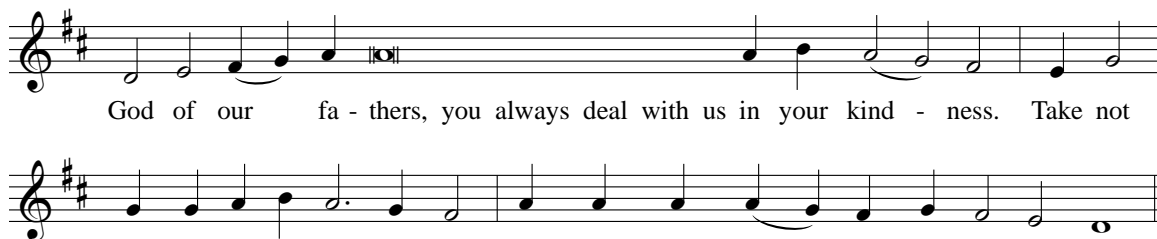


Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

Our venerable father, Joseph the Hymnographer, priest, who, as a monk, when the destroyers of holy icons were raging, was sent to Rome to seek the protection of the Apostolic See, and, after he had been afflicted with many trials, finally took custody of the holy vessels of the Church of Holy Wisdom. (883)

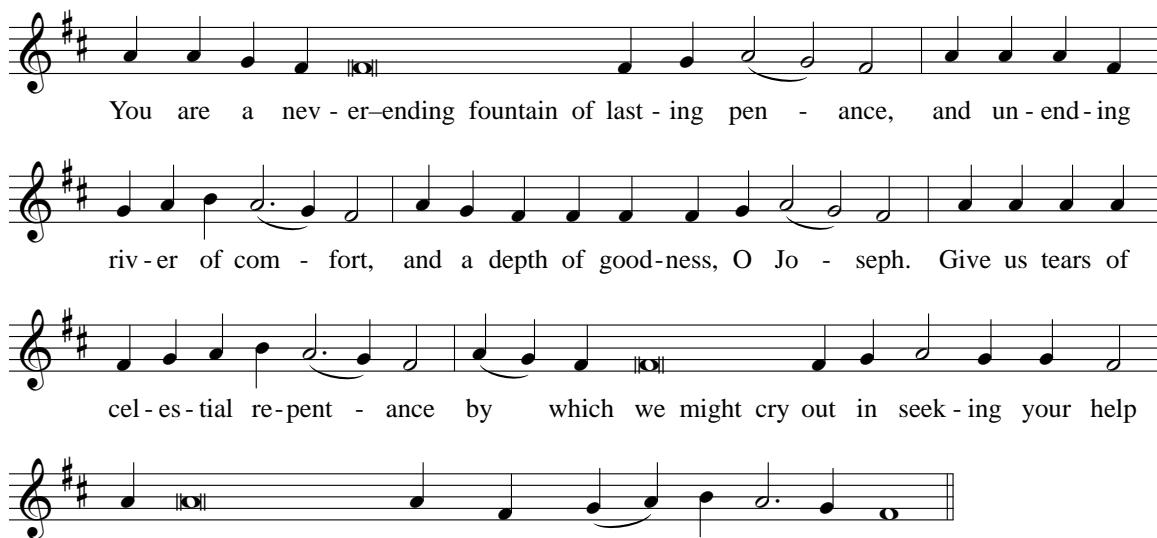
Our venerable father, George of Malea pursued asceticism at a monastery on Mount Malea in the Peloponessus, and here also he died. In the service to him, the Monk George is supplicated as an earthly Angel and wonderworker. (9th century)

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 Joseph - Tone 4



You are a nev - er-ending fountain of last - ing pen - ance, and un - end - ing
riv - er of com - fort, and a depth of good - ness, O Jo - seph. Give us tears of
cel - es - tial re - pent - ance by which we might cry out in seek - ing your help
and find comfort from God through you, O ho - ly one.

Kontakion of George - Tone 3



You sought to be a friend of Christ, and so you turned from world - ly

dis-trac - tion. You lived like an an - gel on earth, O George.

There-fore, we are in awe of your ho - ly pass - ing. Beg Christ our

God to have mer - cy on us.

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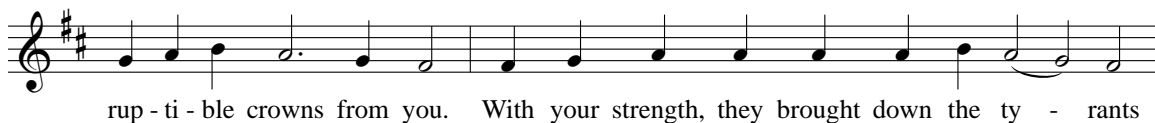
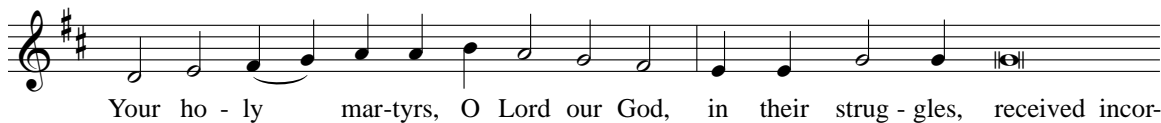


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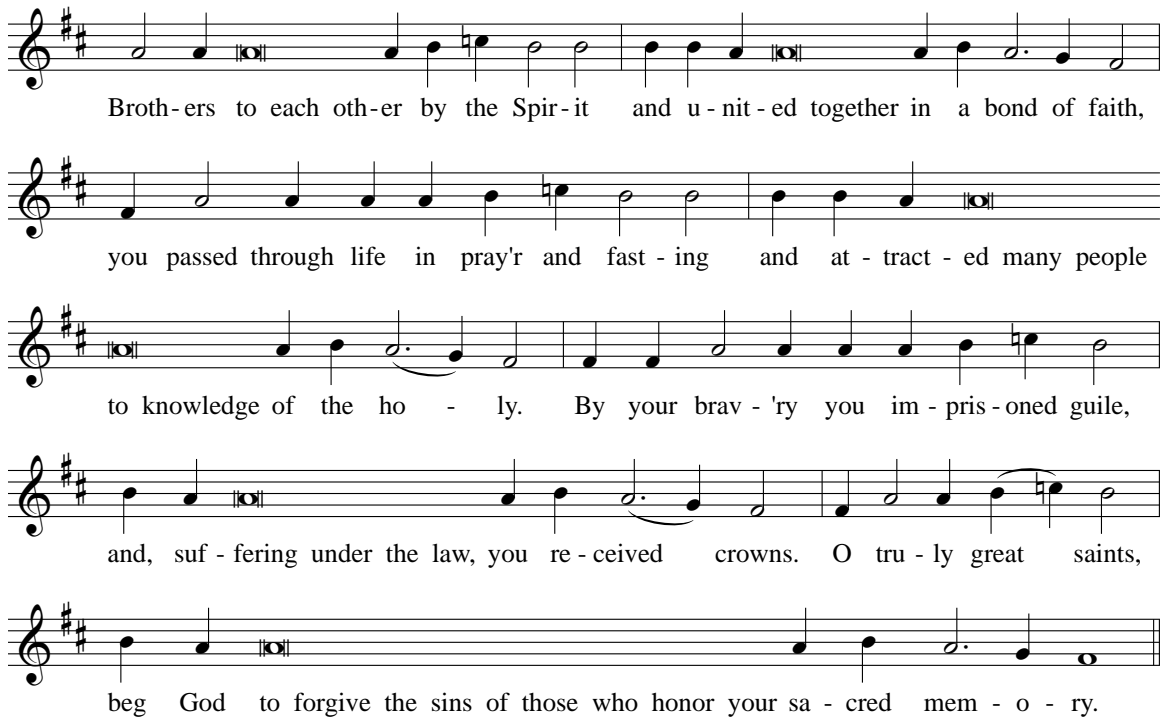


5 The holy martyrs Theodulus, lector, and Agathopedus, deacon, at Thessalonica in Macedonia. Under the emperor Maximian, by order of the governor Faustinus, they had stones fastened to their necks and were drowned in the sea, on account of their confession of the Christian faith (303)

Troparion - Tone 4

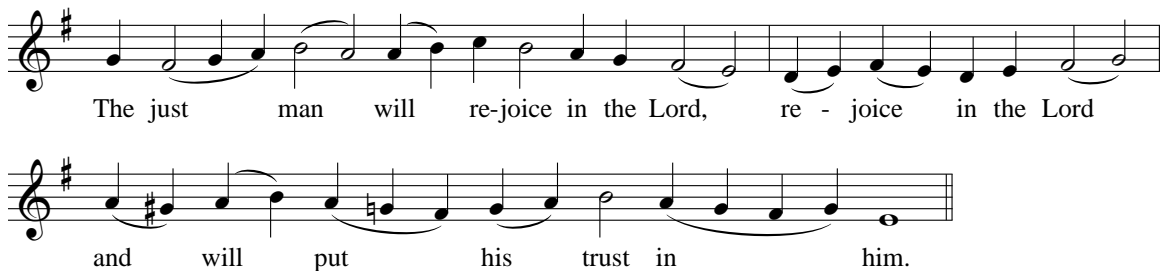


Kontakion - Tone 8



Broth-ers to each oth-er by the Spir-it and u-nit-ed together in a bond of faith,
you passed through life in pray'r and fast-ing and at-tract-ed many people
to knowledge of the ho - ly. By your brav - 'ry you im - pris-oned guile,
and, suf - fering under the law, you re - ceived crowns. O tru - ly great saints,
beg God to forgive the sins of those who honor your sa - cred mem - o - ry.

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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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!

6 Our holy father Eutyches, archbishop of Constantinople, who led the Second Ecumenical Council at Constantinople [553, the 5th Ecumenical Council], where he boldly fought for the Orthodox faith, and, when he had suffered a long exile, at his death professed the resurrection of the flesh. (582)

The passing of our holy father Methodius, teacher of the Slavs. After the death of St. Cyril in Rome, Methodius returned to Moravia and labored there among the Slavs, preaching the Gospel and establishing the Christian faith there. (885)

Troparion of Eutyches - *Tone 4*

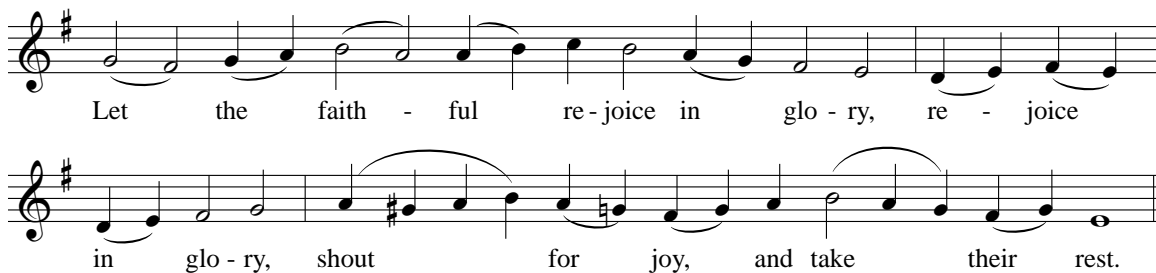
Your life has shown you to your flock as a rule of faith, an im - age
of gentleness, and a teacher of mod - er - a - tion. You ac - quired great - ness
through hu - mil - i - ty and wealth through pov - er - ty. O fa - ther
and bish - op Eu - ty - ches, in - tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Eutyches - Tone 8



All you peo-ple, sing-ing with faith and love, let us bless the god-ly Eu-ty - ches
as a min-is-ter and great pas-tor, an all-wise teacher and expel-ler of her - e-sies,
for he en-treats the Lord in be-half of all of us.

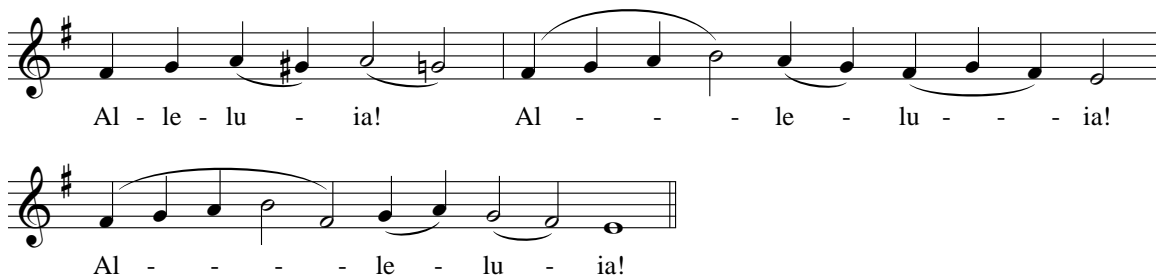
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



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 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.

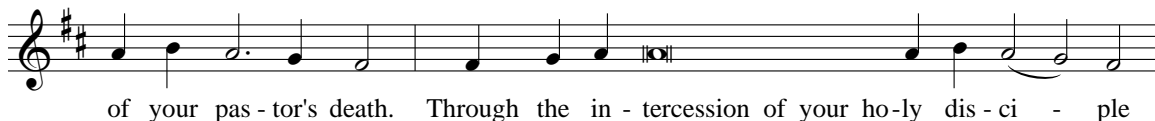
Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

B



OR

Troparion of Methodius - *Tone 4*



Kontakion of Methodius - *Tone 2*



this great pas - tor of the Slavs. Tru-ly he was a good ser-vant of the Trin-i - ty.

He ban-ished the wiles of her - e - sy. Re-joice, be-cause he prays for

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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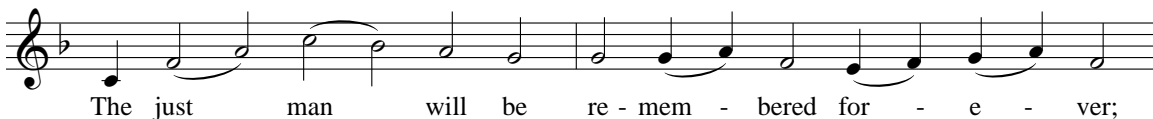
Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

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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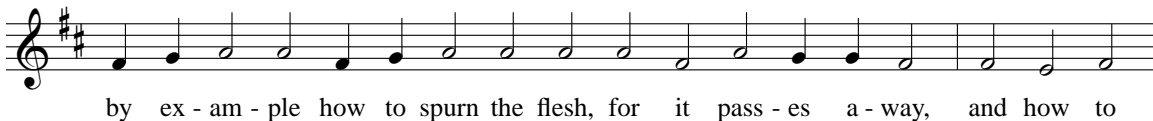
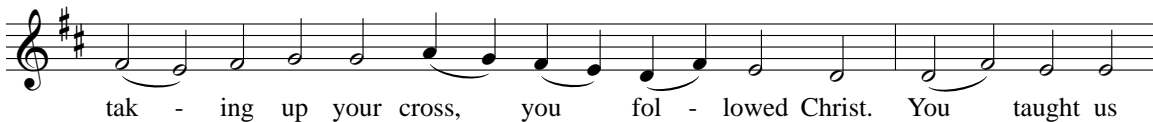


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7 Our venerable father George, bishop of Mitylene on the island of Lesbos, who suffered many things for the cult of holy icons under emperor Leo the Armenian. (816)

Troparion - Tone 8



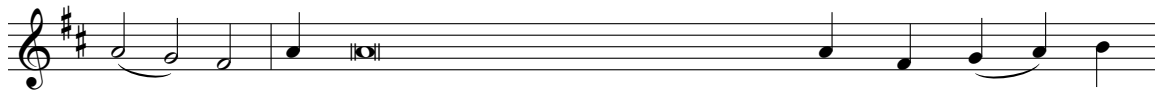
Kontakion - Tone 4



By the force of your meekness you were a source of light. You thoroughly beat down



the re-volt of dev - ils, show - ing a spir - itual bravery, O vener-a - ble



fa - ther. In your great love you gave alms to the poor and fed the



hun - gry. Up - on your death you inherit-ed an age - less re - ward,



re - joicing until the end of time, O bless - ed bish - op George. Beg Christ



to for-give our sins, for we cele-brate your ho - ly mem - 'ry with love.

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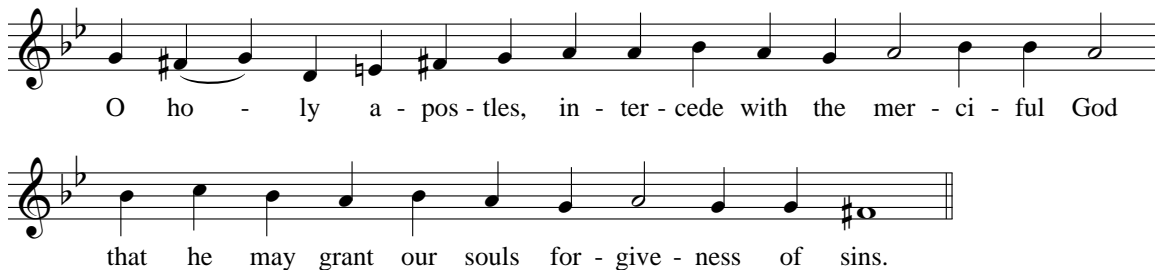
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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

8 The holy apostles Herodian, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon and Hermes.

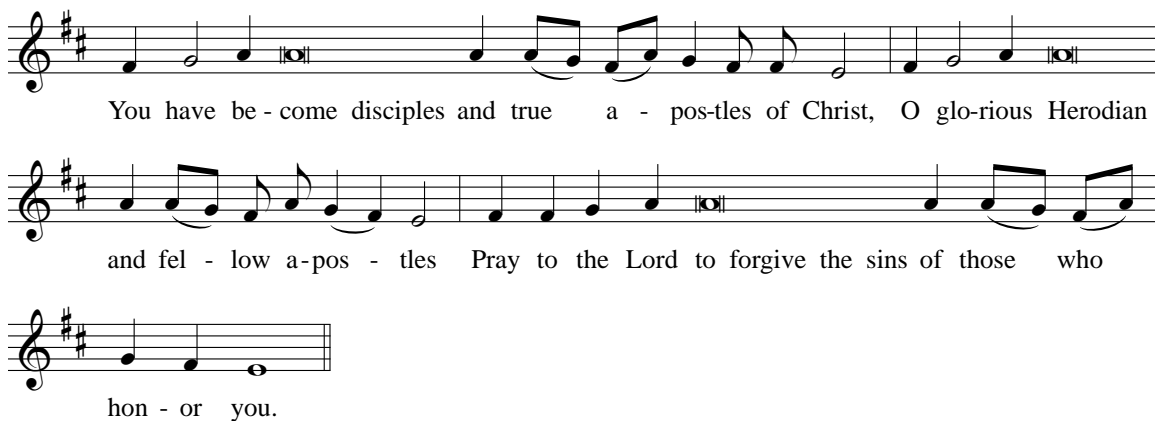
These were all among the Seventy, and are mentioned by St. Paul in his epistles. Herodion was a kinsman of Paul: "Salute Herodion my kinsman," he writes to the Romans (16:11). Herodion helped the Apostle Peter in Rome, and was beheaded along with many other Christians the day that St. Peter was crucified. Agabus had a spirit of prophecy; two of his prophecies are recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (11:28 and 21:11). Rufus was bishop of Thebes in Greece; he also is mentioned by Paul: "Salute Rufus, chosen in the Lord." (Rom. 16:13). St. Asyncritus (Rom. 16:14) was bishop of Hyrcania in Asia. Phlegon, who is mentioned in the same place as Rufus, was bishop in the Thracian city of Marathon. Hermas, mentioned with the others, was bishop in Dalmatia.

