Byzantine Monthly Menaion

Volume Twelve: August

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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 twelfth of a series of twelve books for use in Byzantine Catholic parishes. Each day is provided with the following material:

- (1) Synaxarion (brief life of the saints remembered)
- (2) Troparia and Kontakia
- (3) Prokeimena and Alleluiaria
- (4) Communion Hymn.

On major feasts, the proper antiphons (when there are any) and the Magnification and Irmos (appointed to take the place of It is truly proper) are also included.

Texts which are contained in the Faithful's Book published by the Byzantine Catholic Church are reproduced with their musical settings from that book. Those texts were translated by the Inter-Eparchial Liturgical Commission, and then set to plainchant by the Inter-Eparchial Music Commission.

Many of the Troparia contained in this volume of the Menaion are, in fact, common texts (i.e., they are used on more than one feast). These texts, too, come from the work of the IELC/IEMC, as are all the Prokeimena and Alleluiaria and Communion Hymns.

The texts of the Troparia and Kontakia that are not from the above-mentioned source are almost always taken from the Order of Matins published by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and we acknowledge these texts with gratitude.

This volume is intended to be used annually. Because of this, cantors must use the Typikon of the Metropolitan Church to discern how materials from the Menaion are to be combined with the Sunday Ochtoechos. The Typikon will also explain how Prokeimena and Alleluiaria are to be combined.

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

August 28, 2005 Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian and Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo

MENAION - AUGUST

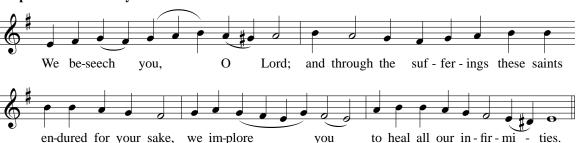
1 The procession of the Wood of the venerable and life-creating Cross. This feast was established in the reign of the Greek Emperor Manuel, as a memorial of Greek victory over the Saracens. The procession with the relic of the Precious Cross was made from the imperial palace to the church of Hagia Sophia; there the relic remained for fourteen days, and was then carried back in procession to the church in the palace grounds.

The holy seven Maccabees, their mother Solomonia, and the elder Eleazar at Antioch in Syria, under Antiochus Epiphanes the king. For the sake of keeping the law of the Lord with unconquered faith, they were cruelly handed over to death with their mother. She suffered with her sons as they were martyred, one by one, and was crowned with them, as it is written in the second book of the Maccabees [2 Mac. 7]. Likewise is commemorated St. Eleazar, one of the first scribes, a man of advanced age. In that same persecution, refusing to eat forbidden meat on account of his love for the Torah of the Lord, he achieved a most glorious death rather than a shameful life; he voluntarily went to his punishment, leaving an excellent example of virtue.

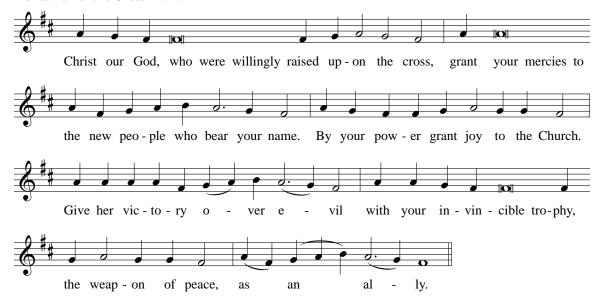




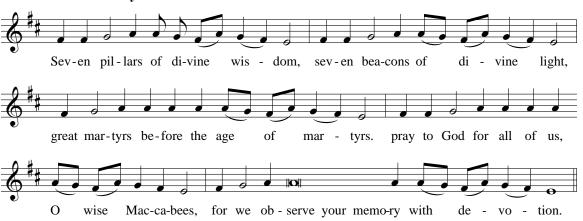




Kontakion of the Cross - Tone 4



Kontakion of the Martyrs - *Tone 2*

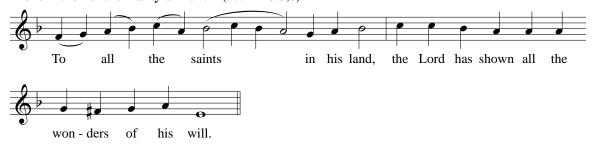


Prokeimenon of the Cross - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 98:5,1):

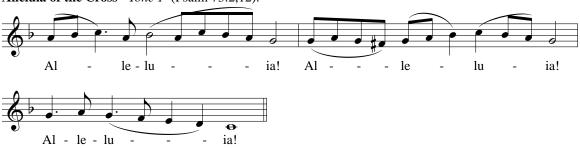


Verse: The Lord is King; let the peoples rage.

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



Alleluia of the Cross - *Tone 1* (Psalm 73:2,12):



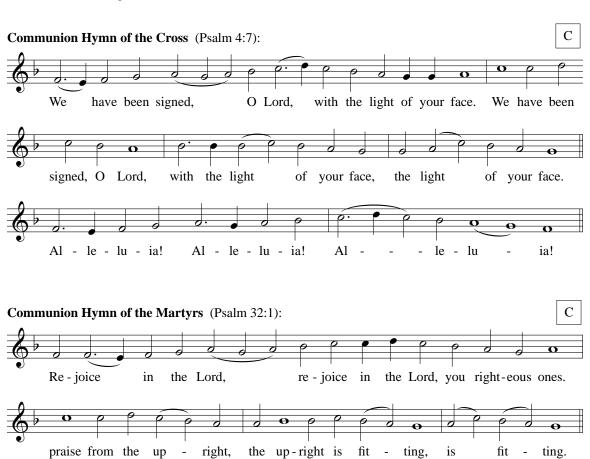
Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.

Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

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



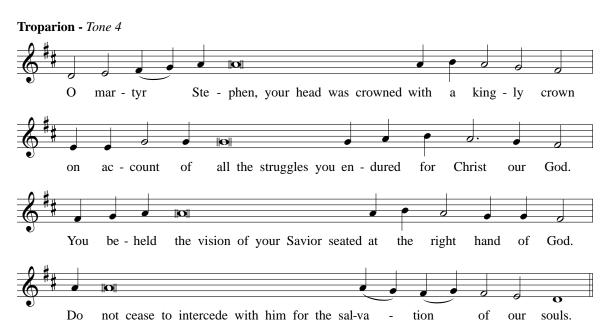
Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.



2 The translation of the relics of the holy protomartyr and archdeacon Stephen.

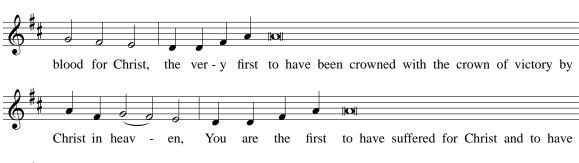
Tradition says that the body of St. Stephen was taken by the Rabbi Gamaliel, a secret disciple of Christ's, and buried in a cave in the town of Capargamala. In AD 415, Gamaliel appeared in a dream to the priest Lucian in that town, and revealed the burial place of the Protomartyr. They were later translated from Palestine to Constantinople.

Our venerable father Basil, fool for Christ, in Moscow. At the age of sixteen, he gave himself as a fool for Christ, and preserved in asceticism for seventy-two years. He set sinners on the right way, reprimanded the nobles, and had insight into distant events. The great cathedral in Red Square in Moscow is dedicated to him. (1552)





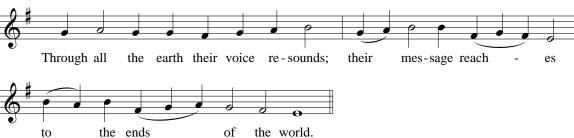






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Prokeimenon - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



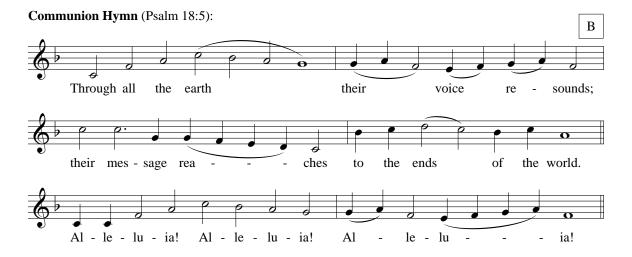
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.



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

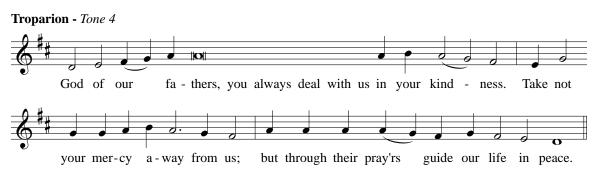
Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy,

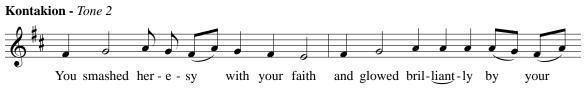
great and awesome above all who surround him.