Troparion - Tone 3



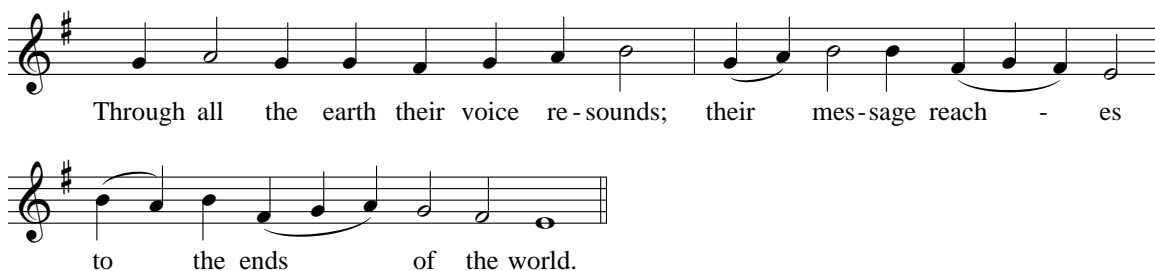
O ho - ly a - pos - tles, in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Kontakion - Tone 2



You have be - come disciples and true a - pos - tles of Christ, O glo - rious Herodian
and fel - low a - pos - tles Pray to the Lord to forgive the sins of those who
hon - or you.

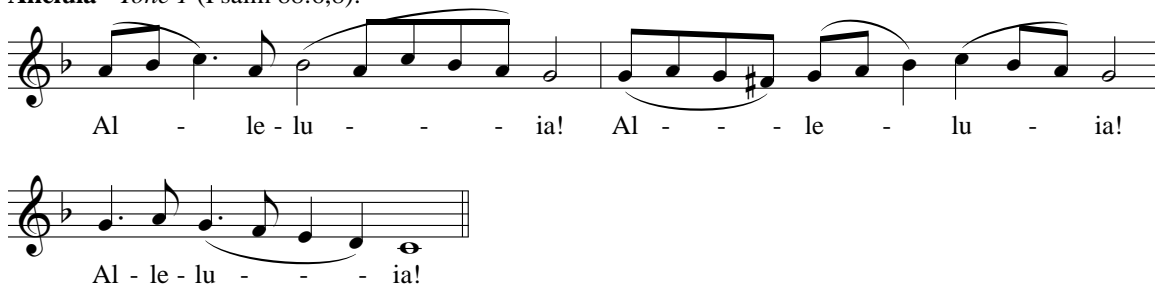
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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):



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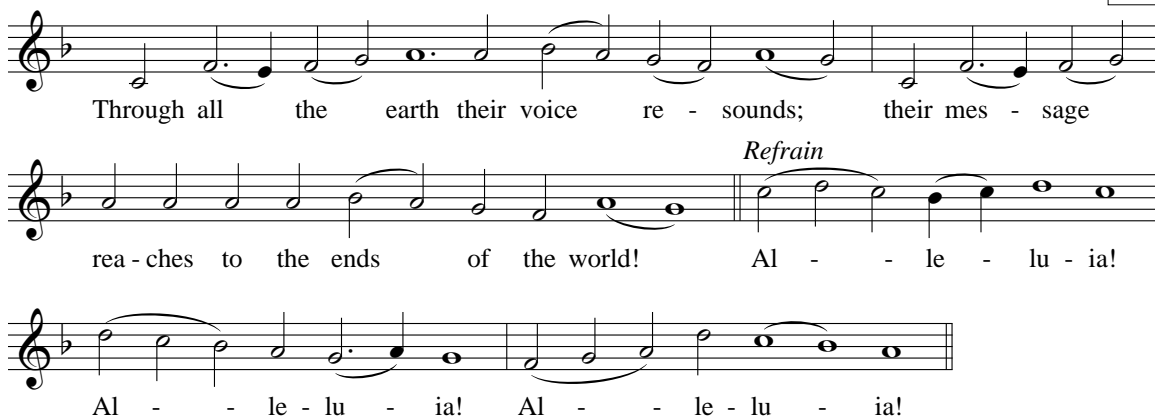
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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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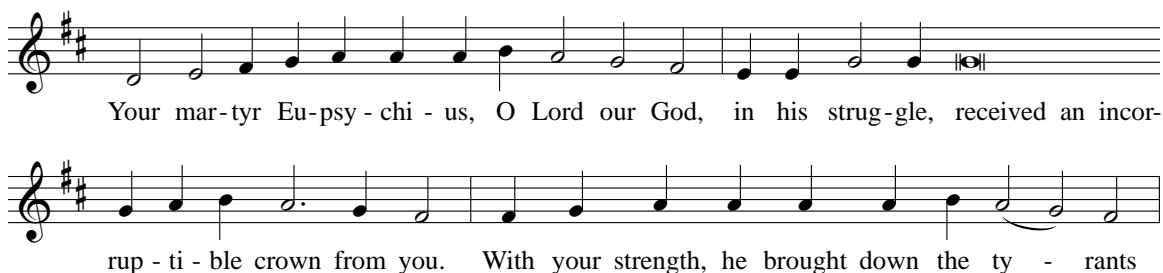
Refrain

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9 The holy martyr Euppsychius at Caesarea in Cappadocia, who, accused of the destruction of the temple of divine Fortune, consummated his martyrdom under the emperor Julian the Apostate. (c.362)

Troparion - Tone 4



Your mar - tyr Eu - psy - chi - us, 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 - Tone 1

Hav - ing ac - com-plished heroic deeds with a good spir - it, you van-quished
 the en - e - my, O mar - tyr. You re-ceived hon-or and mir - a - cles from God;
 there-fore, the whole Church of the faith - ful prais-es you, ven-er - at - ing your
 mem - o - ry from age to age.

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

10 The holy martyrs Terence, Pompey, and their forty companions in Africa; who under the emperor Decius died for the Christian faith. (250)

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

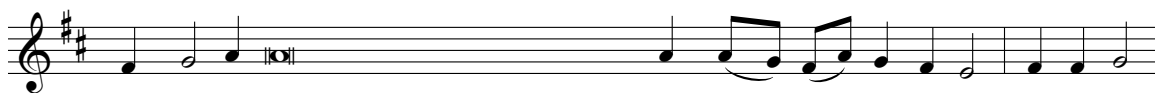


and broke the cowardly val - or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our



God, save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2



The mem-o - ry of the martyrdom of Terence has come a - gain to-day, and it fills



all of us with joy. Let us as - semble together to re - ceive



cures from him and from those who suf - fered with him, for they



re - ceived the grace of the Ho - ly Spir - it to heal the af - flic - tions



of our souls.

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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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!

11 The holy martyr Antipas, bishop of Pergamum in Asia who, a faithful witness, just as blessed John says in the Apocalypse (cf Apoc. 2:13), consummated his martyrdom in the reign of Domitian. (c.92)


Troparion - Tone 4




You de-destroyed the lies of the i-dols, O An - ti - pas, and you smashed the



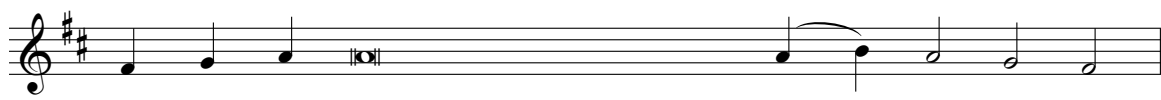
hold of the dev - il. You brave-ly professed Christ be-fore the e - vil ones.



Now you have taken your place a-mong the an - gels and of - fer up prayers



to the Mas - ter, giv - ing thanks on our be - half and dis - pens - ing cures.



For this rea - son we venerate you, O martyred priest An - ti - pas.




Beg Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4




You sat on the throne of the a - pos - tles and you al - so a - dorned




pas - tors. Hav - ing been raised up in martyr - dom, O bless - ed saint, you shine



like the sun in the sky. You chase away the deep night of godless - ness, O

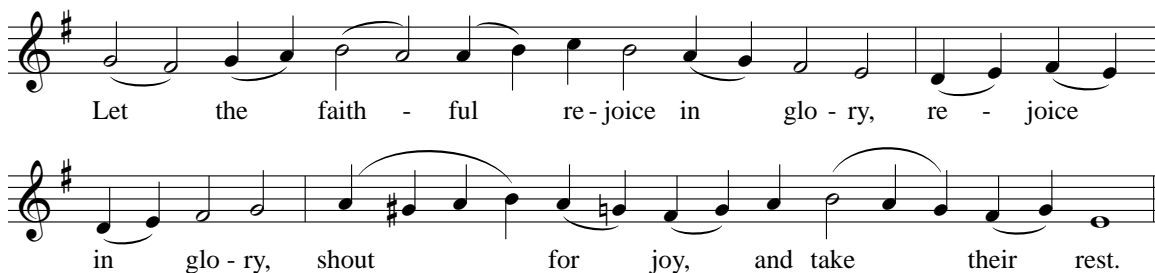


An - ti - pas, with the ra - di - ance of your beams. For this we praise you as a



heav - en - ly mar - tyred priest and a source of health for us.

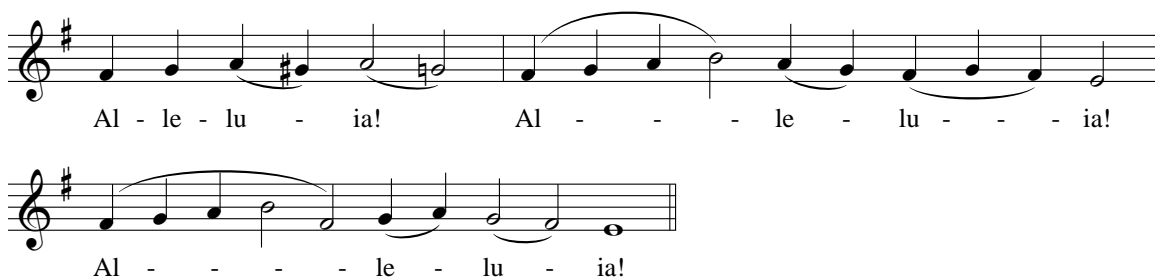
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Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

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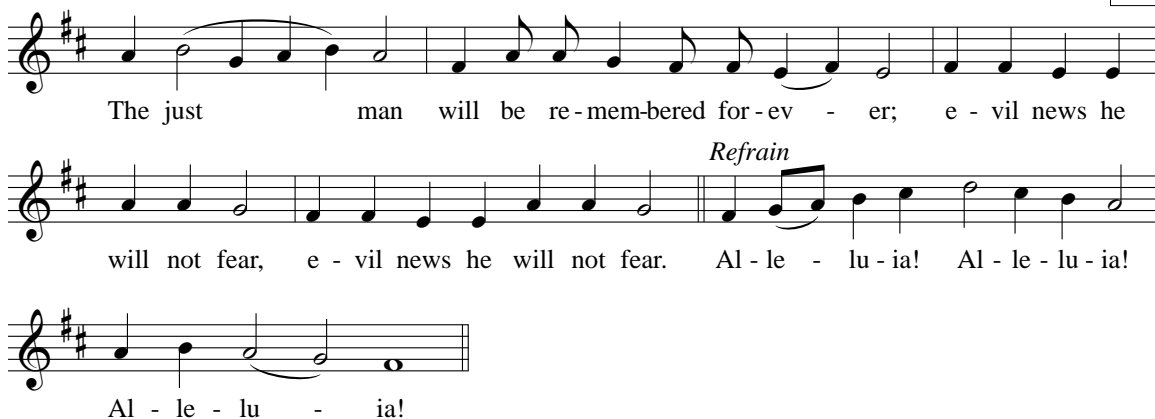
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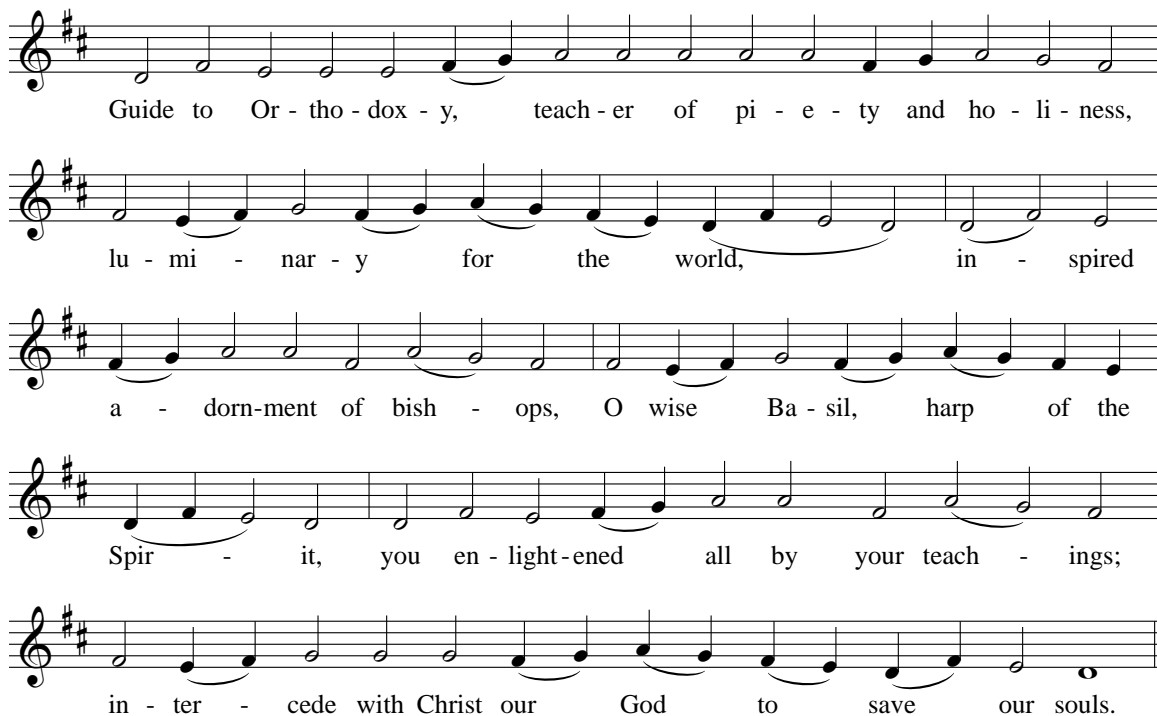
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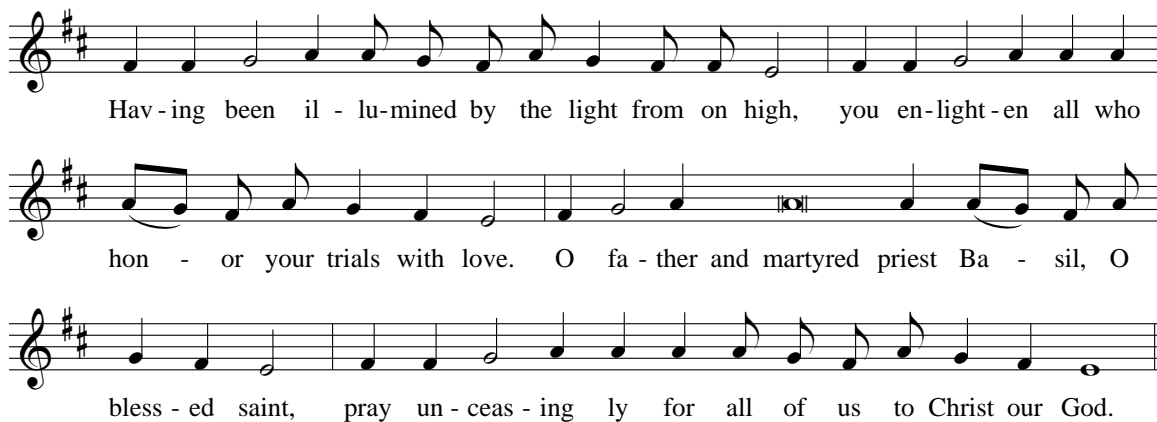
12 Our venerable father and confessor Basil, bishop of Parium in the Hellespont, who for the cult of holy icons, suffered flogging, imprisonment, and exile. (735)

Troparion - Tone 8



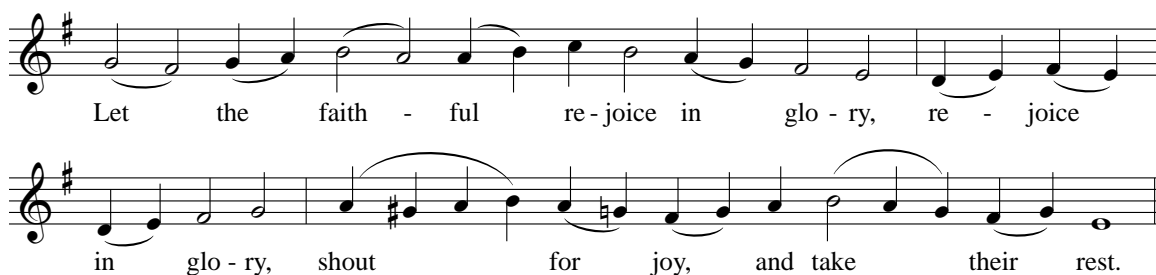
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Spir - it, you en - light - ened all by your teach - ings;
in - ter - cede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2



Hav - ing been il - lu - mined by the light from on high, you en - light - en all who
hon - or your trials with love. O fa - ther and martyred priest Ba - sil, O
bless - ed saint, pray un - ceas - ing ly for all of us to Christ our God.

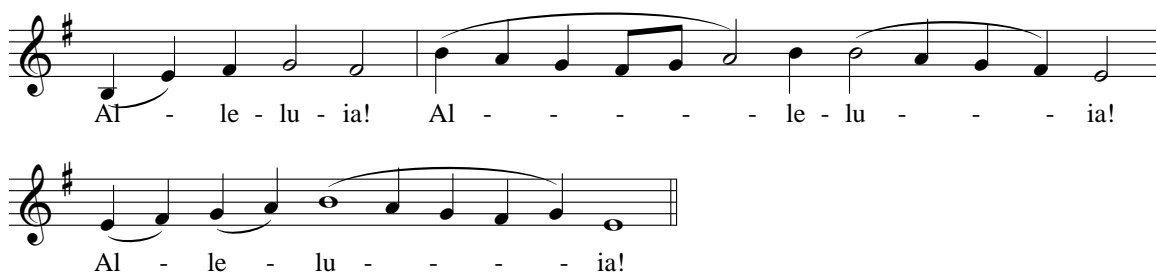
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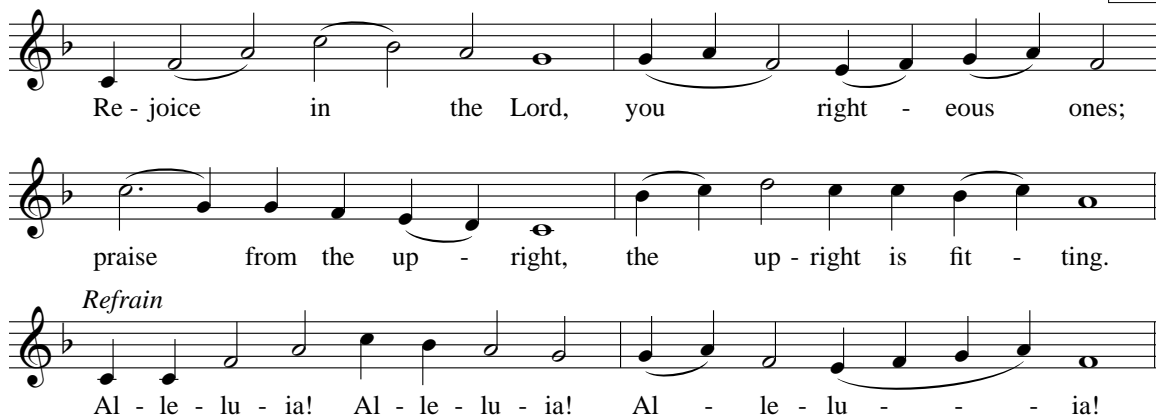
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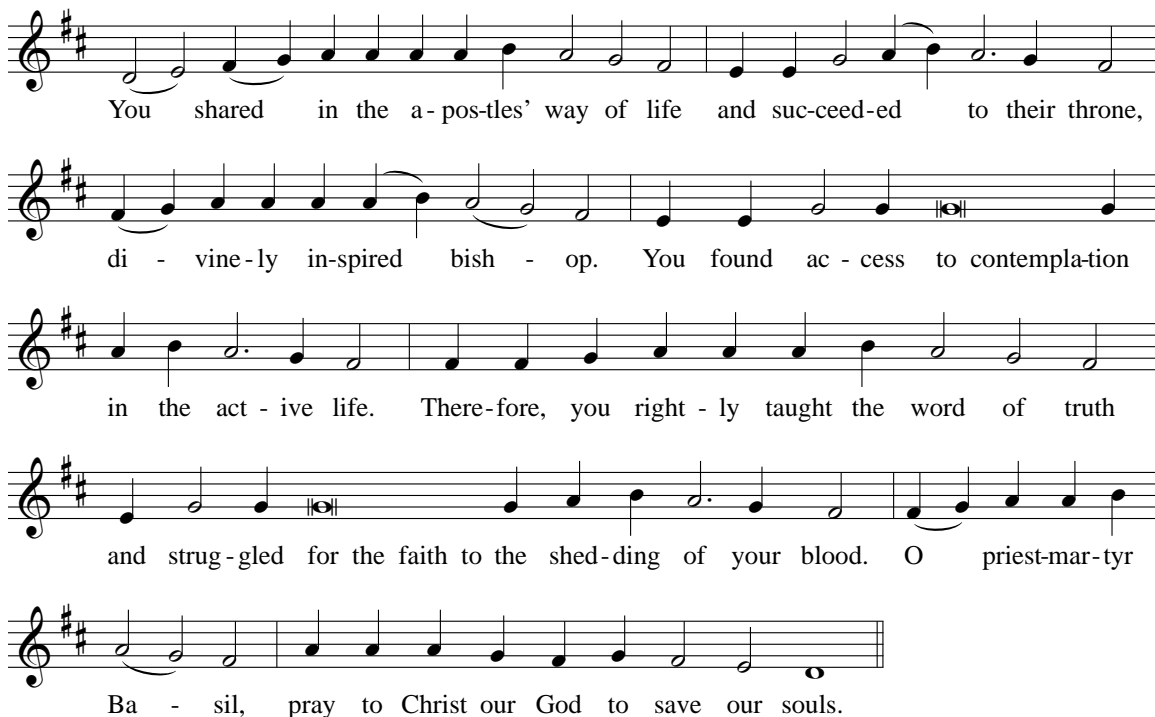
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Re - joice in the Lord, you right - eous ones;
praise from the up - right, the up - right is fit - ting.
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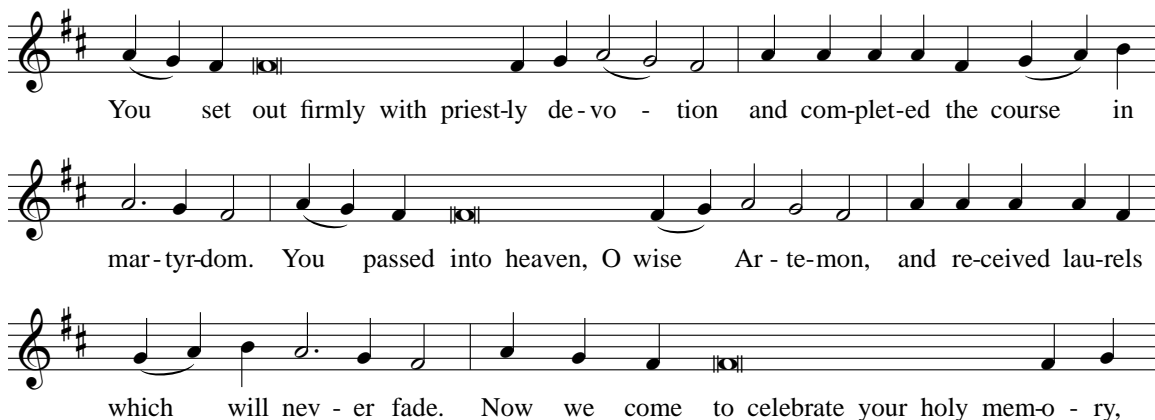
13 The holy priest martyr Artemon and his companions in the reign of Diocletian the emperor. (303)

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
Ba - sil, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4



You set out firmly with priest-ly de-vo - tion and com-plet-ed the course in
mar-tyr-dom. You passed into heaven, O wise Ar - te-mon, and re-ceived lau-rels
which will nev - er fade. Now we come to celebrate your holy mem-o - ry,

cry - ing out: As you stand before Christ, re-mem - ber us, O mar - tyr.

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14 Our holy father and confessor Martin, pope of Rome, who condemned the heresy of the Monothelites at the Lateran Synod. By the order of the emperor Constans II, an assault was made on the Lateran basilica by the exarch Theodore Kalliopes to capture him. Martin was removed from his See and taken to Constantinople, where he lay in a penitentiary in most strict confinement. From there he was sent to Kherson, where, after about two years, he reached the end of his tribulations and gained his eternal crown. (665)

The holy new martyrs Anthony, John, and Eustathius, who died in the city of Vilna, Lithuania. They were slaves who were baptized by a Christian priest. When this was discovered, they were hanged from a great oak tree. This oak tree was cut down and a church dedicated to the Holy Trinity was built on the site. The stump of the tree became the Holy Table. (1342)

Troparion of Martin - Tone 8

Guide to Or - tho - dox - y, teach - er of pi - e - ty and ho - li - ness,
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 a - dorn - ment of bish - ops, O wise Mar - tin, harp of the
 Spir - it, you en - light - ened all by your teach - ings;
 in - ter - cede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion of the Martyrs - Tone 4

You dis - owned earth - ly wealth and glory, O ho - ly mar - tirs, and you brave - ly

en-dured tor-ture for the faith. You walked will-ingly into death for the life of the Lord,
 and Christ has guid-ed you with a pil-lar of cloud. With glo-ry and honor he has
 crowned you at his throne. Stand-ing there we ask you to pray for our sal-va - tion.

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 cry - ing out: As you stand before Christ, re-mem - ber us, O mar - tyr.

Kontakion of the Martyrs - Tone 3

Hav-ing a - ban-doned the mis-takes of your an - ces - tors, you were led to
 Christ with com-plete sin-cer - i - ty. You stood cou - ra - geously and wise-ly

un - til death, and so you have cap - tured the tro - phy of vic - to - ry.

O bless - ed mar - tyrs, pray unceasingly to the Mas - ter for all of us.

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

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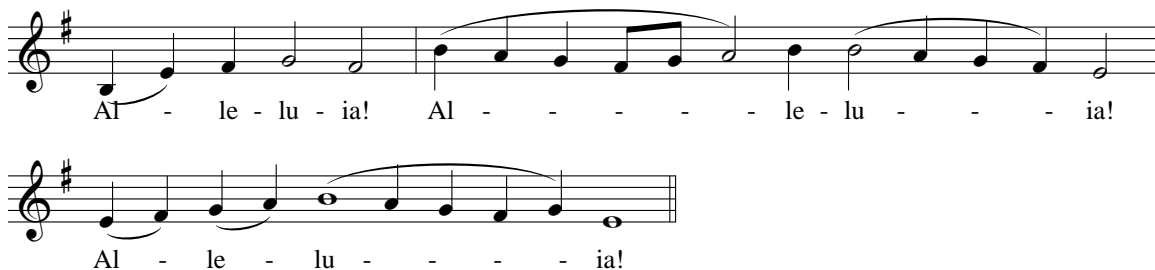
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful.

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

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

won - ders of his will.

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



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Al - le - lu - - - - ia!

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Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

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



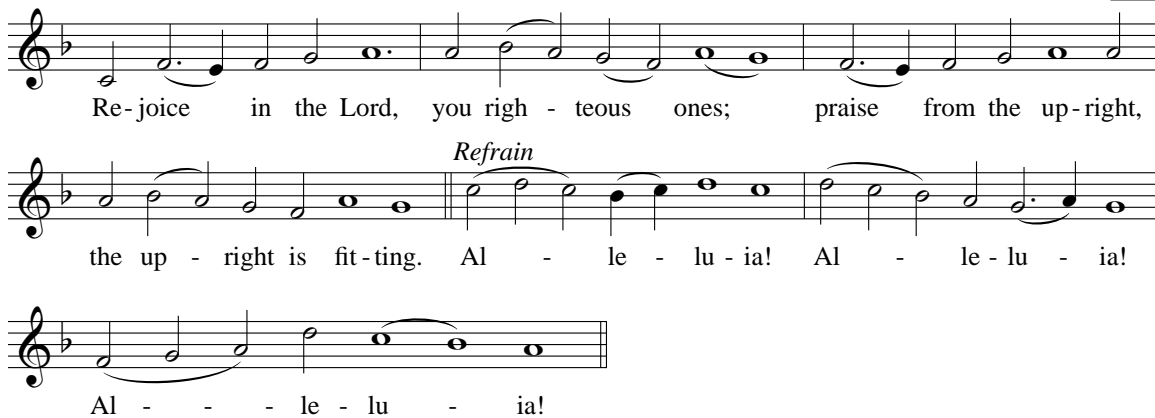
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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,

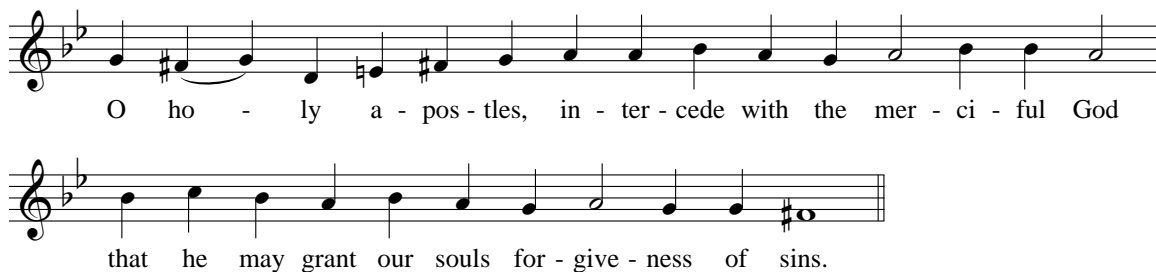
Refrain

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

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

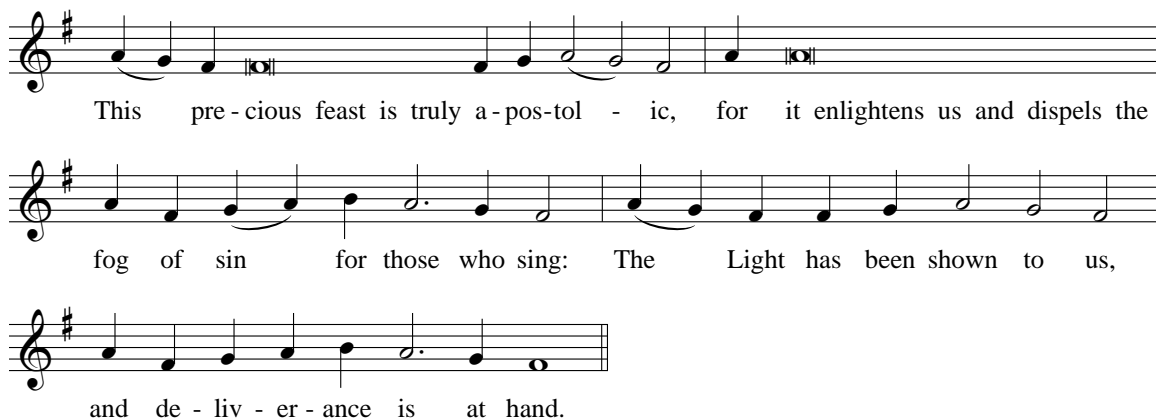
15 The holy apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus, members of the Seventy. Aristarchus was bishop of Apamea in Syria, and mentioned by Paul several times in his epistles (Acts 19:29; Col. 4:10; Philemon v.24). Paul calls him “my fellow-prisoner” and “my fellow-laborer.” Pudens was an important Roman citizen. Paul mentions him once (II Tim. 4:21). Trophimus was an Asian (Acts 20:4) who accompanied Paul on his journeys. In one place, Paul laments, “Trophimus have I left at Miletum, sick.” (II Tim. 4:21) They died during the persecutions of the emperor Nero.

Troparion - Tone 3



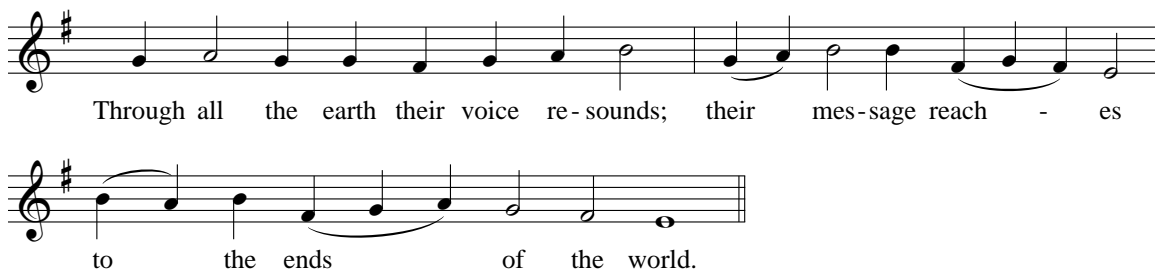
O ho - ly a - pos - tles, in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God
 that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Kontakion - Tone 4



This pre - cious feast is truly a - pos - tol - ic, for it enlightens us and dispels the
 fog of sin for those who sing: The Light has been shown to us,
 and de - liv - er - ance is at hand.

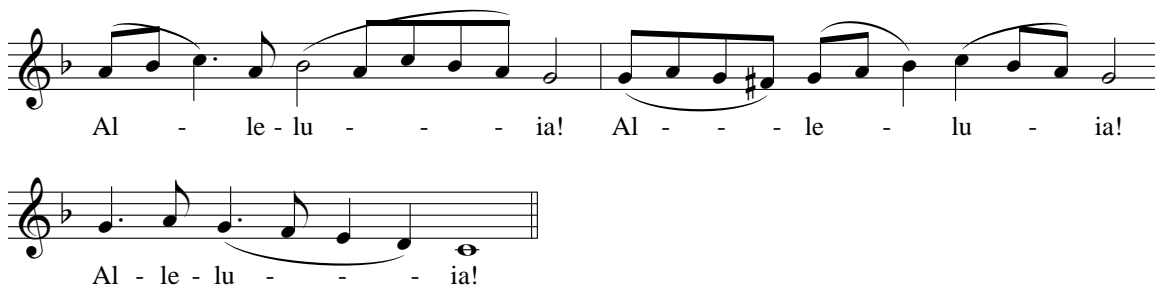
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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):



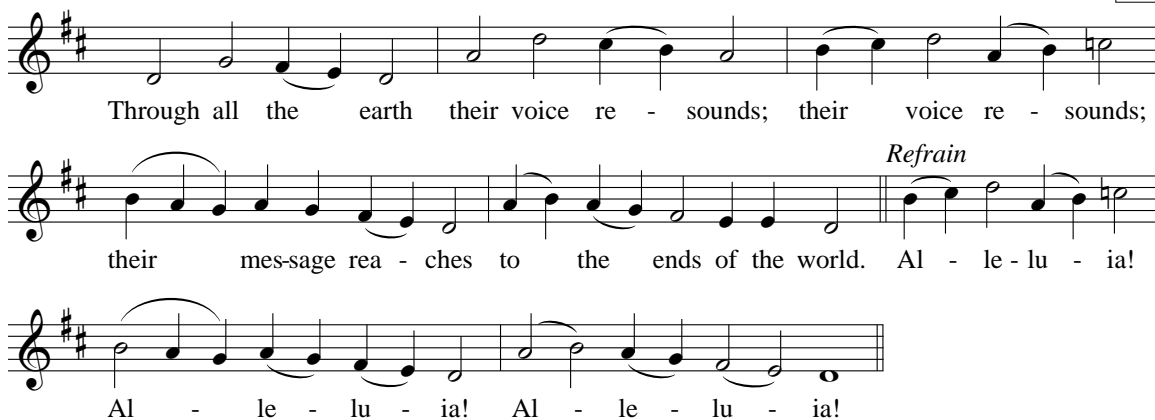
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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):

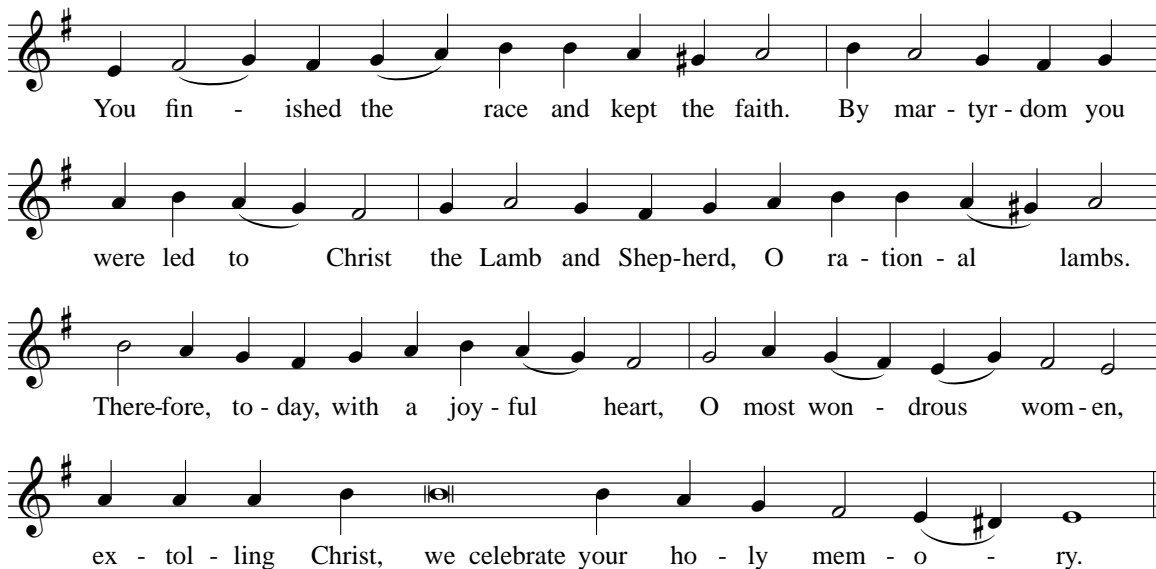
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Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their voice re - sounds;
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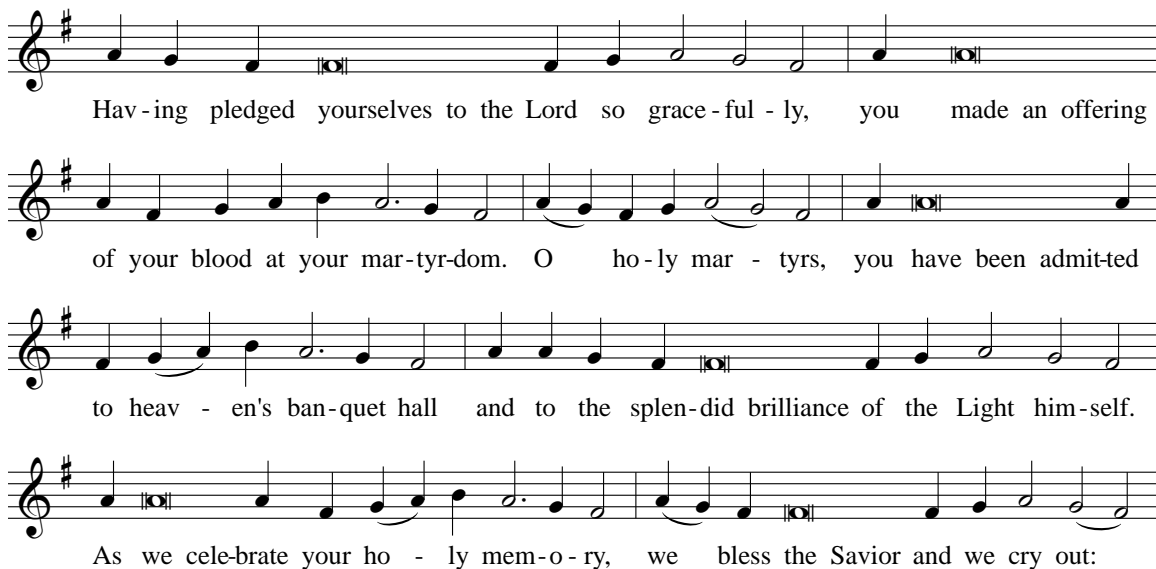
16 The holy martyrs Agape, Irene, Chiona at Thessalonica in Macedonia. These women were virgins who, when in the persecution of Diocletian the emperor refused to eat food offered to idols, were condemned by Dulcetius the governor and handed over to the fire. (c.304)

Troparion - Tone 1



You fin - ished the race and kept the faith. By mar - tyr - dom you
were led to Christ the Lamb and Shep-herd, O ra - tion - al lambs.
There-fore, to - day, with a joy - ful heart, O most won - drous wom - en,
ex - tol - ling Christ, we celebrate your ho - ly mem - o - ry.