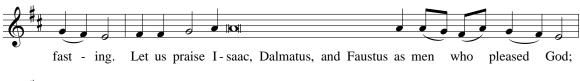


3 Our venerable fathers Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus. Dalmatus was an officer in the Roman army who abandoned all and entered the monastery where Isaac was abbot. His only son, Faustus, entered with him. Dalmatus followed Isaac as hegumen of the monastery, and took part in the Third Ecumenical Council (431), battling against the Nestorian heresy. (5th century)

The holy Salome the Myrrh-Bearer. Mother of the holy Apostles James and John, the wife of Zebedee, she served the Lord during his earthly life, and was made worthy to be among the first bearers of the tidings of his resurrection.

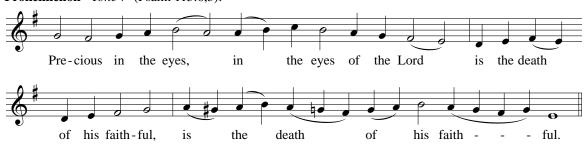








Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 115:6,3):



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

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His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.

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

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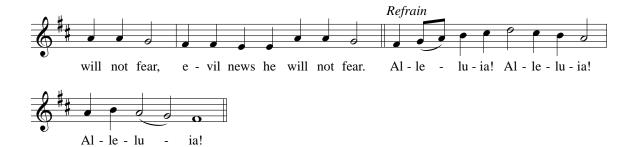
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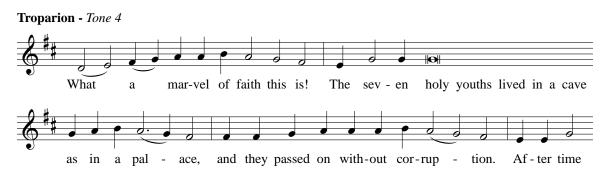
Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

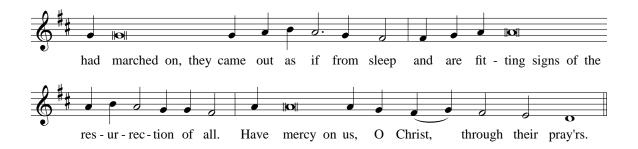




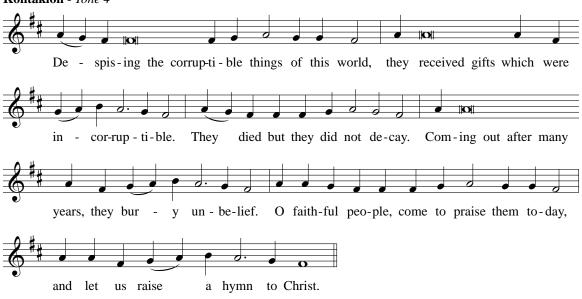
4 The holy seven children of Ephesus. During the persecution of the emperor Decius, seven young soldiers refused to sacrifice to idols. Tradition says that their names were: Maximilian, Iamblichus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodianus, and Antoninus. They concealed themselves in a cave outside of Ephesus, and the emperor had them sealed into the cave to kill them. In the reign of the Christian emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), there arose a dispute about the veracity of the Christian teaching on the resurrection of the dead. The youths awoke, testified to the true teaching, and one week later died. (250 and 454)

The venerable martyr Eudoxia. A native of Heliopolis in Phoenicia, Saint Eudoxia lived in the times of Emperor Trajan (98-117). At first she led a licentious life, enticed a large number of men to evil by her rare beauty, and amassed riches of great value. Having heard a certain Germanus, a monk, speak on religion and repentance, she was converted to Christ and baptized by Bishop Theodotos, After having distributed her goods to the poor, the Saint retired to a monastery and there practiced all the ascetical exercises. She was brought before Emperor Adrian (117- 138), accused by the very ones whom she had formerly corrupted. Working miracles and curing the Emperor's son, she converted the latter to the Christian faith. She was martyred by being beheaded. (2nd century)

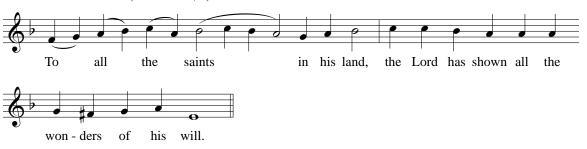








Prokeimenon - *Tone 4* (Psalm 15:3, 8):

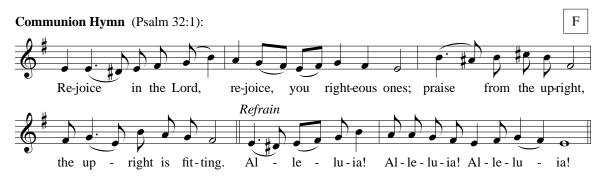


Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

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

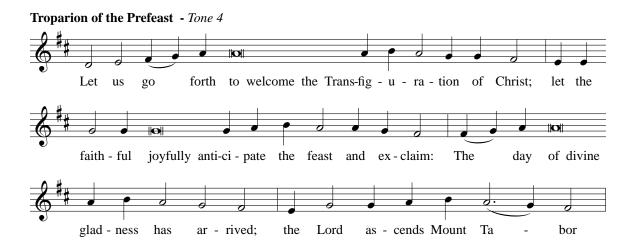


Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them. *Verse:* Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.



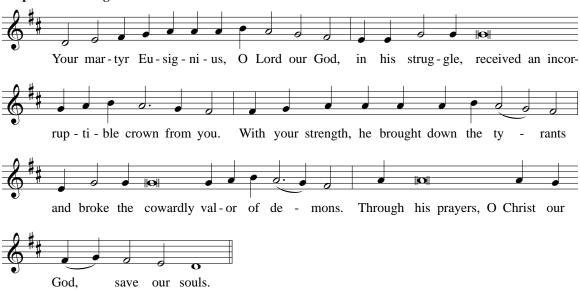
5 Prefestive day of the Transfiguration

The holy martyr Eusignius was a soldier under emperors Maximian, Constantine, and Constantine's sons. Having spent sixty years in military service, he withdrew and went home to Antioch, where he lived a life of good works, prayer, and fasting. During the time of the emperor Julian the Apostate, he was arrested and beheaded. (362)

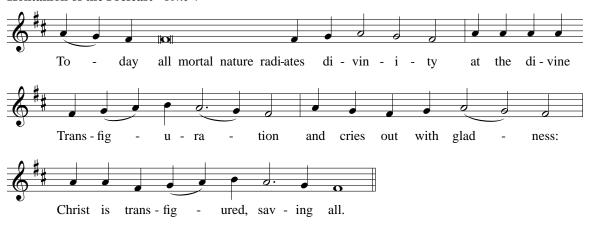




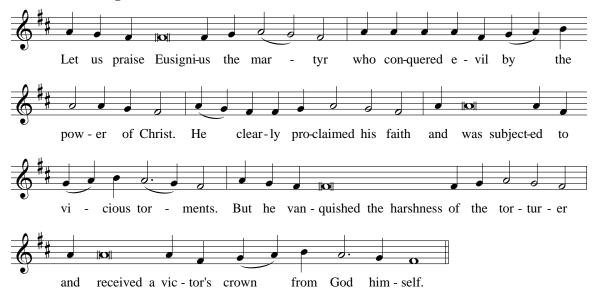
Troparion of Eusignius - *Tone 4*



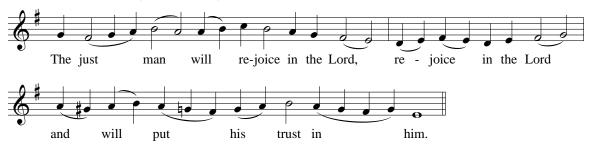
Kontakion of the Prefeast - Tone 4



Kontakion of Eusignius - Tone 4



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



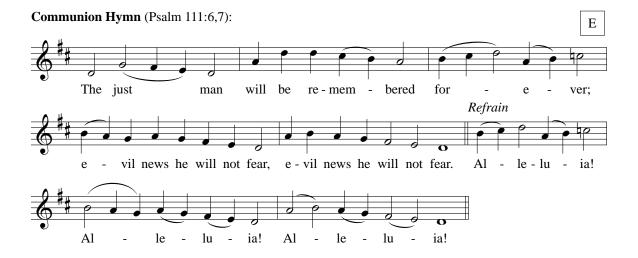
Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

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



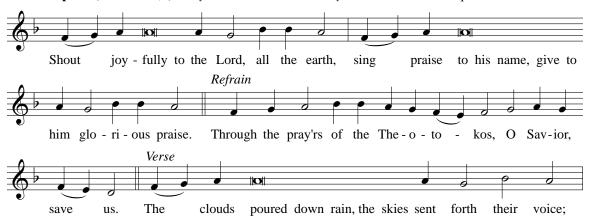
Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

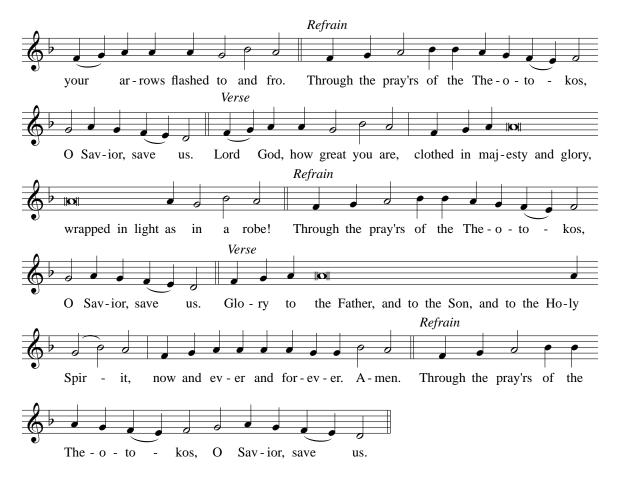
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.