Kontakion - Tone 4



Hav - ing pledged yourselves to the Lord so grace - ful - ly, you made an offering
of your blood at your mar - tyr - dom. O ho - ly mar - tyr - s, you have been admit - ted
to heav - en's ban - quet hall and to the splen - did brilliance of the Light him - self.
As we cele - brate your ho - ly mem - o - ry, we bless the Savior and we cry out:

Pray to the Lord for all of us.

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):

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

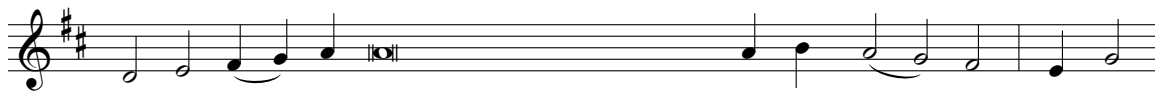
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17 Our venerable father Simeon of Saba in Persia, bishop of Seleucis and Ctesiphon, who, by the order of Sapor II, king of the Persians, was arrested and loaded with chains when he refused to adore the sun. Instead, he bore testimony to our Lord Jesus Christ with a bold and most steadfast voice. First he was tormented in a prison workhouse for a while with a hundred other companions from among bishops, priests, and other orders of clergy. Then, on the Friday of the Passion of our Lord, all of them were slain by the sword before the eyes of Simeon, who ardently encouraged each one. Finally he himself was beheaded. (c. 341)

The venerable Acacius, bishop of Melitene in Armenia. At the Council of Ephesus, he defended the orthodox faith against Nestorius and was then unjustly deposed from his See. (435)

Troparion - Tone 4

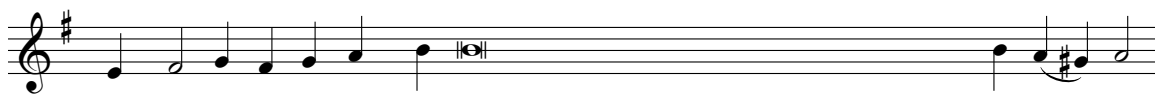


God of our fa - thers, you always deal with us in your kind - ness. Take not




your mer-cy a - way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.


Kontakion - Tone 1



Your mem'ry has be-come clear-er than sunlight, O holy Simeon and blessed A - ca - cius.

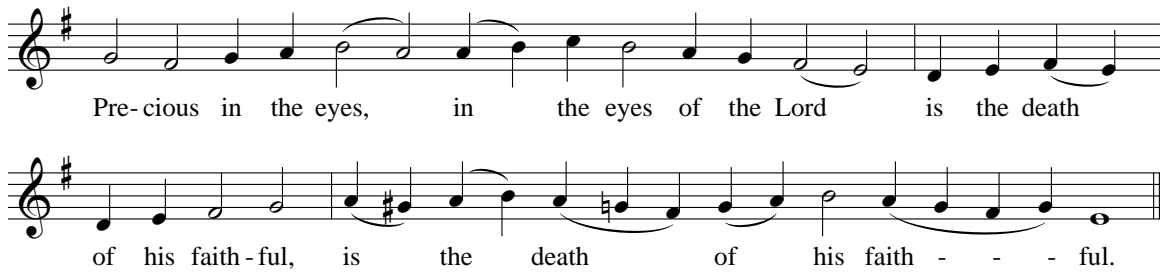


As good pas - tors you en - light - en the faith - ful. We now keep your



mem - o - ry and cry out: Beg the on - ly true Lover of us all to save us.

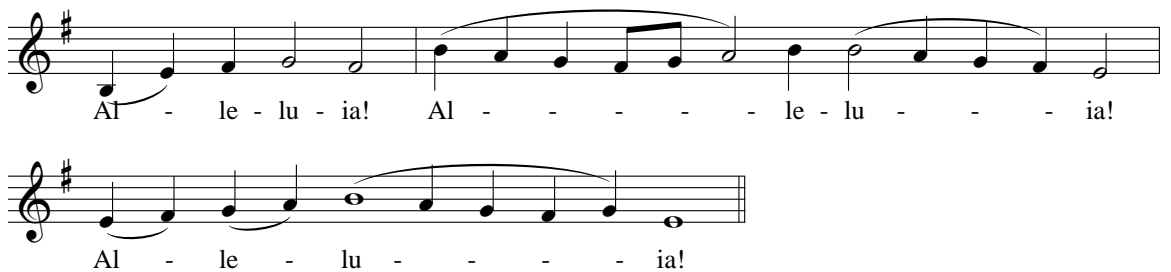
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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!
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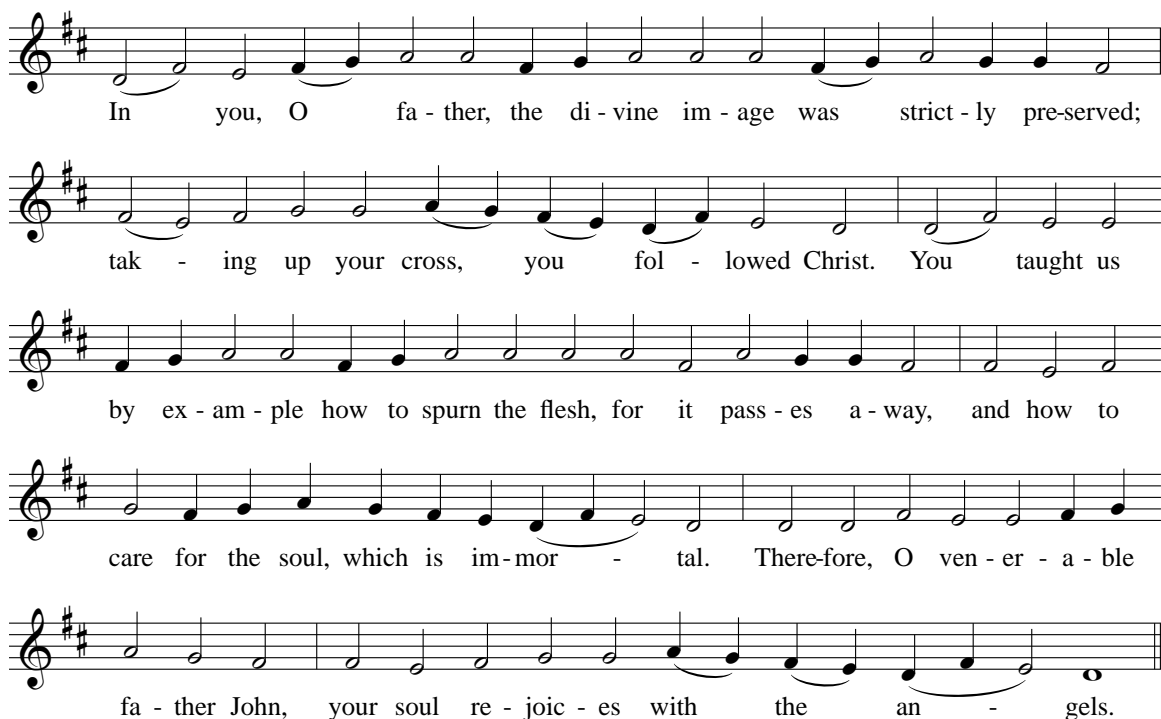
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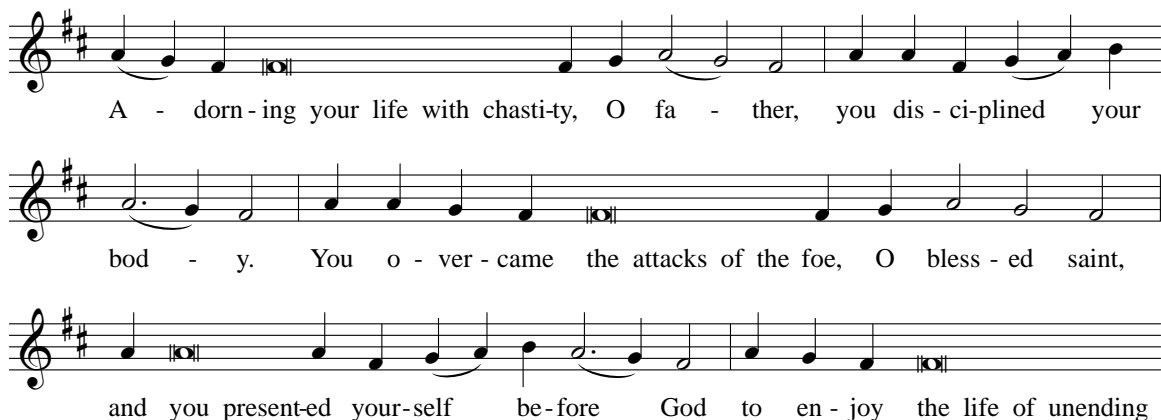
18 Our venerable father John, disciple of the holy Gregory the Decapolite. In the time of the Iconoclast heresy, the emperor Leo the Armenian tortured John with Gregory and Joseph the Hymnographer. When Gregory died, John became the hegumen of the Decapolite monastery in Constantinople. (820)

Troparion - 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
fa - ther John, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion - Tone 4



A - dorn - ing your life with chasti - ty, O fa - ther, you dis - ci - plined your
bod - y. You o - ver - came the attacks of the foe, O bless - ed saint,
and you present - ed your - self be - fore God to en - joy the life of unending



bliss as you so rich-ly de-serve, O John. Pray to the Lord for our sal-va - tion.

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.

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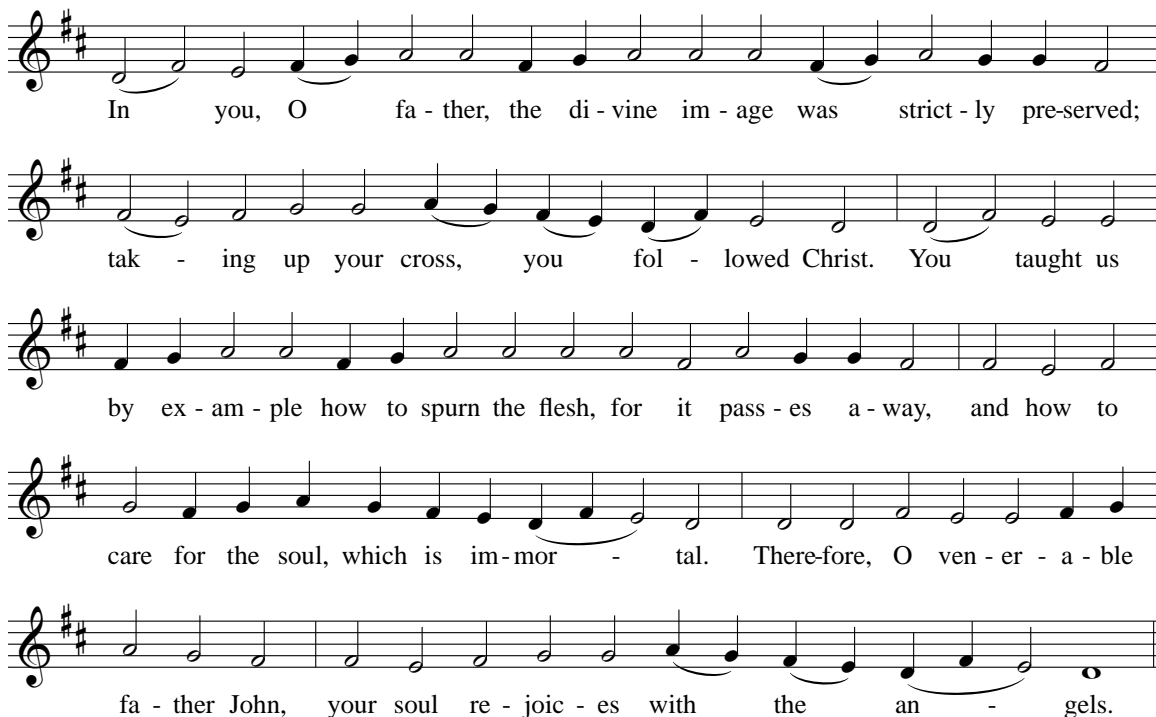
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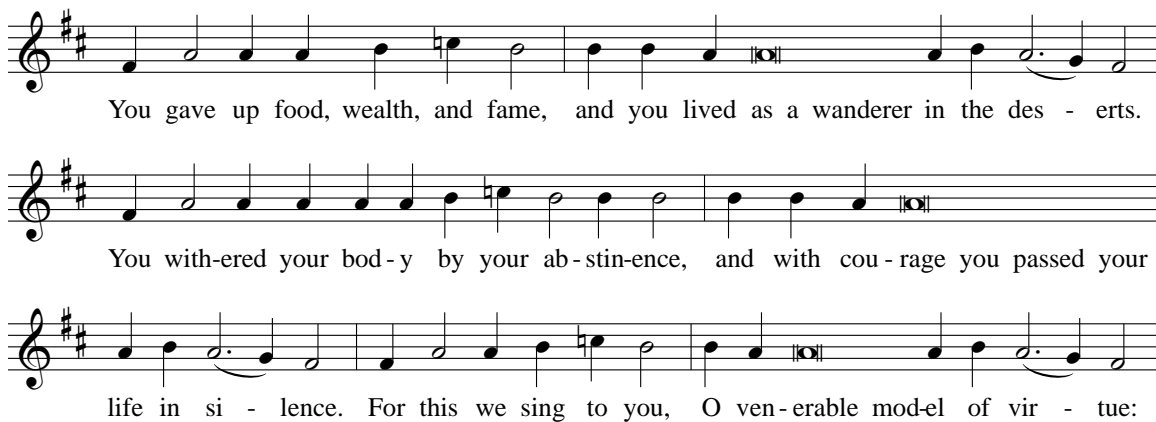
19 Our venerable father John of the ancient cave. He lived an ascetic life in the “ancient caves” or Lavra of Chariton the Great in Palestine. Constantly meditating on death and teaching himself humility, he spent his days in fasting, prayer, and vigils. (8th century)

Troparion - 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
 fa - ther John, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion - Tone 8



You gave up food, wealth, and fame, and you lived as a wanderer in the des - erts.
 You with - ered your bod - y by your ab - stin - ence, and with cou - rage you passed your
 life in si - lence. For this we sing to you, O ven - erable mod - el of vir - tue:

Beg Christ our God to for-give the sins of those who lovingly cher-ish your

mem - o - ry.

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?

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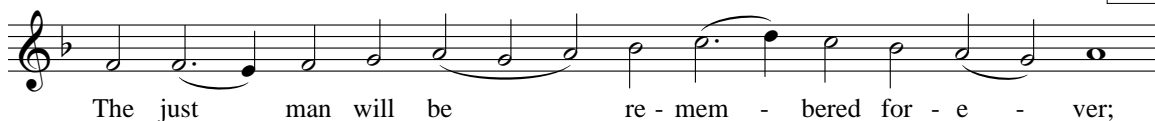
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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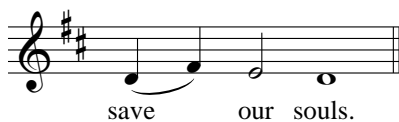
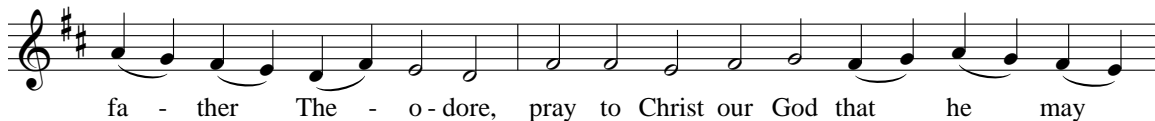


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20 Our venerable father Theodore “Trichinas” (the Hairshirt-Wearer), so-called because of the rough goats'-hair garment with which he was covered. He led a most irreproachable life in solitude. (c. 400)

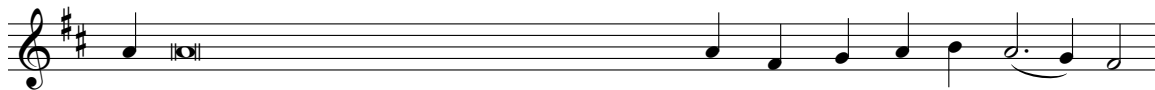
Troparion - Tone 8



Kontakion - Tone 4



You be - came fa - mous for your life, O wise fa - ther The - o - dore.



For, dressed in the rough garment of a hairshirt, you won treas-ures of heav - en,



which sur-pass those of an - y king. Now you have traded your la-bor - er's



garb for heav - en's robes. Pray un - ceas - ing - ly for all of us,



O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther.