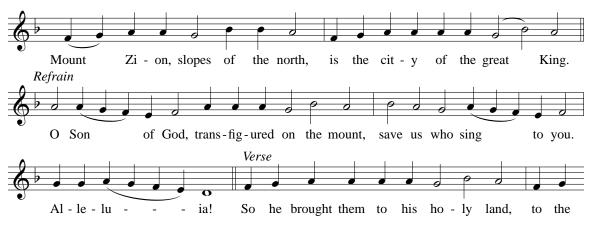
6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST in which Christ Jesus, beloved only-begotten Son of the eternal Father, manifested his glory in the presence of the holy Apostles Peter, James, and John, with the Law and the prophets bearing witness in the persons of Moses and Elijah. This was done so that, while sharing the servile humility of our state he might intimate our glorious restoration through grace. Thus it might be announced to the ends of the earth that the image of God, in which humanity was created, even as it was corrupted in Adam, would be restored in Christ.

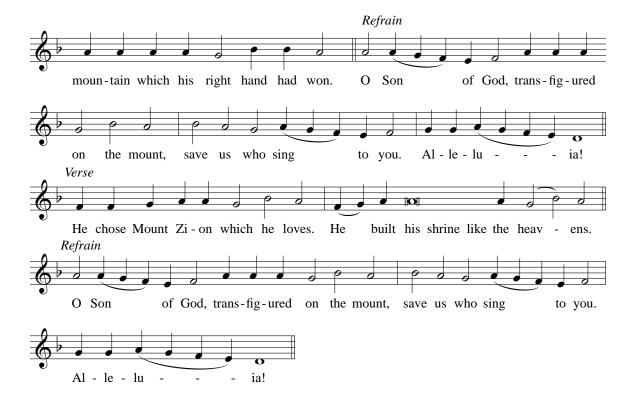
First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): *Only one verse and the "Glory/now and ever" are required.*



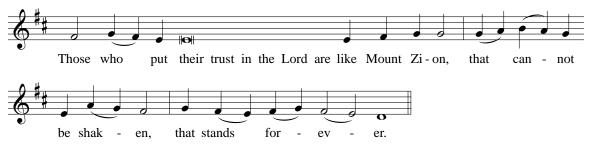


Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): Only one verse is required.





Third Antiphon - Tone 7 Troparion (Psalm 124:1): Only one verse is required.

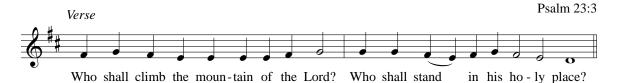


Refrain: Troparion - *Tone 7:*



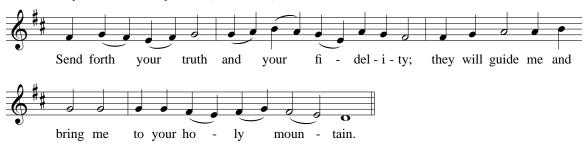






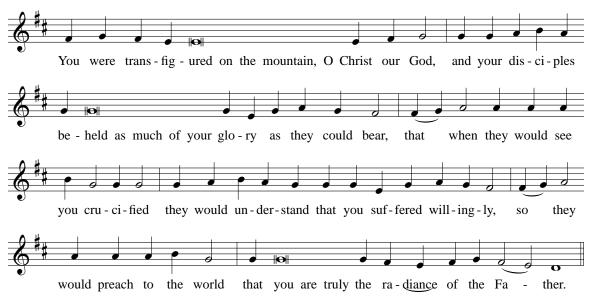
The Troparion is repeated

Entrance Hymn - *Tone 7 Troparion* (Psalm 42:3):



Troparion - *Tone 7: (music found on page 26)*

Kontakion - *Tone 7:*



Prokeimenon – *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:24,1):





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

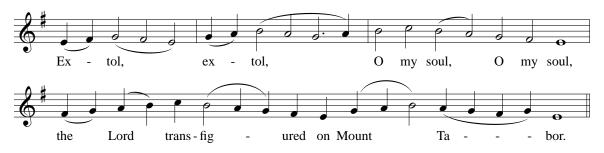
Alleluia - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 88:12,16):

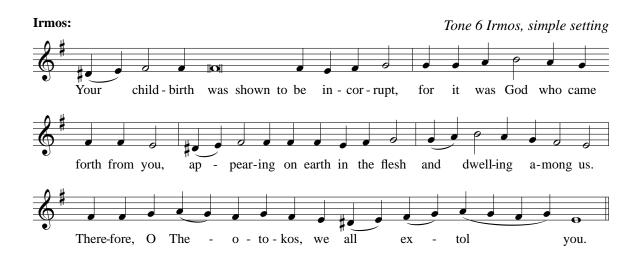


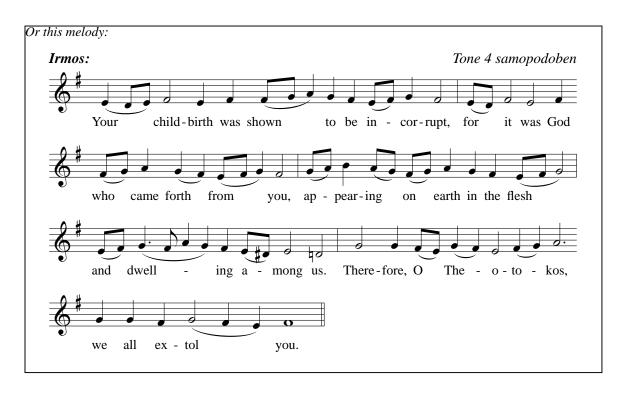
Verse: Yours are the heavens and yours is the earth.Verse: Happy are the people who can shout with joy.

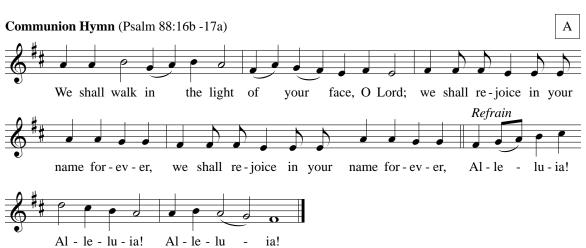
Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:









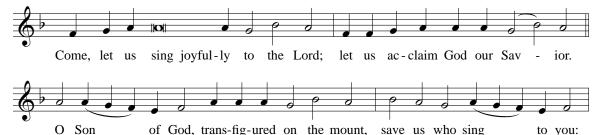
7 Postfestive day of the Transfiguration

The holy venerable martyr Dometius. Born a pagan in Persia in the time of the Emperor Constantine, he was baptized as a young man. So enchanted was he with the True Faith that he left all earthly things and became a monk in a monastery near Nisibis. Made a deacon by his archimandrite, he became a solitary. He was martyred by the emperor Julian the Apostate, by being walled up alive into his cave. (363)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)

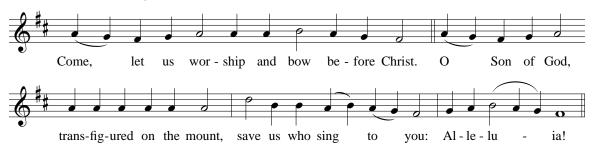
Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):





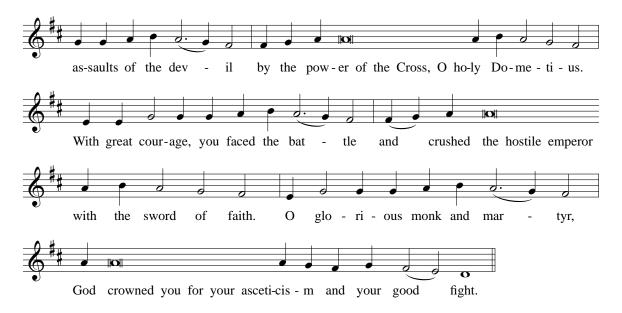
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):



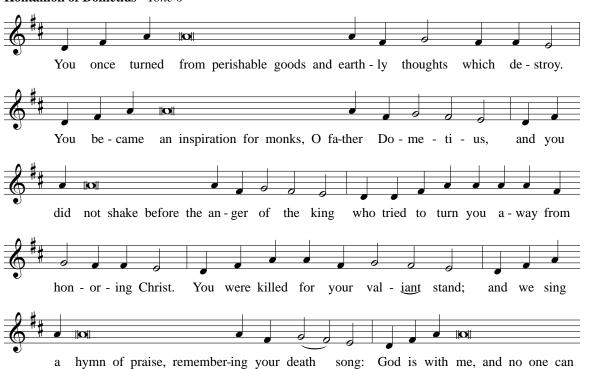
Troparion - *Tone 7: (music found on page 15)*

Troparion of Dometius - *Tone 4*





Kontakion of Dometius - *Tone 6*



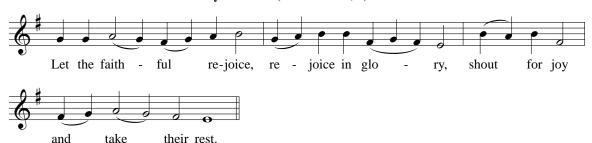


Kontakion of the Transfiguration - *Tone 7 (music found on page 18)*

Prokeimenon of the Transfiguration – *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:24,1): (music found on page 18)

Immediately after the verse:

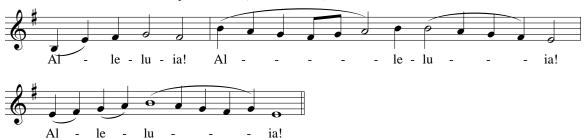
Prokeimenon of the Venerable Martyr - *Tone 8* (Psalm 149: 5, 1)



Alleluia of the Transfiguration - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19)

After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Venerable Martyr - *Tone* 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):

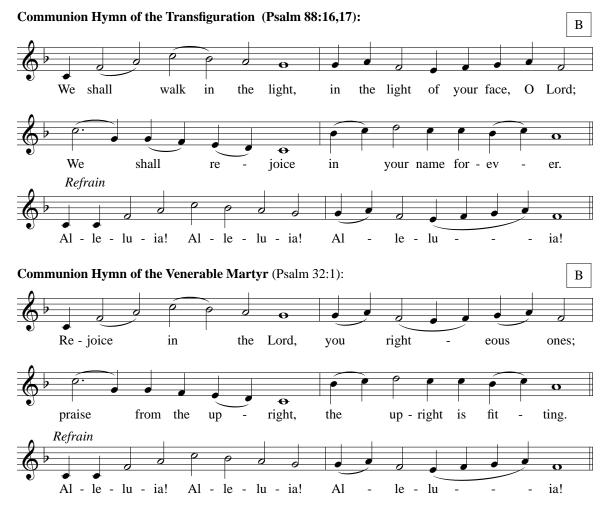


Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 19)

Irmos (simple setting found on page19; samopodoben setting on page 20)



8 Postfestive day of the Transfiguration

The holy confessor Emilian, bishop of Cyzice. In the time of the emperor Leo the Armenian, Emilian defended the orthodox teaching about the holy icons. This brought about his exile, where for five years he endured many ills and much humiliation for the sake of Christ. (820)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)

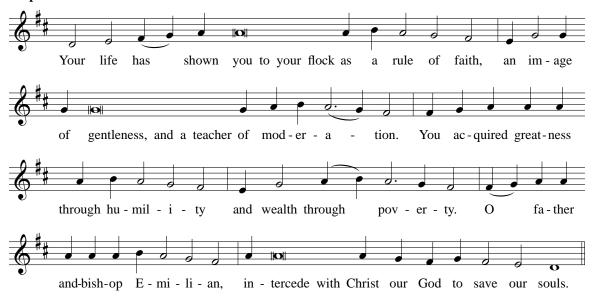
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Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)

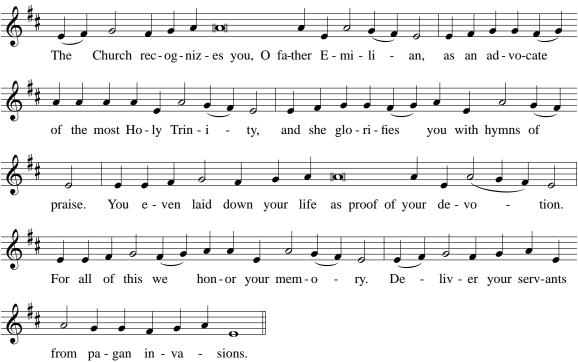
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)

Troparion - *Tone 7: (music found on page 16)*

Troparion of Emilian - *Tone 4*



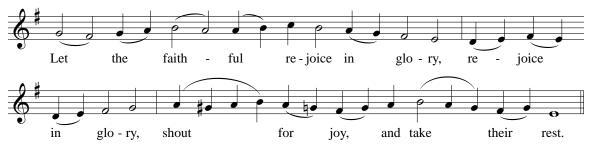
Kontakion of Emilian - *Tone 3*



Kontakion of the Transfiguration - *Tone 7 (music found on page 18)*

Prokeimenon of the Transfiguration – *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:24,1): (music found on page 18) *Immediately after the verse*:

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



Alleluia of the Transfiguration - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19)

After the second verse:

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



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

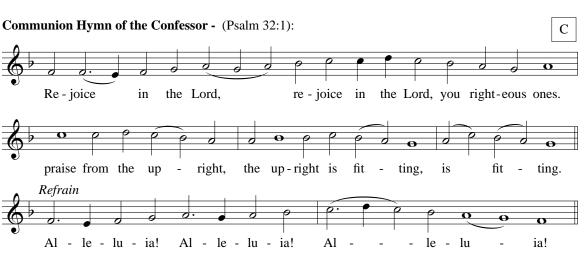
Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 19)

Irmos (simple setting found on page19; samopodoben setting on page 20)







9 Postfestive day of the Transfiguration

The holy apostle Matthias, who had followed the Lord Jesus since his baptism by John to that day when Christ was assumed into heaven. After the Ascension of the Lord, he was chosen by the Apostles to take the place of the traitor Judas so that, numbered among the Twelve, he might become a witness of the resurrection.

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)

Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)

Troparion - *Tone 7: (music found on page 16)*

Troparion of Matthias - Tone 3





Kontakion of Matthias - Tone 4



Your good tid - ings were more bril-liant than the sun, and they have spread



all o - ver the world; they il - lu - mine the Church of the Gen-tiles with grace.



Re - joice, O mircle-work-ing a - pos - tle Mat - thi - as.

Kontakion of the Transfiguration - *Tone 7 (music found on page 18)*

Prokeimenon of the Transfiguration – *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:24,1): (music found on page 18) Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of the Apostle - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):





Alleluia of the Transfiguration - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19) After the second verse:

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





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

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 19)

Irmos (simple setting found on page19; samopodoben setting on page 20)



10 Postfestive day of the Transfiguration

The holy martyr and archdeacon Lawrence of Rome, who desired the fellowship of Pope Sixtus even in martyrdom. As St. Leo the Great relates, when ordered to hand over the treasures of the Church, he instead showed to the foolish tyrant the poor. As archdeacon, it was his ministry to care for them, and on a great number of whom he had lavished the necessities of life and clothing. The third day after his arrest, he conquered the flames for the sake of the faith of Christ. In honor of his triumph even the instruments of his execution were transformed. His body is buried in Rome in the Campo Verano in the cemetery called by his name. (258)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)

Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)

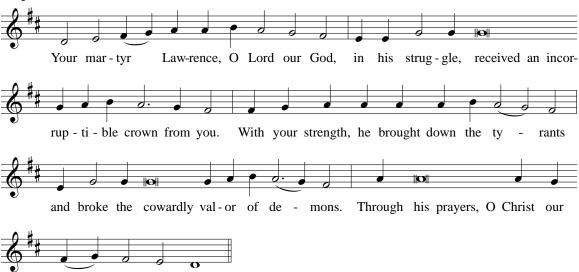
Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)

our souls.