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



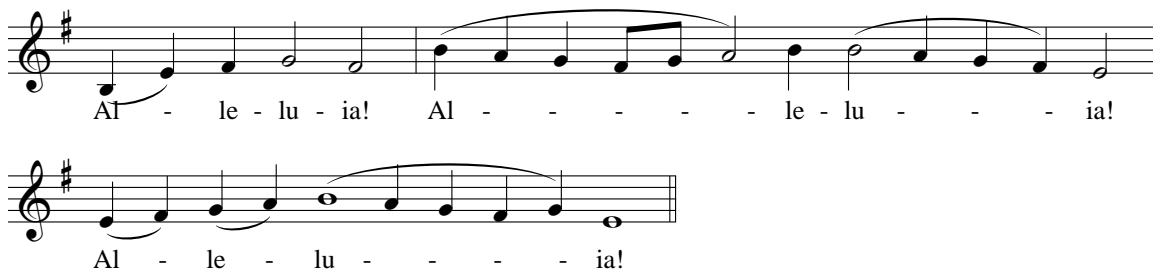
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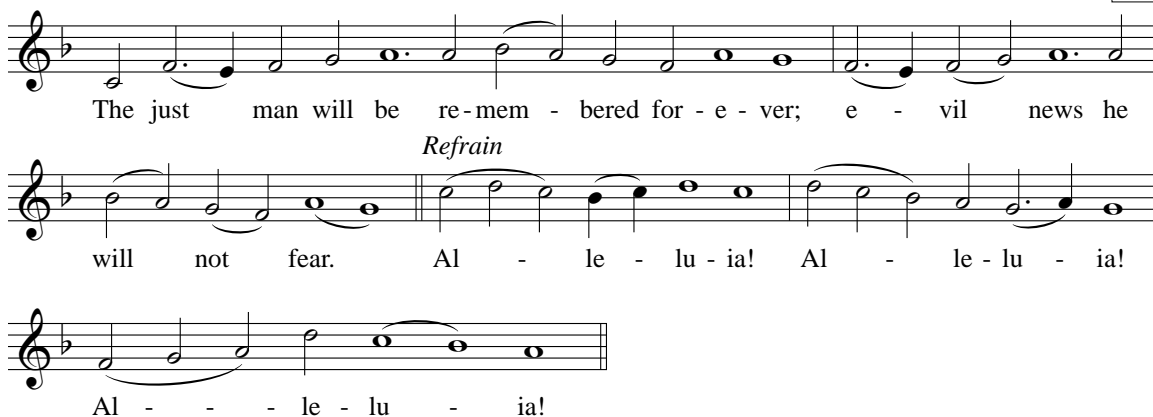
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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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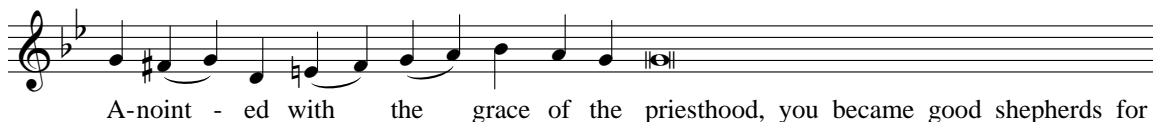
will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

21 The holy bishop martyr Januarius and his companions Proculus, Sonius and Faustus (deacons), Desiderius (lector), Eutyches and Akutionus, were martyred in the reigns of Maximian and Gallerius the emperors, by the persecutor Timothy. Januarius was bishop of Benevento in Italy. To this present day, many wonders are worked at the tomb of this saint. (305)

The holy martyr Theodore of Perga of Pamphylia, martyred under emperor Antonius Pius.

Troparion - Tone 3



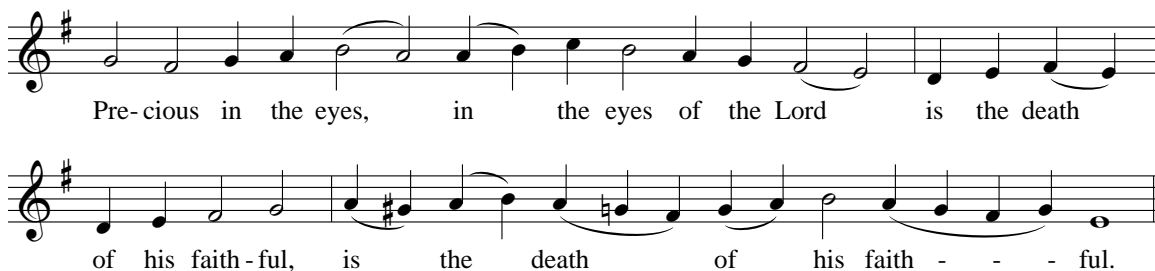
A-noint - ed with the grace of the priesthood, you became good shepherds for

God's peo - ple. You were snatched and eat-en like sheep, but you were offered
 like a sac-ri - fice to God in im - i - ta - tion of your Mas - ter who was
 slaught-ered like a lamb. Pray for us who hold fast to your cherished
 mem - o - ry.

Kontakion - Tone 3

You were a - noint-ed with the chri - sm of the priest - hood and washed
 in the blood of mar - tyr - dom. You are ra - diant as you sing prais - es in
 heav - en's halls. Guard those who come to your tem - ple and sing:
 Pre - serve us who sup - pli - cate Christ our God.

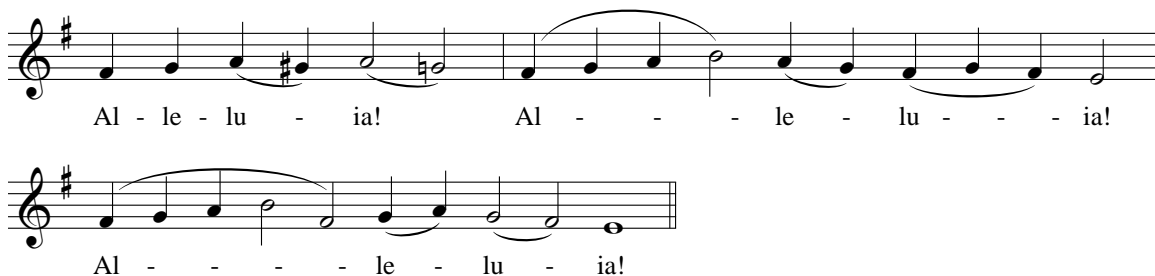
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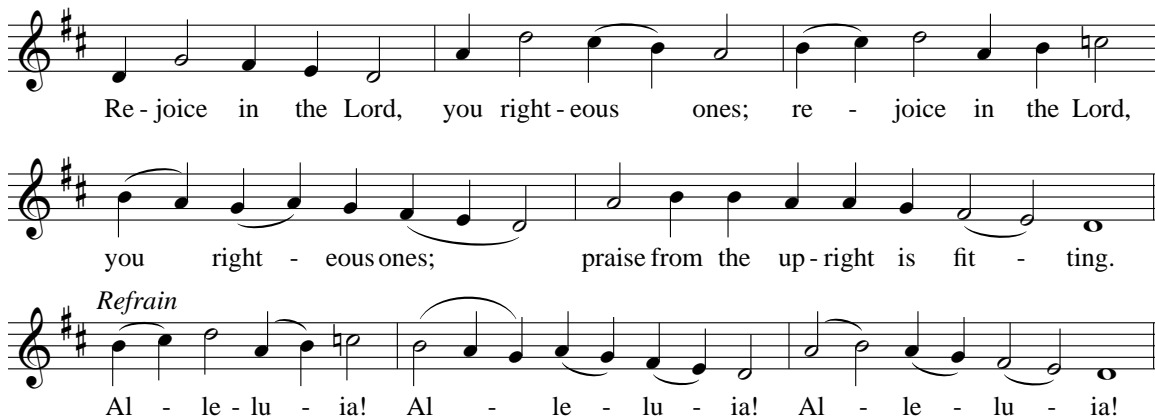
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Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

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 32:1):

E



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

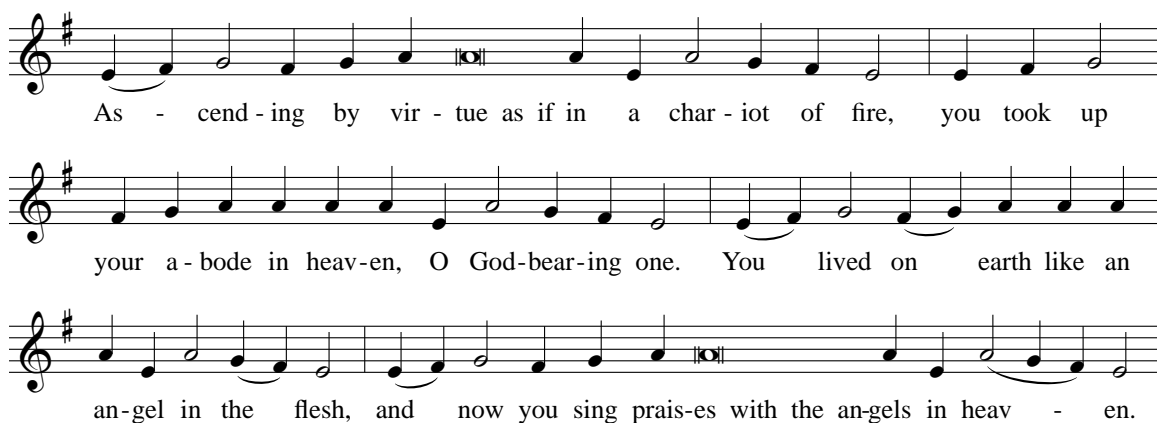
22 Our venerable father Theodore the Sykiot in the neighborhood of Sykeon in Galatia, bishop and hegumen. Seized by a love of solitude from childhood, he chose an austere sort of life. Having reluctantly been consecrated bishop of Anastasiopolis, he begged the Patriarch of Constantinople for a long time that he might return to his former retreat. (c. 613)

Troparion - Tone 2



Hav-ing fol-lowed the path of the ho - ly from your youth, you be-came a ves-sel full of grac - es. You graced the world with miracles, O priest - ly The - o - dore, and you cast out man - y dev - ils. Now pray to the Lord for all of us.

Kontakion - Tone 3



As - cend - ing by vir - tue as if in a char - iot of fire, you took up your a - bode in heav-en, O God-bear-ing one. You lived on earth like an an-gel in the flesh, and now you sing prais-es with the an-gels in heav - en.

You be-came a heav - enly fount of mir - a - cles, O The - o - dre.

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

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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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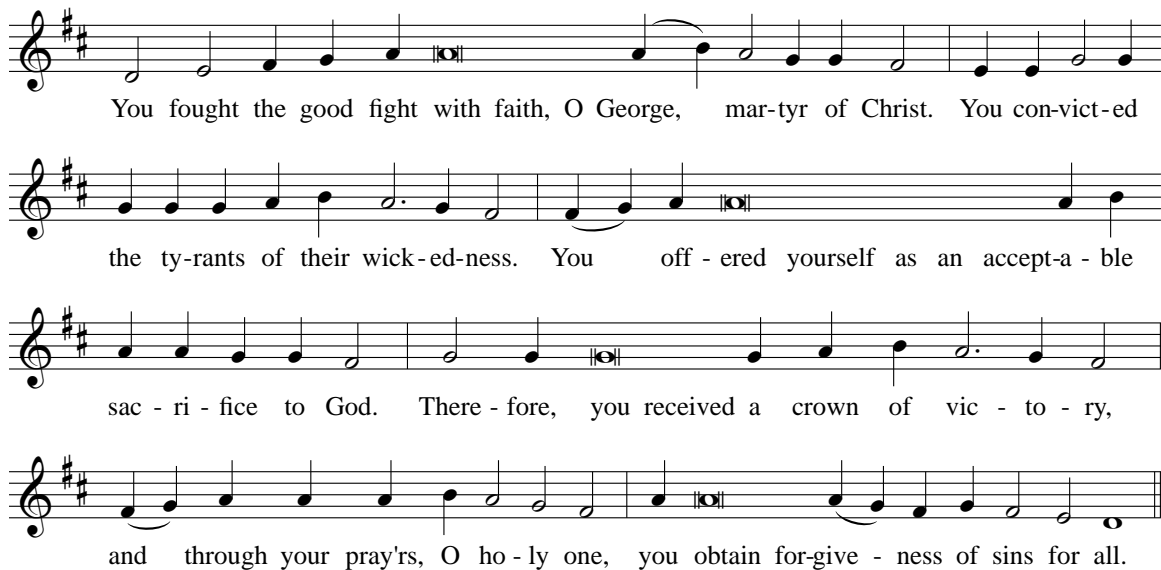
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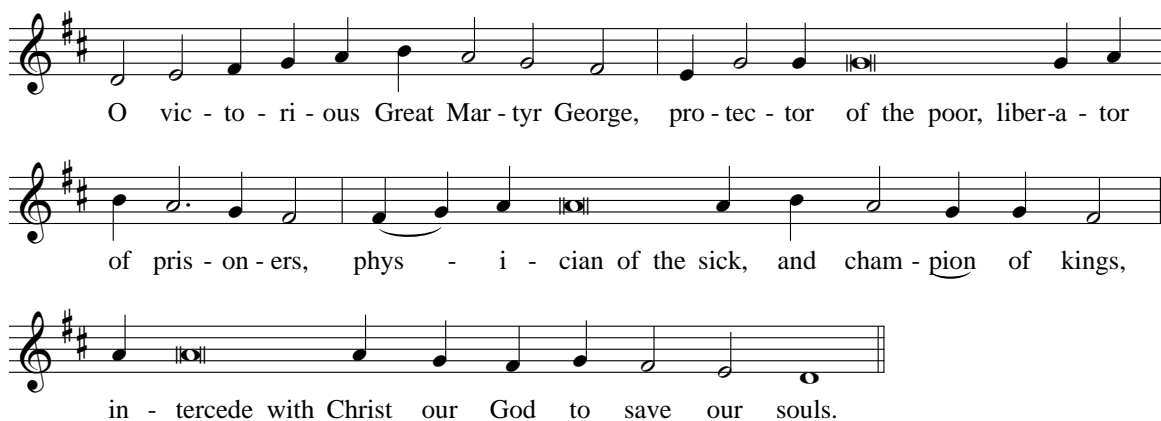
23 THE HOLY AND VICTORIOUS GREAT MARTYR GEORGE THE WONDERWORKER whose glorious contest at Lydda in Palestine all the Churches from East to West have celebrated since antiquity. (303)

Troparion - Tone 4:



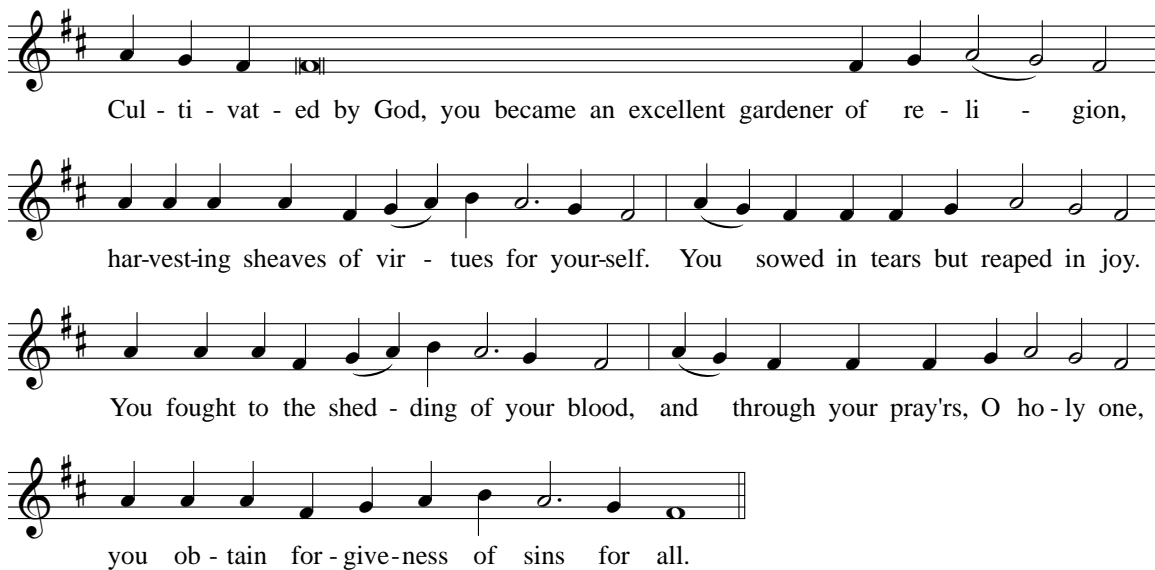
You fought the good fight with faith, O George, mar-tyr of Christ. You con-vict-ed
the ty-rants of their wick-ed-ness. You off-ered yourself as an accept-a-ble
sac-ri-fice to God. There-fore, you received a crown of vic-to-ry,
and through your pray'rs, O ho-ly one, you obtain for-give-ness of sins for all.

Alternate Troparion - Tone 4:



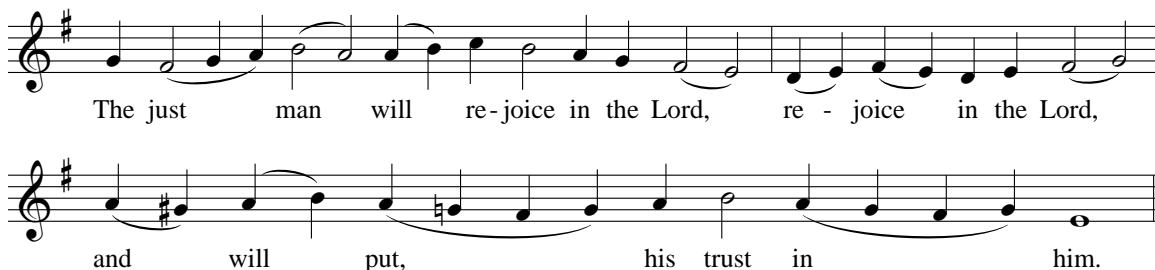
O vic-to-ri-ous Great Mar-tyr George, pro-tec-tor of the poor, liber-a-tor
of pris-on-ers, phys-i-cian of the sick, and cham-pion of kings,
in-tercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 4



Cul - ti - vat - ed by God, you became an excellent gardener of re - li - gion,
har-vest-ing sheaves of vir - tues for your-self. You sowed in tears but reaped in joy.
You fought to the shed - ding of your blood, and through your pray'rs, O ho - ly one,
you ob - tain for - give - ness of sins for all.

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):

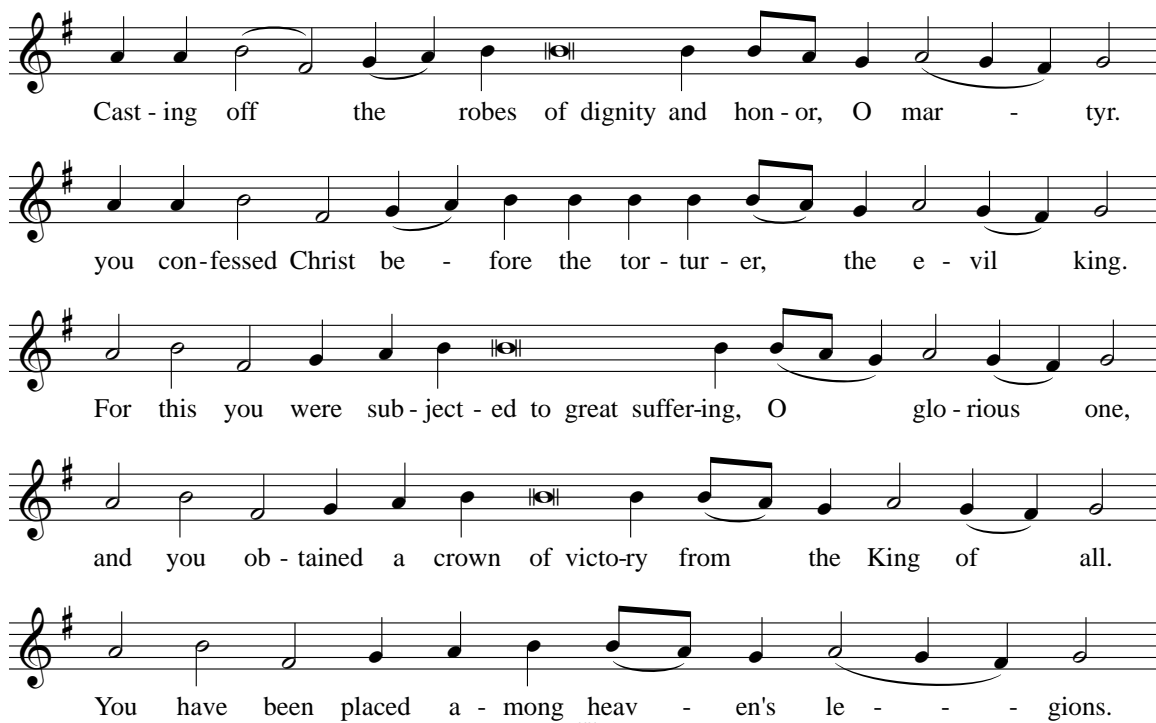
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The just man will be re-mem-bered for-ev - er; e - vil news he
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will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

24 The holy martyr Sabbas the Goth in Cappadocia. When Athanaricus the king of the Goths was pursuing the Christians, on the third day after the celebration of the Pasch, the general Sabbas spit out food sacrificed to idols and, after fierce tortures, was thrown into a river. (272)

Troparion - Tone 5



Cast - ing off the robes of dignity and hon - or, O mar - tyr.
you con-fessed Christ be - fore the tor - tur - er, the e - vil king.
For this you were sub - ject - ed to great suffer-ing, O glo - rious one,
and you ob - tained a crown of victo-ry from the King of all.
You have been placed a - mong heav - en's le - - - gions.