Troparion - *Tone 7: (music found on page 16)*

Troparion of Lawrence - *Tone 4*

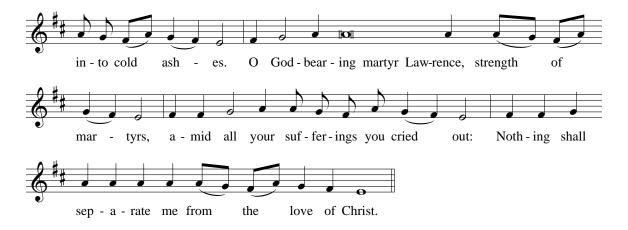


Kontakion of Lawrence - Tone 2

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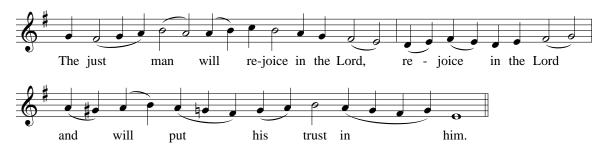




Kontakion of the Transfiguration - *Tone 7 (music found on page 18)*

Prokeimenon of the Transfiguration – *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:24,1): (music found on page 18) *Immediately after the verse:*

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



Alleluia of the Transfiguration - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19) After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Martyr - *Tone 4* (Psalm 91:13,14):

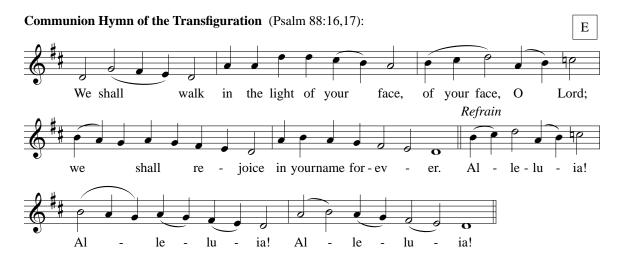


Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 19)

Irmos (simple setting found on page19; samopodoben setting on page 20)



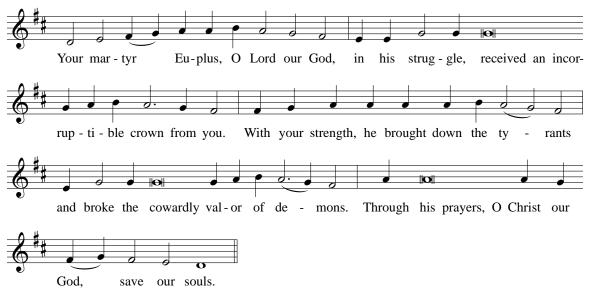


11 Postfestive day of the Transfiguration

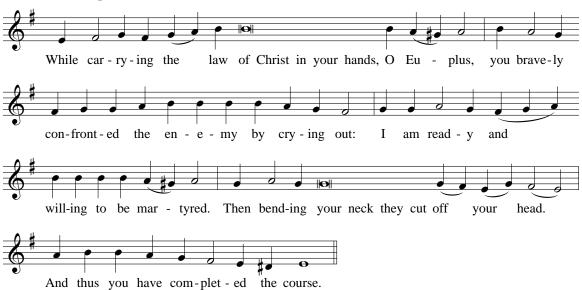
The holy martyr Euplus at Catania in Sicily. In the persecution of Diocletian the emperor, as it is told, he was cast into prison by the governor Calvisian while he held the volumes of the Gospels in his hand. When he was interrogated again, he answered that he rejoiced to bear the Gospels in his heart, and was beaten to death with cudgels. (308)

First Antiphon (Psalm 65:1,2): (music found on page 14)
Second Antiphon (Psalm 47:3): (music found on page 15)
Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)
Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 16)

Troparion of Euplus - *Tone 4*



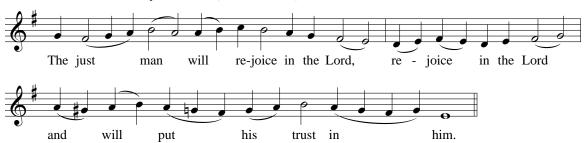
Kontakion of Euplus - *Tone 1*



Kontakion of the Transfiguration - *Tone 7 (music found on page 18)*

Prokeimenon of the Transfiguration – *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:24,1): (music found on page 18) *Immediately after the verse:*

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



Alleluia of the Transfiguration - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19)

After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Martyr - *Tone 4* (Psalm 91:13,14):

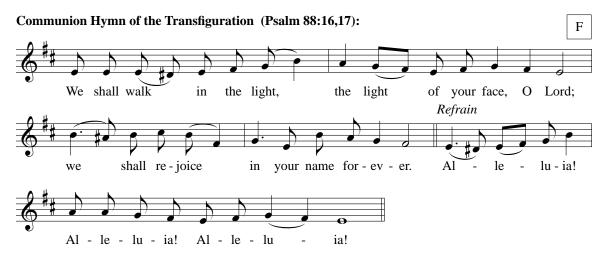


Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 19)

Irmos (simple setting found on page19; samopodoben setting on page 20)





12 Postfestive day of the Transfiguration

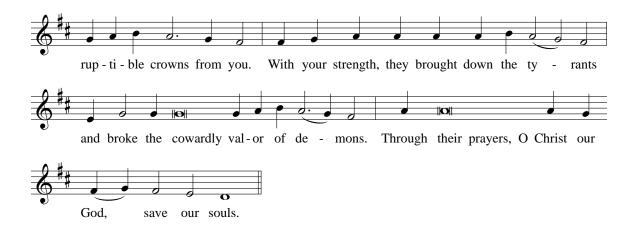
The holy martyrs Photius and Anicetus, who bore witness to the Christian Faith before the emperor Diocletian. Both of them were tortured, and then imprisoned for three years. Eventually they were thrown into an enormous burning furnace in the year 305.

(13) Our venerable father Maximus the Confessor, in the fortress of Skhemaris on the river Hippus in the summit of the Caucasus. He was the hegumen of Chrysopolis near Constantinople, notable for his teaching and his zeal for the Catholic truth. When he vigorously fought against the Monothelites, he had his right hand cut off by the heretical Emperor Constans. Along with two of his disciples, both named Anastasius, after a harsh imprisonment and many tortures, he was exiled to the region of Lazica and rendered his spirit to God. (662) (This feast is transferred to this date because of the Leave-taking of the Transfiguration.)

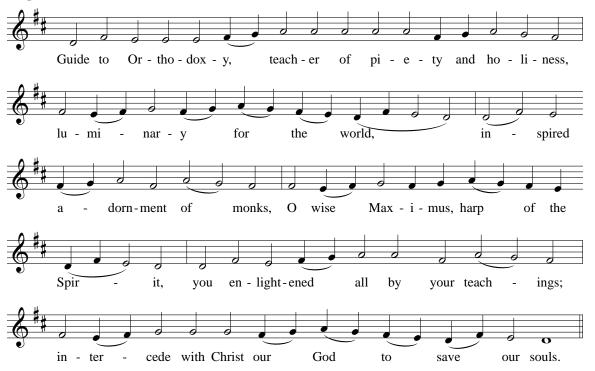
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Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1): (music found on page 21)
Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6): (music found on page 21)
Troparion - Tone 7: (music found on page 16)

Troparion of Photius and Anicetus - *Tone 4*

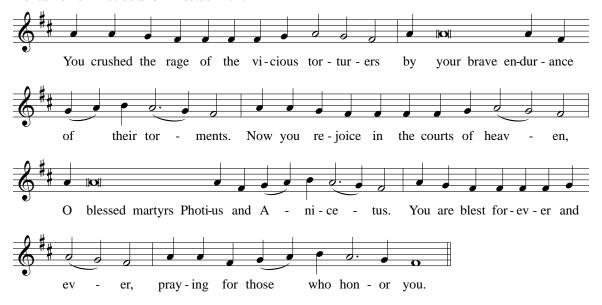




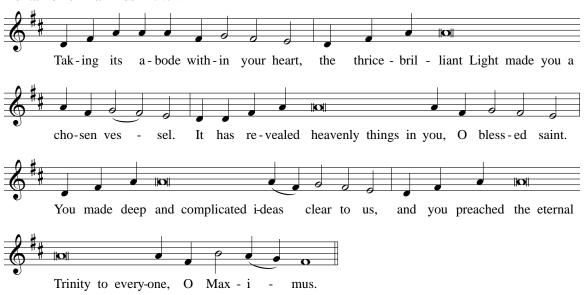
Troparion of Maximus - *Tone* 8



Kontakion of Photius and Anicetus - Tone 4



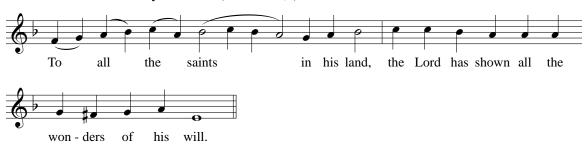
Kontakion of Maximus - *Tone 6*



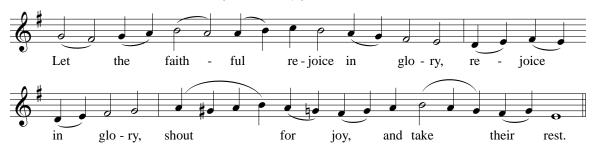
Kontakion of the Transfiguration - *Tone 7 (music found on page 18)*

Prokeimenon of the Transfiguration – *Tone 4* (Psalm 103:24,1): (music found on page 18) Immediately after the verse:

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



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



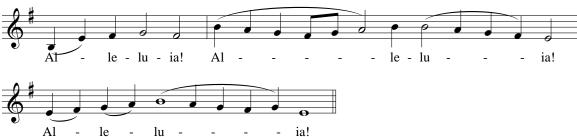
Alleluia of the Transfiguration - *Tone 8* (Psalm 88:12,16): (music found on page 19) After the second verse:

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



Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.