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

Kontakion - Tone 4

Show-ing your-self an in - vin - ci - ble Goth, you slew the bar-bar - i - ans.

En - dur - ing a martyrdom of ex-treme cru - el - ty, you crushed le-gions of

un - seen dev - ils. You as - sumed a crown of victory, O bless - ed

Sab - bas, and we ask you to in - ter - cede with Christ our God.

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Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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

25 The holy apostle and evangelist Mark, who was the first to follow blessed Paul in the apostolate in Jerusalem. He then joined himself to the company of blessed Peter, who called him his son. It is said that Mark gathered Peter's instruction to the Romans into his Gospel. Finally, he founded the Church of Alexandria.


Troparion - Tone 3



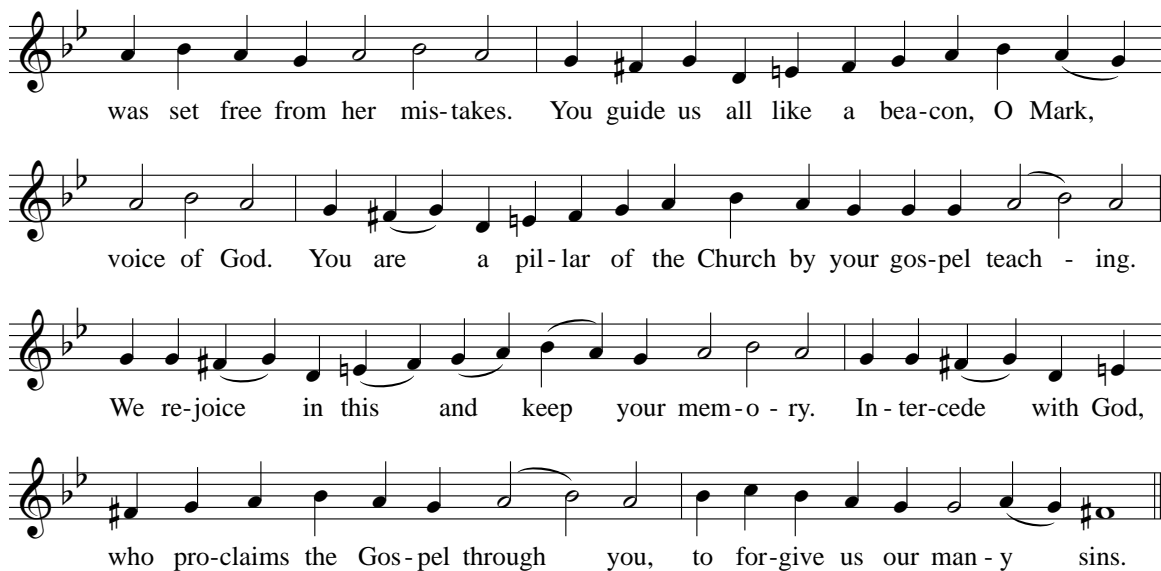
You be - came an a - pos - tle of Christ through the teach - ings of Pe - ter,



and you trav - eled like the sun o - ver for - eign lands. You fa - thered

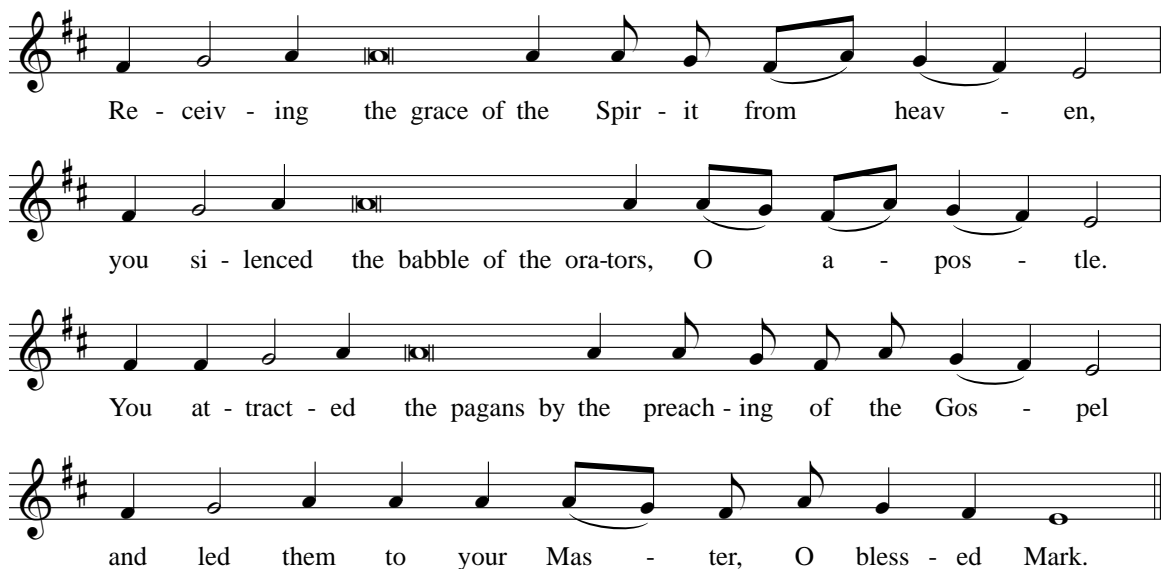


the Al - ex - an - dri - ans in Christ, O bless - ed saint, and, by you, E - gpt



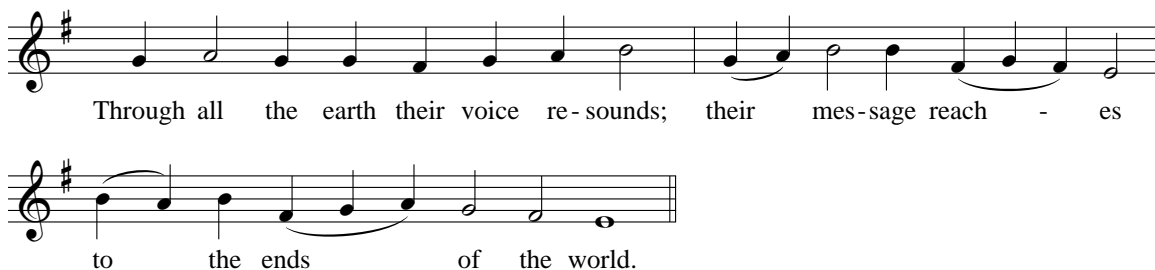
was set free from her mis-takes. You guide us all like a bea-con, O Mark,
 voice of God. You are a pil-lar of the Church by your gos-pel teach - ing.
 We re-joyce in this and keep your mem-o - ry. In - ter-cede with God,
 who pro-claims the Gos-pel through you, to for-give us our man - y sins.

Kontakion - Tone 2



Re - ceiv - ing the grace of the Spir - it from heav - en,
 you si - lenced the babble of the ora-tors, O a - pos - tle.
 You at - tract - ed the pagans by the preach - ing of the Gos - pel
 and led them to your Mas - ter, O bless - ed Mark.

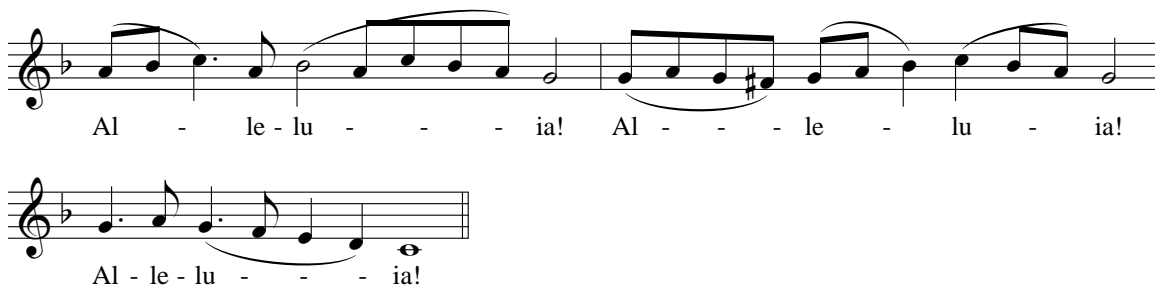
Prokeimenon - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach - es
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Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

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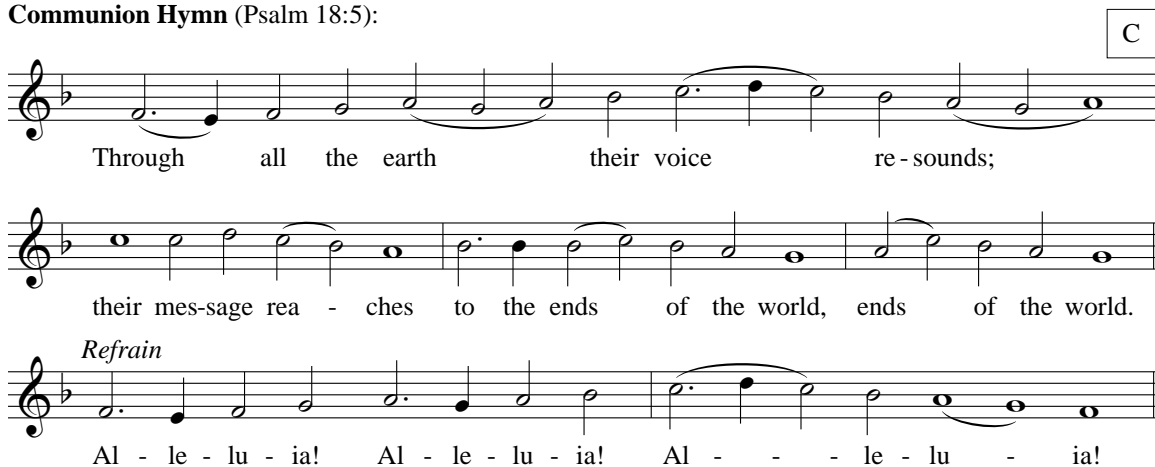


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Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):



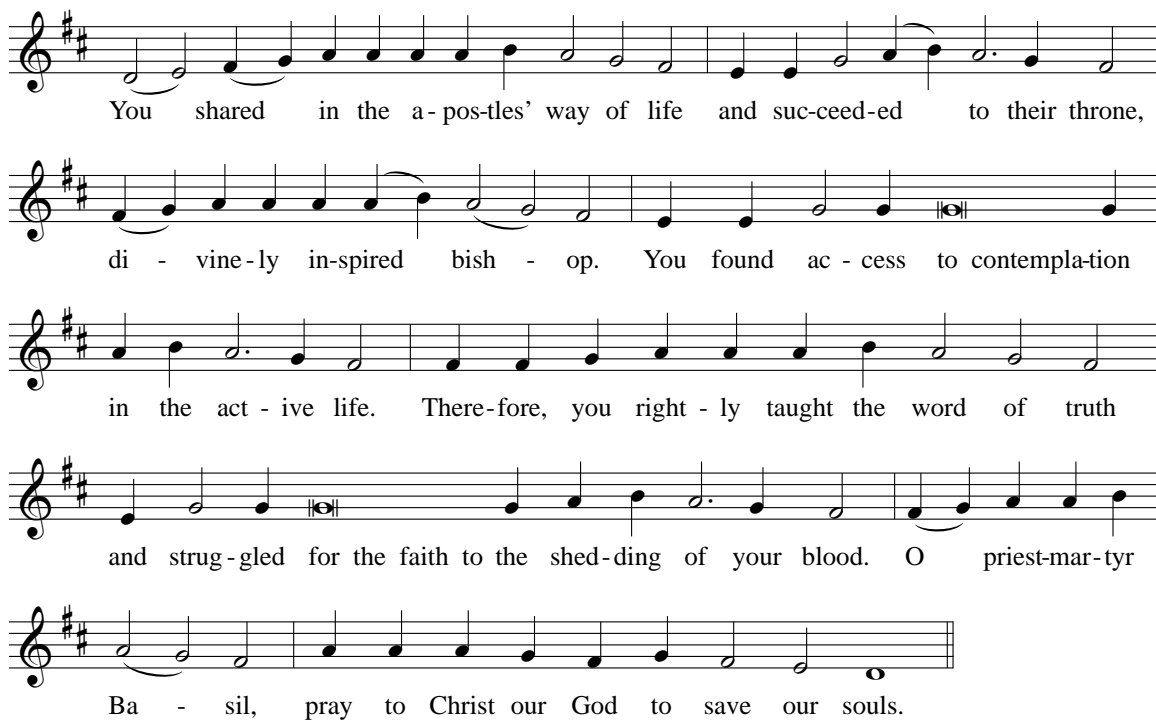
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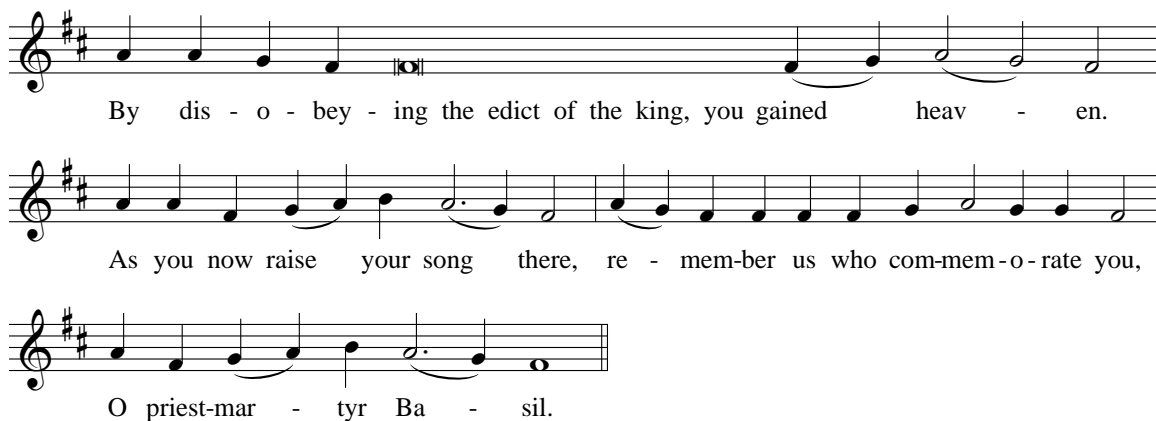
26 The holy martyr Basil, bishop of Amasea in Pontus. Under the emperor Licinius, he was cast into the sea and martyred. (322)

Troparion - Tone 4



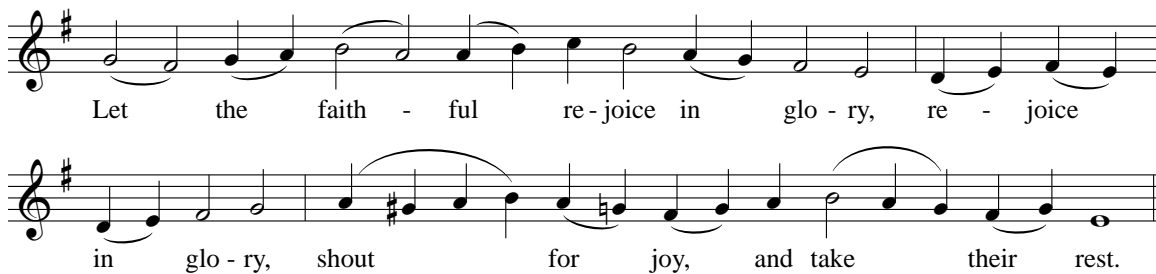
You shared in the a-pos-tles' way of life and suc-ceed-ed to their throne,
di - vine-ly in-spired bish - op. You found ac - cess to contem-pla-tion
in the act - ive life. There-fore, you right - ly taught the word of truth
and strug-gled for the faith to the shed-ding of your blood. O priest-mar-tyr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

Kontakion - Tone 4



By dis - o - bey - ing the edict of the king, you gained heav - en.
As you now raise your song there, re - mem-ber us who com-mem-o-rate you,
O priest-mar - tyr Ba - sil.

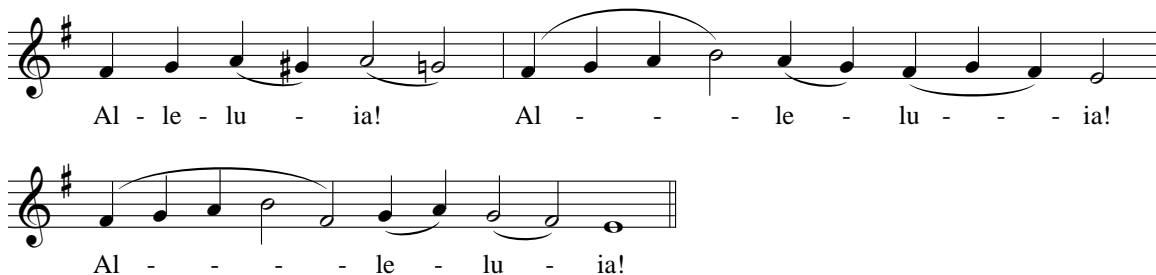
Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



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):



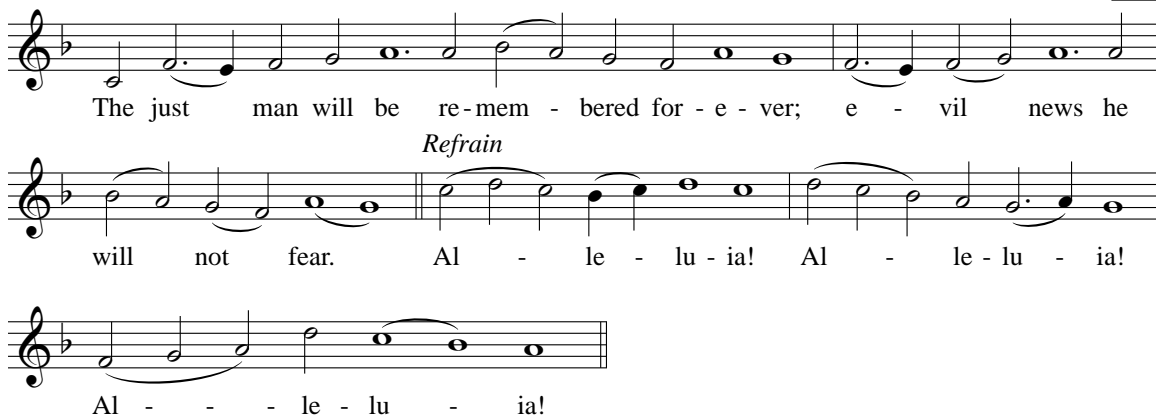
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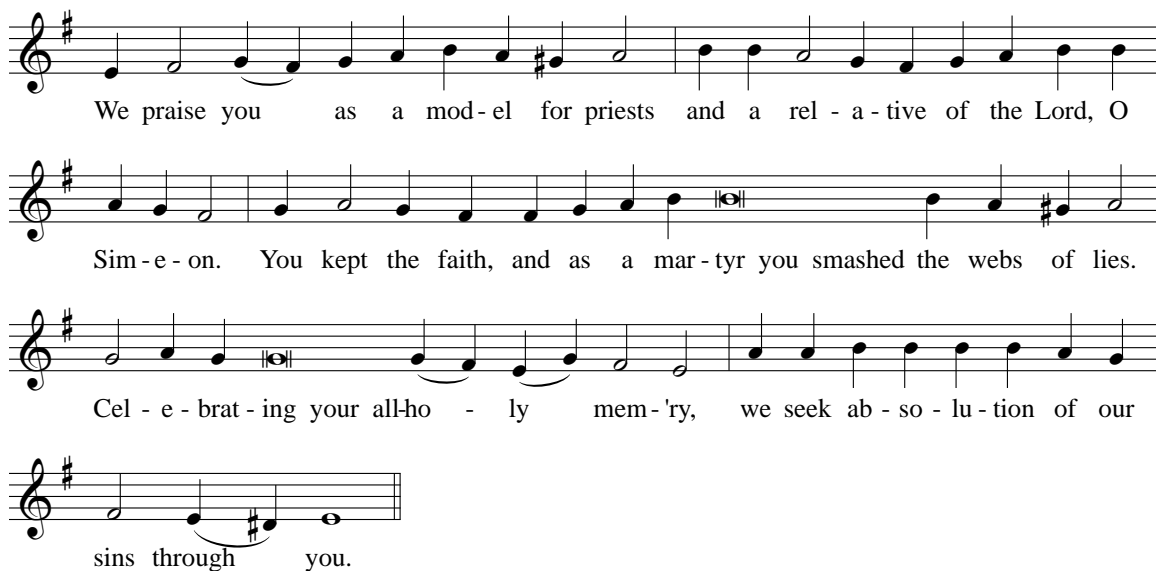


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will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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27 The holy bishop martyr Simeon, relative of our Lord, who, as it is said, was a son of Cleophas and a relative of the Savior according to the flesh. Ordained bishop of Jerusalem after James the brother of the Lord, he was afflicted with many tortures in the persecution of the emperor Trajan. As an old man, he was crowned by the martyrdom of the cross.

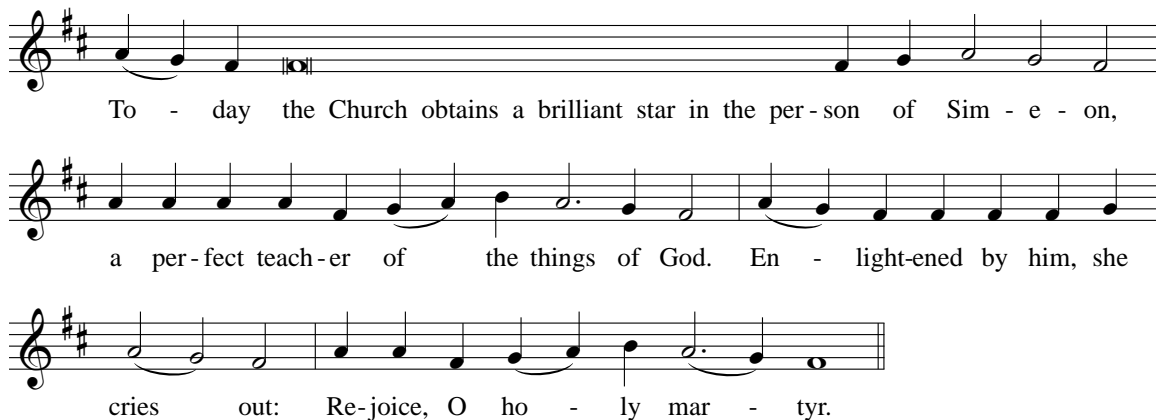
Our venerable father Stephen, bishop of Vladimir in Volhynia. A disciple of St. Theodosius of the Caves in Kiev, he labored greatly for the regulation and organization of the monastic life. He was driven from his monastery by false accusations, but God proved him innocent. He was made bishop of Vladimir, and served into old age. (1094)

Troparion - Tone 1



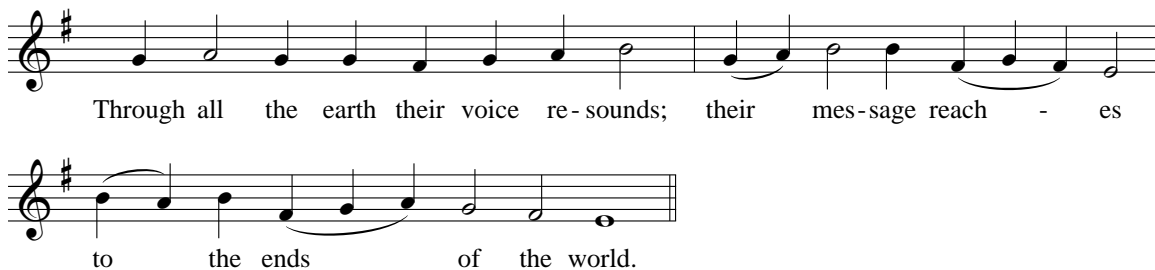
We praise you as a mod-el for priests and a rel - a - tive of the Lord, O
Sim-e-on. You kept the faith, and as a mar-tyr you smashed the webs of lies.
Cel - e - brat - ing your all-ho - ly mem-'ry, we seek ab - so - lu - tion of our
sins through you.

Kontakion - Tone 4



To - day the Church obtains a brilliant star in the per-son of Sim - e - on,
a per-fect teach-er of the things of God. En - light-ened by him, she
cries out: Re-joice, O ho - ly mar - tyr.

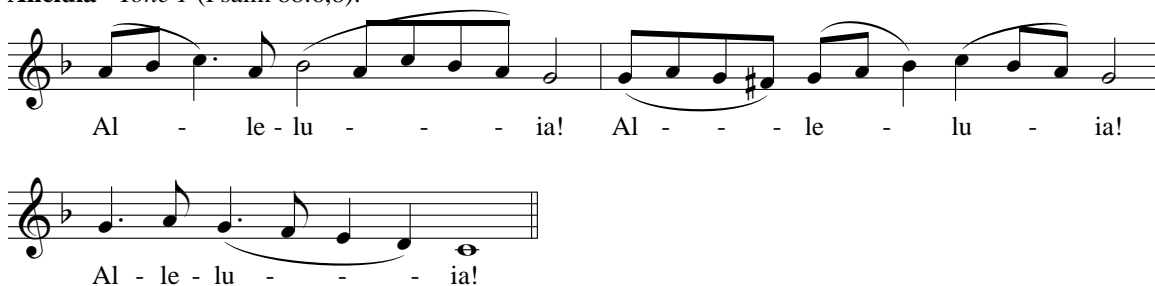
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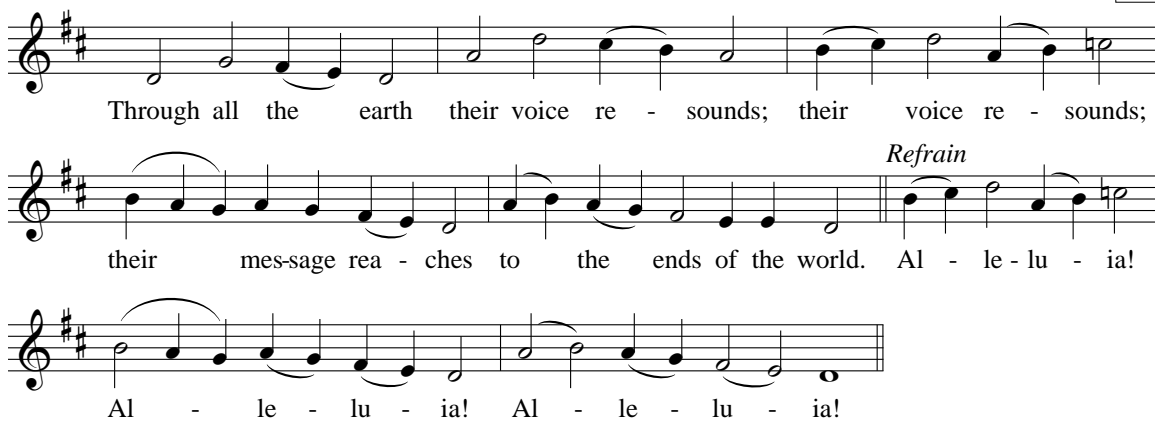
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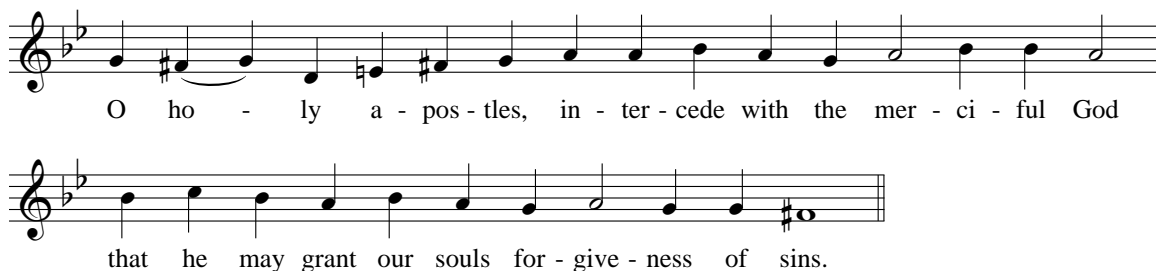
Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their voice re - sounds;
their mes-sage rea - ches to the ends of the world. *Refrain* Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

28 The holy apostles Jason and Sosipater, disciples of St. Paul in the reign of emperor Nero. They are mentioned in Romans 16:21 by Paul, who calls them his kinsmen. Jason was first bishop of Tarsus, and Sosipater, of Iconium.

The holy martyrs Dadas, Maximus, and Quintillian, at Dorostorus in Moesia, martyrs in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian. (c. 4th century)

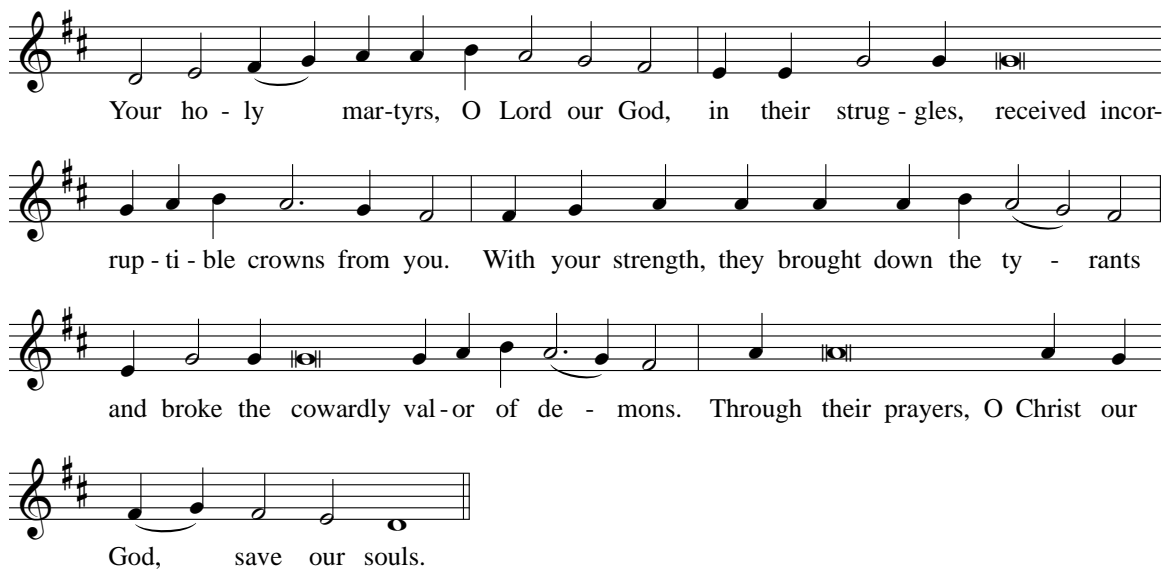
Our holy father Cyril, bishop of Turau. Born to wealthy parents, he received an excellent education and decided as a young man to dedicate his life to God. Entering a monastery, he soon became a spiritual father. He tried to become a solitary, but his fame spread. When the bishop of Turau died, he was elected bishop in 1169. He was zealous for his people and a famous and effective preacher. (c.1182)

Troparion of the Apostles - Tone 3:



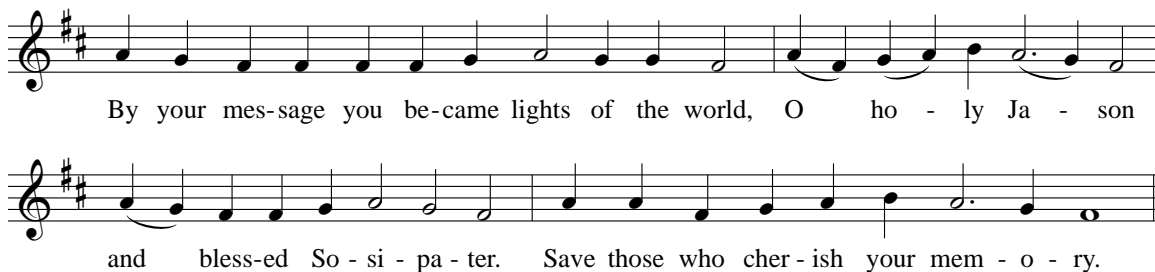
O ho - ly a - pos - tles, in - ter - cede with the mer - ci - ful God
that he may grant our souls for - give - ness of sins.

Troparion of the Martyrs - 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 of the Apostles - Tone 4



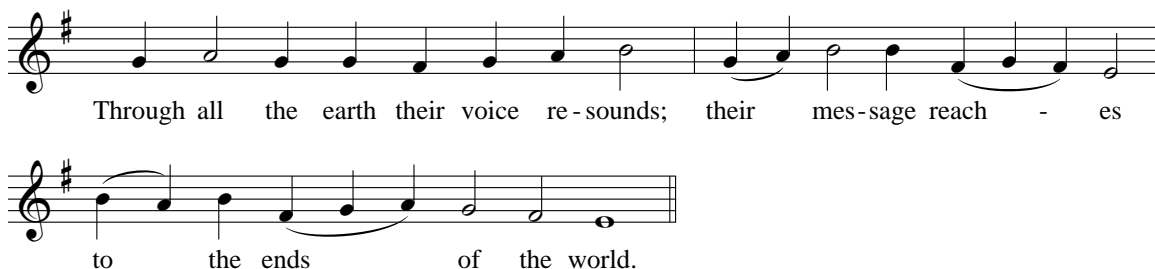
By your mes-sage you be-came lights of the world, O ho - ly Ja - son
and bless-ed So - si - pa - ter. Save those who cher - ish your mem - o - ry.

Kontakion of the Martyrs - Tone 1



You en-dured ag - o - ny with cour-age, and the devil could not pre-vail o-ver you.
O mar - tyr's e - qual to the an - gels in hon - or, the whole world
hon-ors your suf-fer-ings and pains. By them you have been ex - alt - ed.

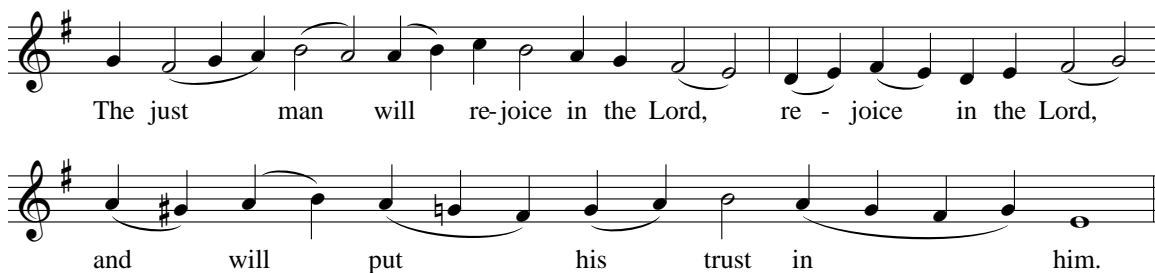
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Through all the earth their voice re-sounds; their mes-sage reach - es
to the ends of the world.

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

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The just man will re-joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord,
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Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

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



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



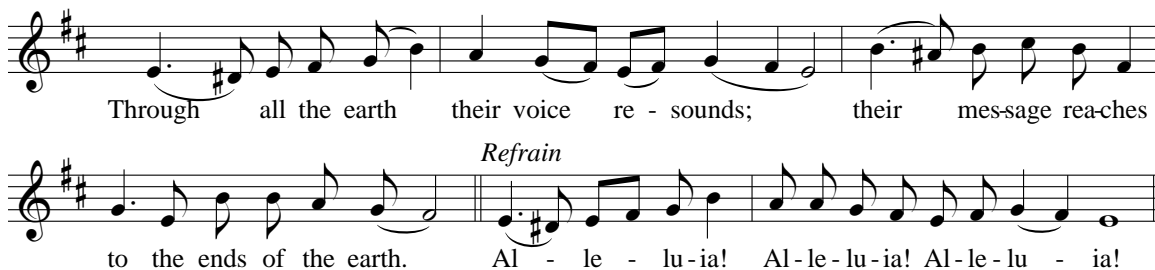
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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 of the Apostles (Psalm 18:5):

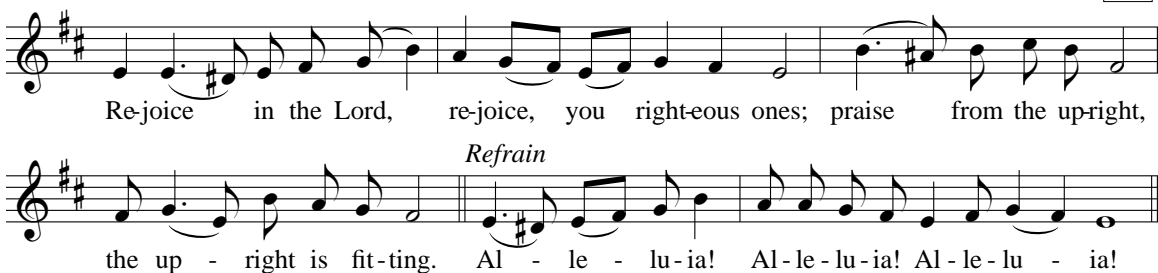
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Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their message reaches
Refrain
to the ends of the earth. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Communion Hymn for the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