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

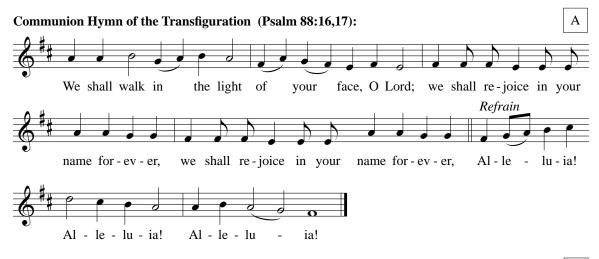


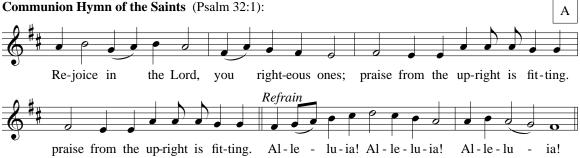
Verse: Happy the man who fears the Lord and greatly delights in his commands.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 19)

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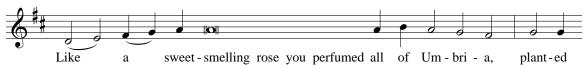


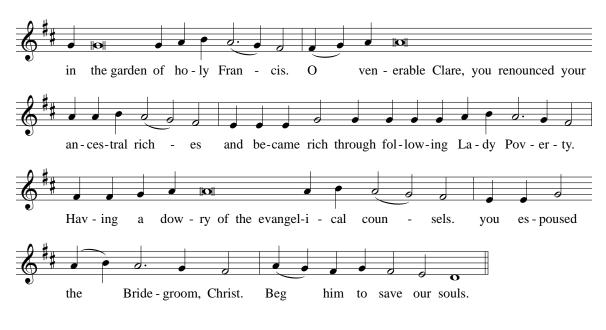


In Franciscan and Poor Clare communities: Our venerable holy mother Clare of Assisi, virgin. She was the first shoot of the Poor Ladies of the Order of Minors and followed St. Francis, leading an austere life at Asissi in Umbria, full of works of charity and piety. She was, in fact, an outstanding lover of poverty, from which she never permitted herself to be separated even in the utmost want and infirmity. (1253)

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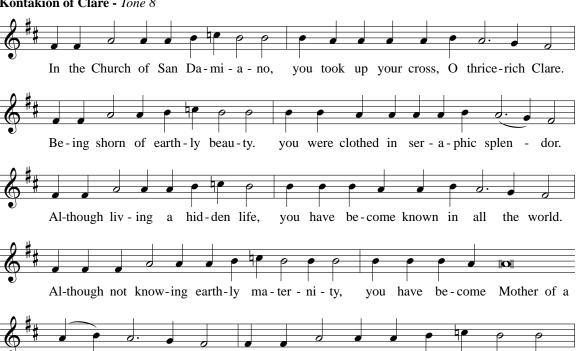
Troparion of Clare - *Tone 4*







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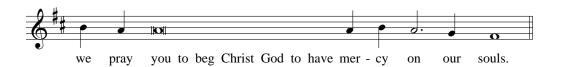
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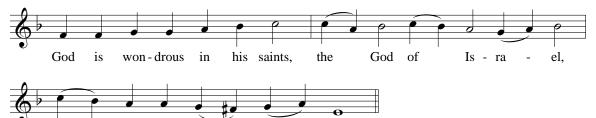
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Prokeimenon of a Venerable Woman - *Tone 4* (Psalm 67:36,27):



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Alleluia of a Venerable Woman - *Tone 1* (Psalm 39:2,3):

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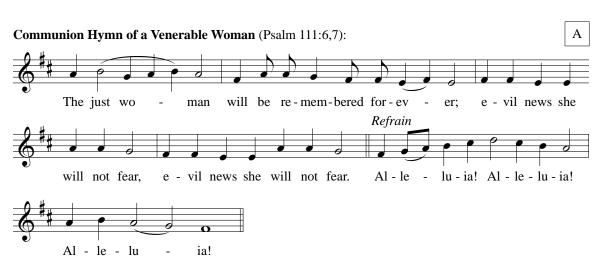
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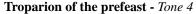
13 Leave-taking of the Transfiguration

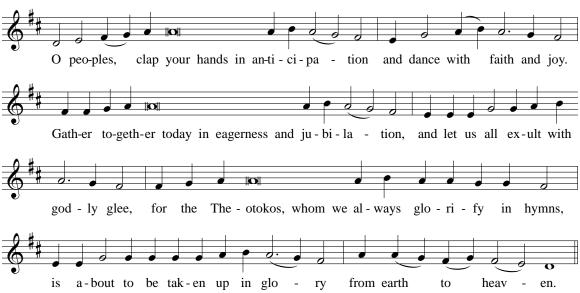
The service is sung as on August 6, page 14.

14 Prefestive day of the Dormition of the Theotokos

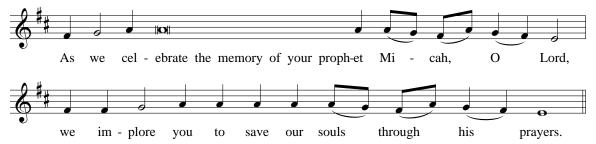
The holy prophet Micah. Of the tribe of Judah and from the village of Morasth, he was a contemporary of the prophets Isaiah, Amos, and Hosea. He denounced the vices of his people, foretold the fall of Samaria, and was a seer of the coming Messiah. He named Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Messiah. He was buried in his own village, and his relics were found in the time of the emperor Theodosius.

Translation of the relics of our venerable father Theodosius, hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves

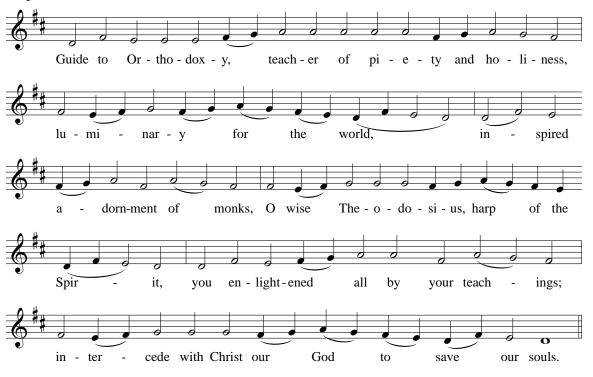




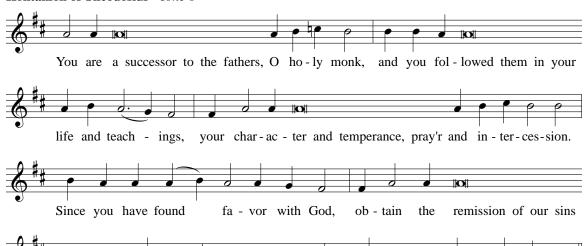
Troparion of Micah - *Tone 2*



Troparion of Theodosius - *Tone 8*



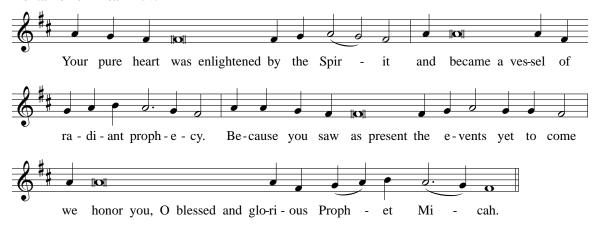
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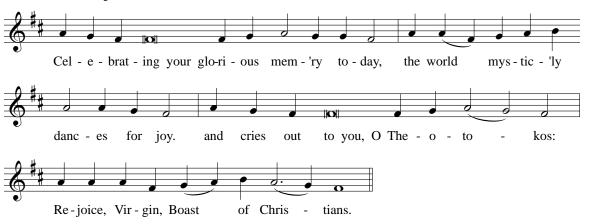
and salvation for those who sing to you:

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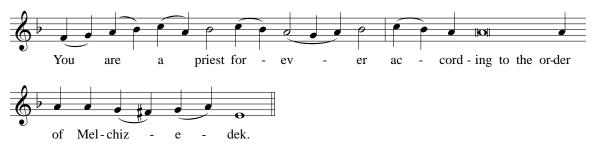
Kontakion of Micah -Tone 4



Kontakion of the prefeast - *Tone 4*

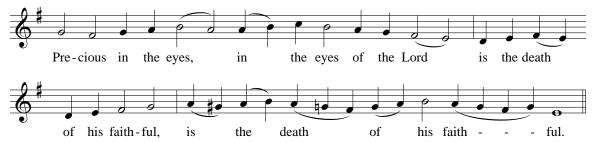


Prokeimenon of a Prophet - *Tone 4* (Psalm 109:4,1):



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

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



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

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



Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;

Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

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

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



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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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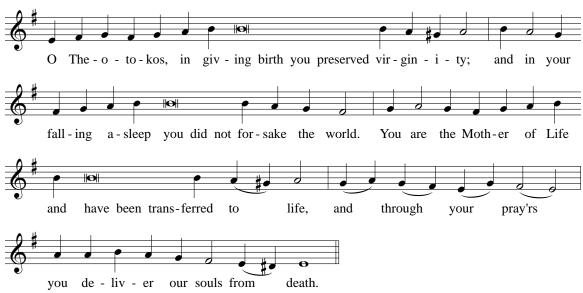




15 THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER- VIRGIN

MARY. Tradition relates that the Mother of God died in Jerusalem, after a visit with all of Christ's apostles. They carried her coffin to the Garden of Gethsemane where it was placed into a tomb. The apostle Thomas came late, and asked that the tomb might be opened so that he could reverence her body. When opened, the tomb was found empty except for the winding sheet.

Troparion - *Tone 1:*



Kontakion - Tone 2:



The grave and death did not de-tain the The-o-to - kos. She in - ter-cedes





womb of the Ev - er - Vir - gin trans-ferred to life the Moth-er of Life.

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





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

Alleluia - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 131:8,11):

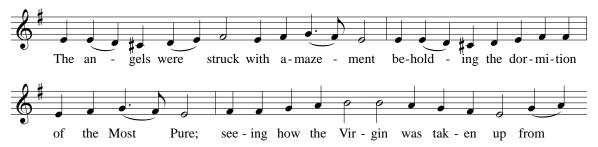


Verse: Go up, Lord, to your rest, you and your holy ark.

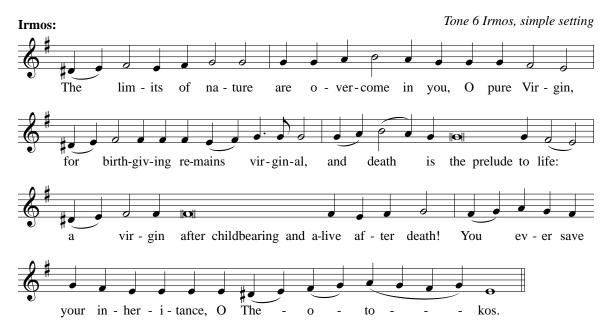
Verse: The Lord swore a true oath to David; he will not go back on his word.

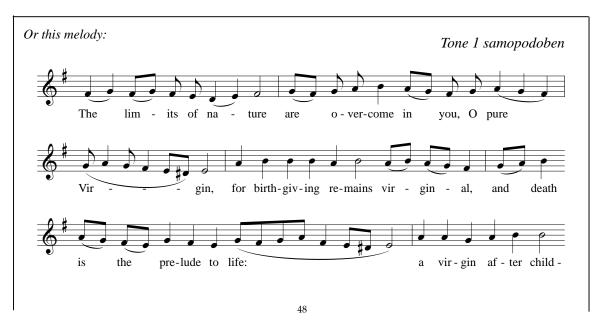
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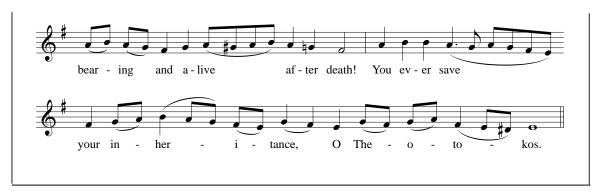
Magnification:













16 Postfestive day of the Dormition

Translation of the Icon of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, the icon "not made by human hands," from Edessa to Constantinople, 944. Tradition relates that Abgar, prince in the city of Edessa, suffered from leprosy. Having heard of Jesus the healer in Palestine, he sent a portrait painter named Ananias with a letter to Jesus, asking him to come and cure his leprosy. Being unable to come, the Lord took a napkin and wiped his face, leaving a perfect reproduction of the Holy Face on it. Ananias took the napkin back to Abgar, along with the message that he would be partially cured of his disease, and later completely. The Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy, preaching the Gospel, came to Abgar and healed him.

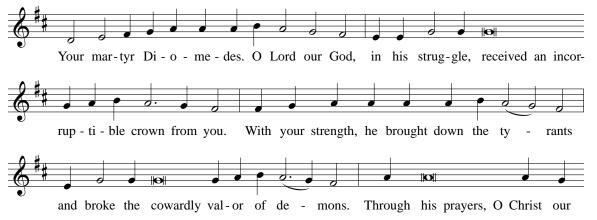
The holy martyr Diomedes was a physician from Tarsus who taught people the Christian faith as he ministered to their suffering bodies. The emperor Diocletian ordered him to be beheaded in Nicea. (298)

Troparion of the Dormition - *Tone 1 (music found on page 46)*

Troparion of the Icon - *Tone 2*

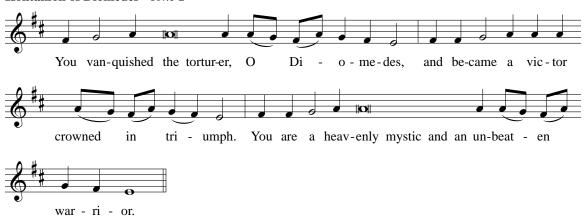


Troparion of Diomedes - *Tone 4*

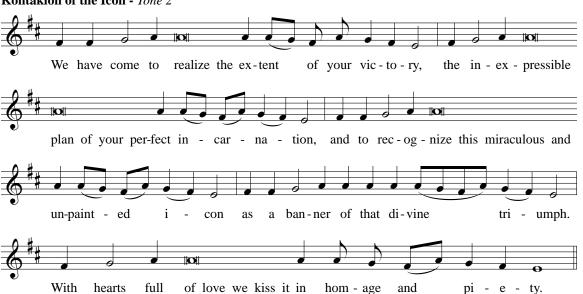




Kontakion of Diomedes - *Tone 2*



Kontakion of the Icon - Tone 2



Kontakion of the Dormition - *Tone 2 (music found on page 46)*

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - *Tone 3* (music found on page 47)

Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of Our Lord - *Tone 4* (Psalm 97:1a, 3b)





Alleluia of the Dormition - *Tone 8 (music found on page 47)*

After the second verse:

Alleluia of Our Lord - *Tone 4* (Psalm 88:16b -17a)

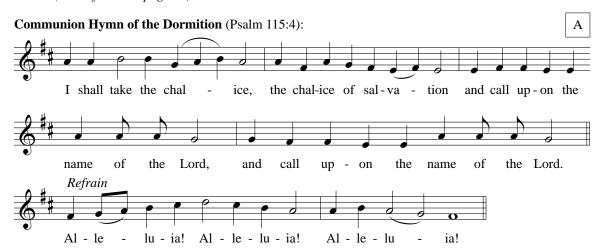


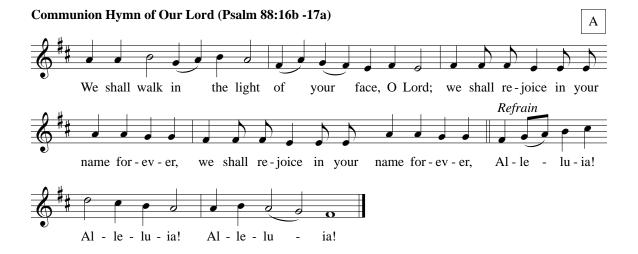
Verse: We shall walk in the light of your face; we shall rejoice in your name forever.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 47)

Irmos (music found on page 48)

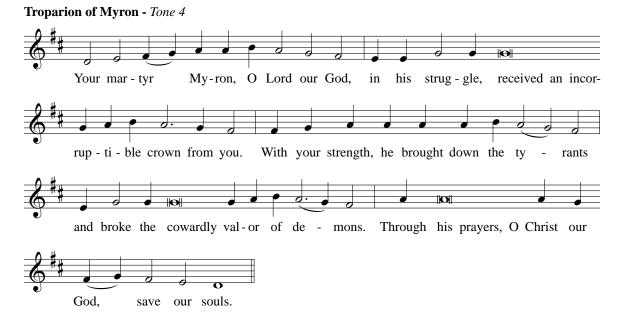




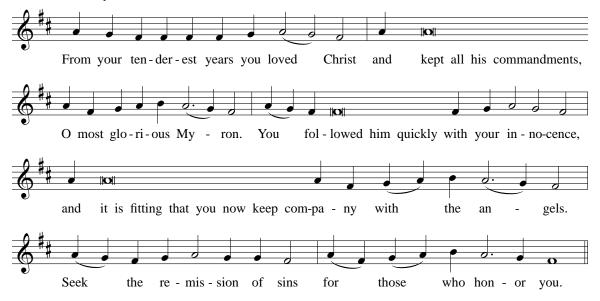
17 Postfestive day of the Dormition

The holy martyr Myron, at Cyzicus in Hellespont. He was a priest, who, as it is related, was beheaded under Decius the emperor and Antipater the governor after many tortures. (250)