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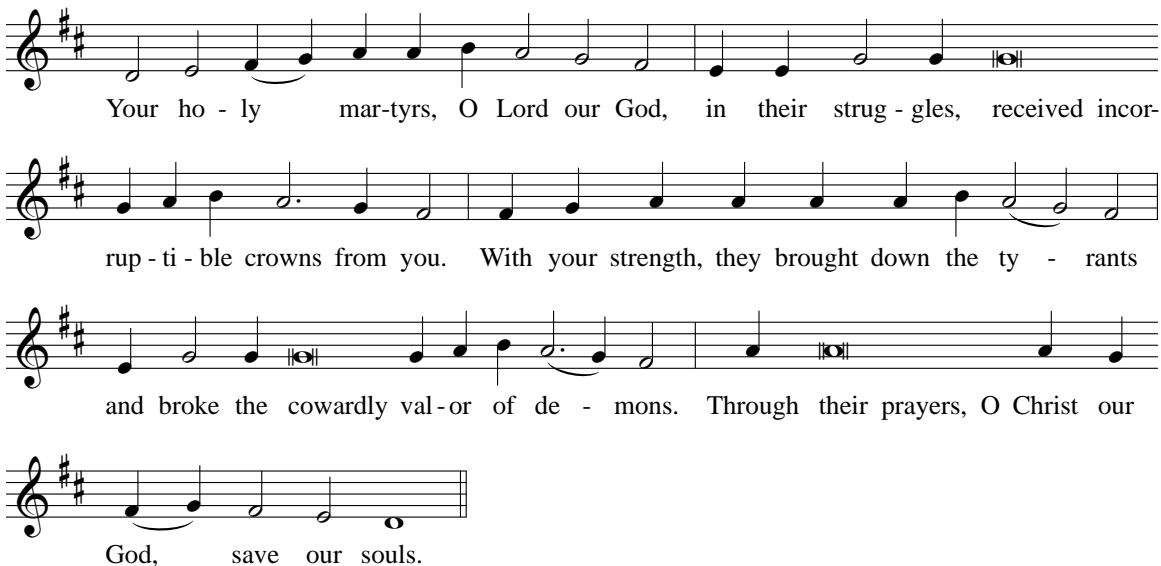


Re-joyce in the Lord, re-joyce, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right,
Refrain
the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

29 The nine holy martyrs of Cyzice. Burning with love for Christ, these martyrs refused to offer sacrifice to idols or to deny Christ as their Lord. They were cruelly tortured and finally beheaded. (3rd century)

Our venerable father Memnon the Wonder-worker was from early days devoted to fasting and prayer, and became a great wonder-worker for his people. He was a Roman centurion, converted to the faith by St. Severus, and was martyred in the days of the emperors Diocletian and Maximian. (c. 3rd century)

Troparion of the Martyrs - Tone 4

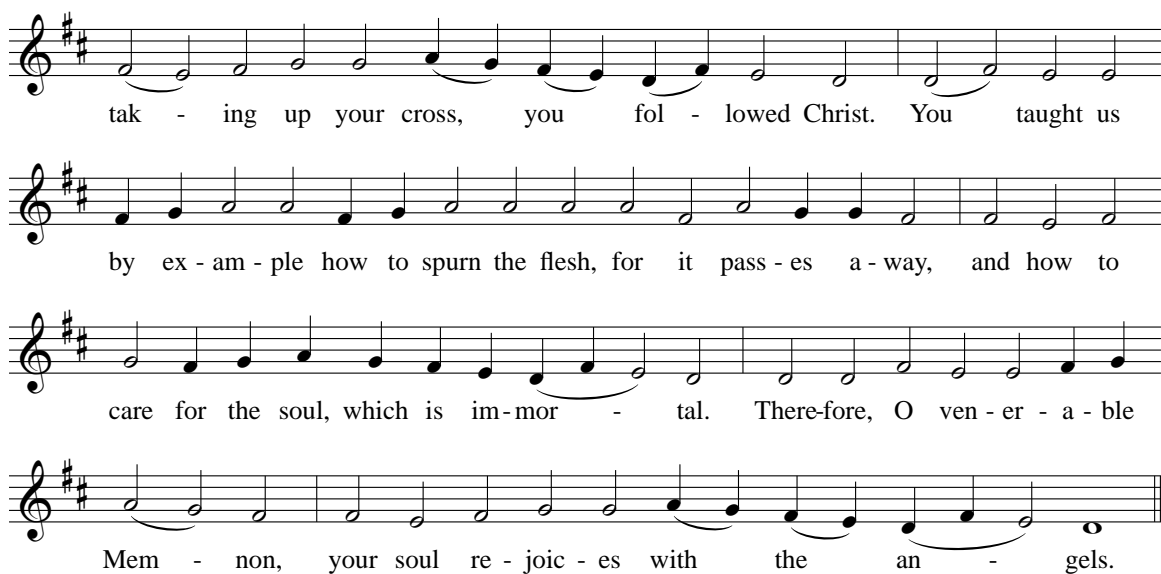


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Troparion of Memnon - Tone 8

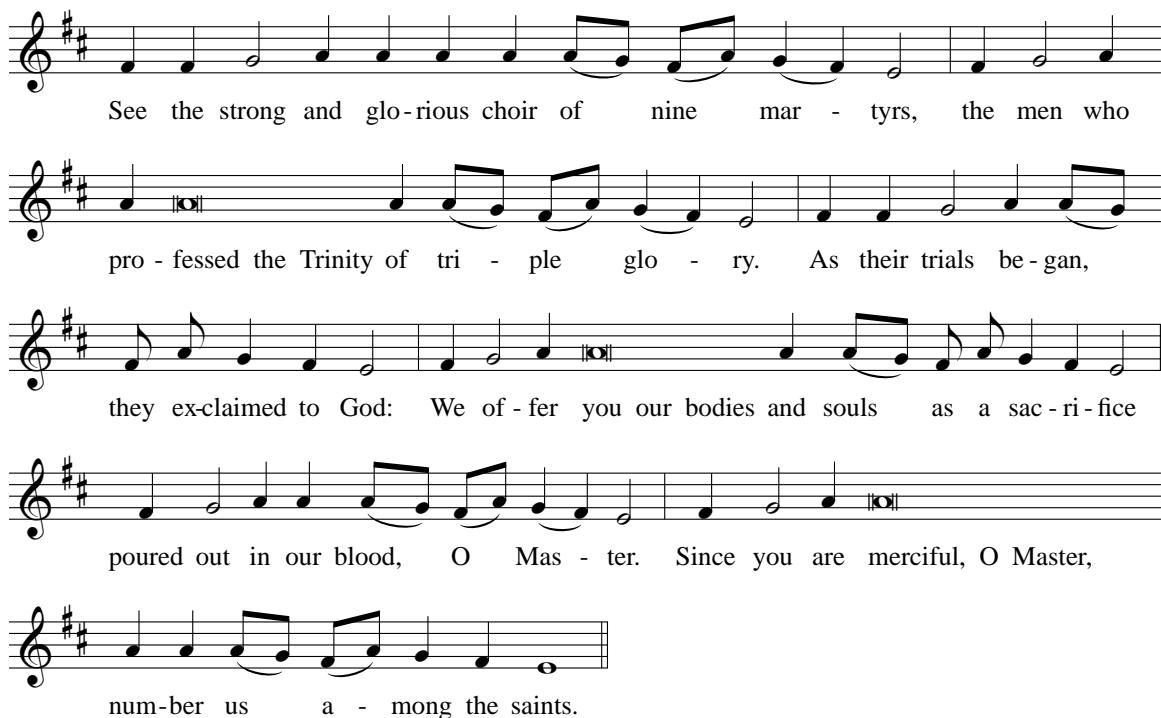


In you, O fa - ther, the di - vine im - age was strict - ly pre - served;



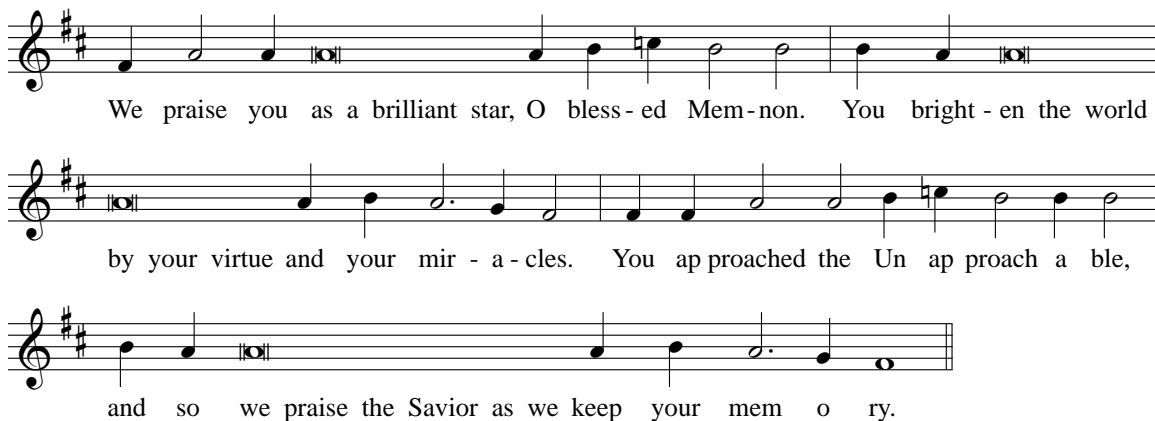
tak - ing up your cross, you fol - lowed Christ. You taught us
 by ex - am - ple how to spurn the flesh, for it pass - es a - way, and how to
 care for the soul, which is im - mor - tal. There - fore, O ven - er - a - ble
 Mem - non, your soul re - joic - es with the an - gels.

Kontakion of the Martyrs - Tone 2



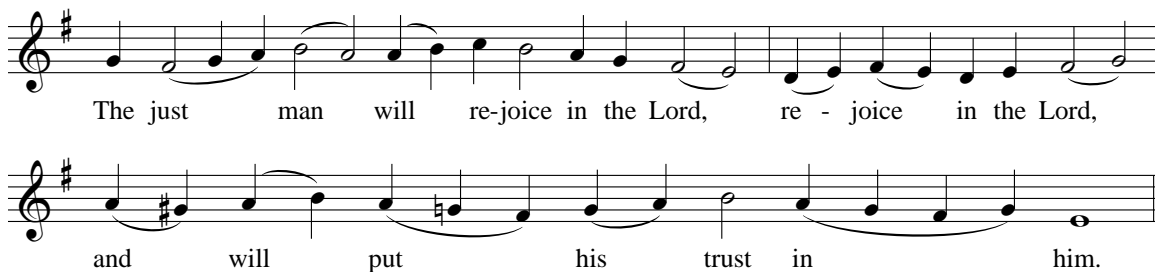
See the strong and glo - rious choir of nine mar - tyrs, the men who
 pro - fessed the Trinity of tri - ple glo - ry. As their trials be - gan,
 they ex - claimed to God: We of - fer you our bodies and souls as a sac - ri - fice
 poured out in our blood, O Mas - ter. Since you are merciful, O Master,
 num - ber us a - mong the saints.

Kontakion of Memnon - Tone 8



We praise you as a brilliant star, O bless-ed Mem-non. You bright-en the world
by your virtue and your mir - a - cles. You ap proached the Un ap proach a ble,
and so we praise the Savior as we keep your mem o ry.

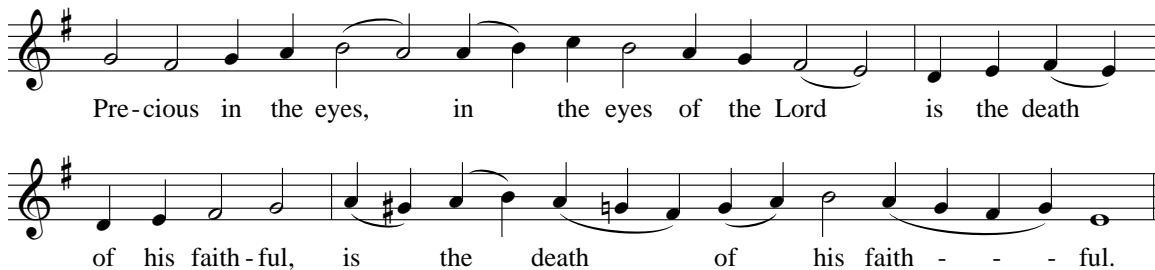
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Prokeimenon of a Venerable - Tone 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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?

Alleluia of the Martyrs - 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.

Alleluia of 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.

Communion Hymn for the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

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



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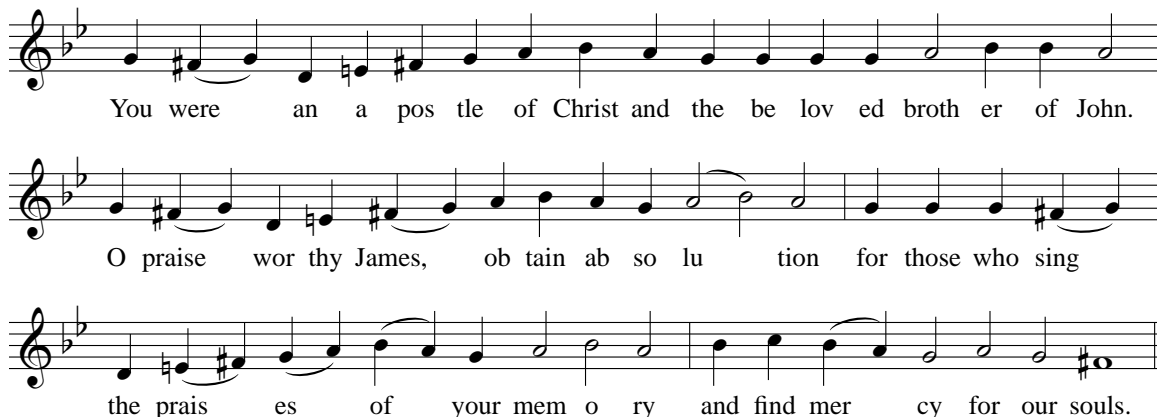
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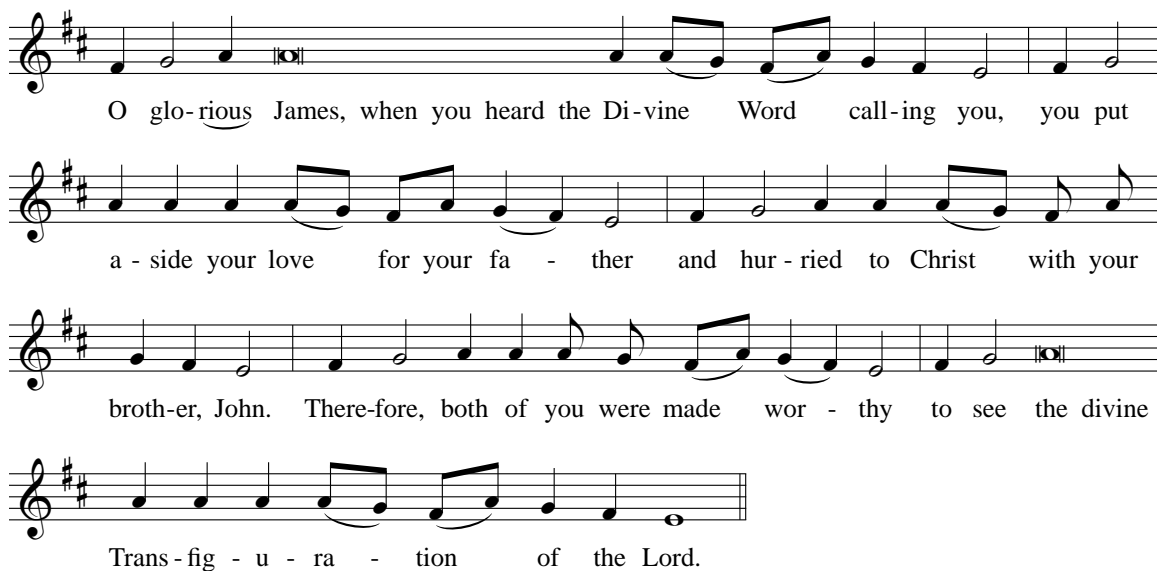
30 The holy apostle James, brother of John the Theologian. He was the son of Zebedee and, with Peter and John, was a witness of the Transfiguration of the Lord and of his agony. Beheaded at the feast of the Passover by Herod Agrippa, he was the first of the Apostles to receive the crown of martyrdom.

Troparion - Tone 3



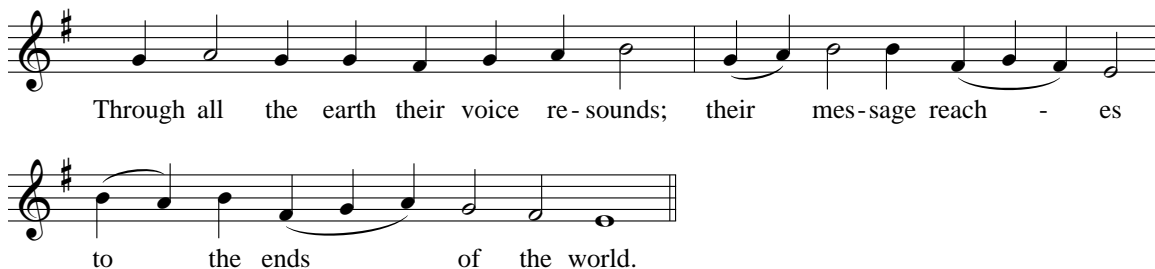
You were an a pos tle of Christ and the be lov ed broth er of John.
 O praise wor thy James, ob tain ab so lu tion for those who sing
 the prais es of your mem o ry and find mer cy for our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 2



O glo-ri-ous James, when you heard the Di-vine Word call-ing you, you put
 a - side your love for your fa - ther and hur - ried to Christ with your
 broth-er, John. There-fore, both of you were made wor - thy to see the divine
 Trans - fig - u - ra - tion of the Lord.

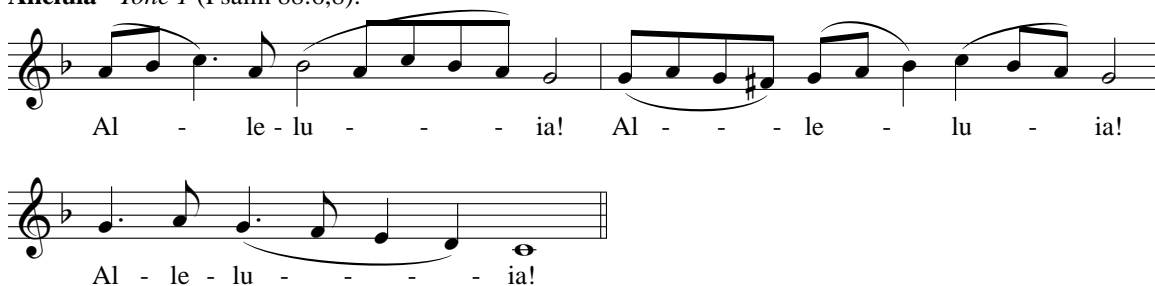
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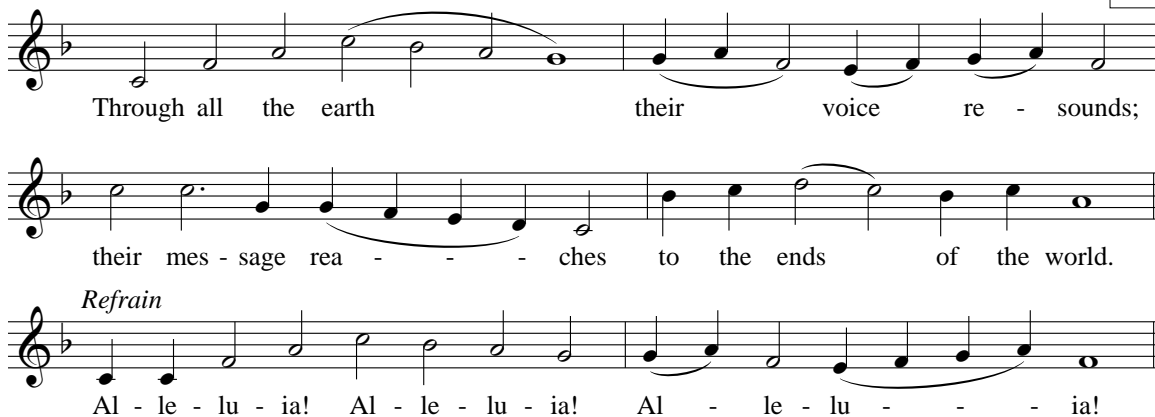
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