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)



Kontakion of Myron - Tone 4

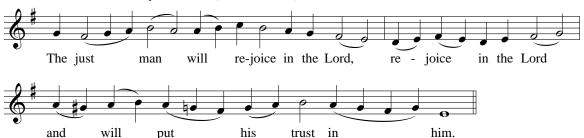


Kontakion of the Dormition - *Tone 2 (music found on page 46)*

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - *Tone 3 (music found on page 47)*

Immediately after the verse:

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



Alleluia of the Dormition - *Tone 8 (music found on page 47)*

After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Martyr - *Tone 4* (Psalm 91:13,14):

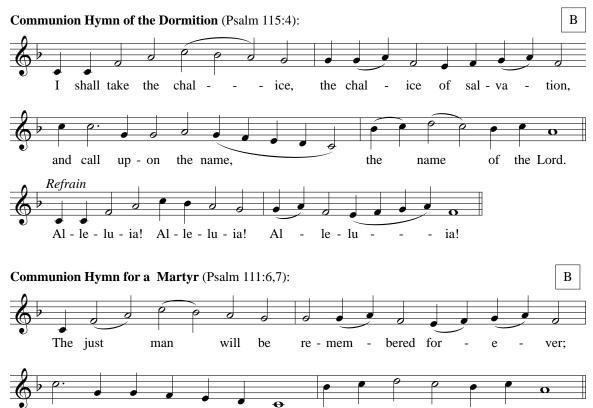


Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 47)

Irmos (music found on page 48)





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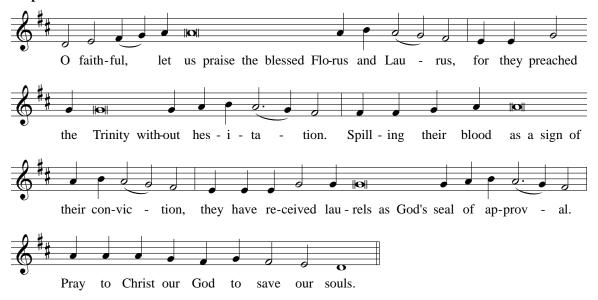
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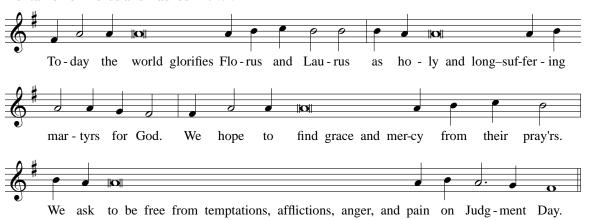
The holy martyrs Florus and Laurus. Brothers in the flesh as well as in the spirit, they were zealous Christians and stonemasons by craft and were martyred for the Faith. (2nd century)

Troparion of the Dormition - *Tone 1 (music found on page 46)*

Troparion of Florus and Laurus - *Tone 4*



Kontakion of Florus and Laurus - *Tone 8*

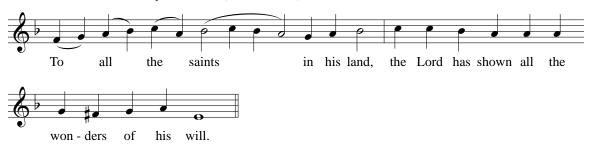


Kontakion of the Dormition - *Tone 2 (music found on page 46)*

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - *Tone 3 (music found on page 47)*

Immediately after the verse:

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



Alleluia of the Dormition - *Tone 8 (music found on page 47)*

After the second verse:

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

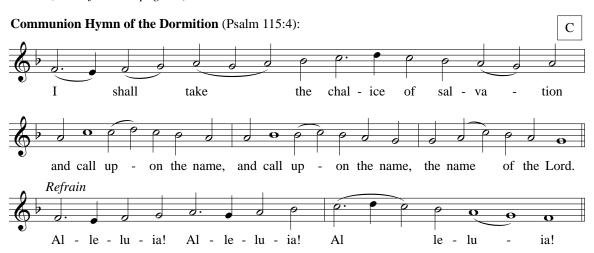


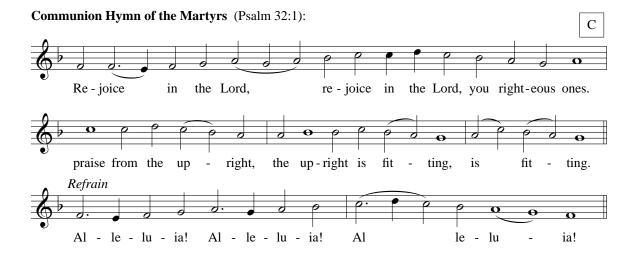
Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 47)

Irmos (music found on page 48)



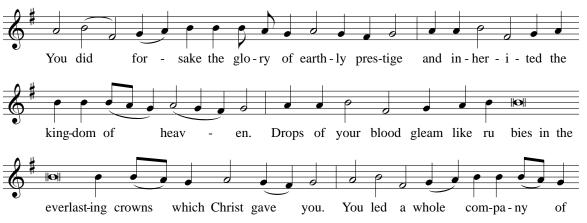


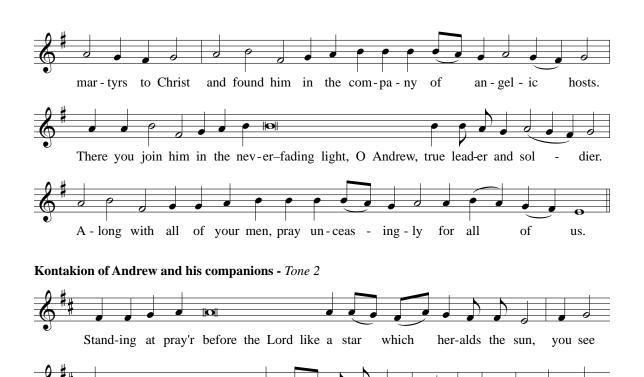
19 Postfestive day of the Dormition

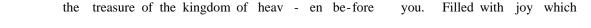
The holy martyr Andrew the Tribune and his companions, in Cilicia, who, as it is related, having gained victory over the Persians by divine intervention, were converted to Christ and accused with this name (i.e., of Christian) and were slaughtered under Maximian the emperor in the narrows of the Taurus Mountains by the army of Seleucus the governor.

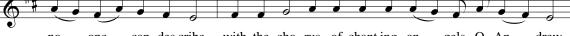
Troparion of the Dormition - *Tone 1 (music found on page 46)*











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you sing a never-end-ing hymn to the im-mor-tal King. There-fore, beg

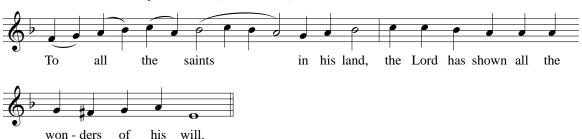


Kontakion of the Dormition - *Tone 2 (music found on page 46)*

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - *Tone 3 (music found on page 47)*

Immediately after the verse:

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



Alleluia of the Dormition - *Tone 8 (music found on page 47)*

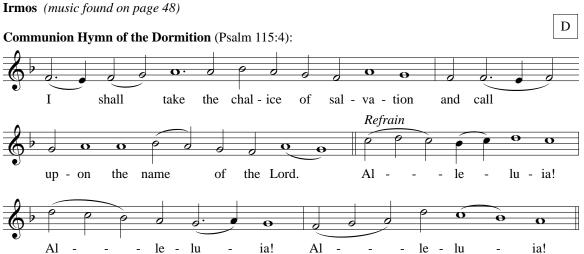
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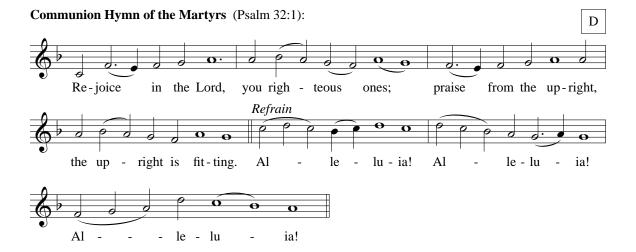
Alleluia of the Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 33:18,20):



When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ." **Magnification** (music found on page 47)





20 Postfestive day of the Dormition

The holy prophet Samuel. Fifteenth and last of the Judges of Israel, he lived approximately eleven hundred years before Christ. Born in the tribe of Levi, son of Elkanah and Hannah, he was promised to the Lord by his till-then barren mother. At the age of twelve, Samuel had his first revelation from the Lord God. Samuel preached repentance to the children of Israel, and led the people to victory over the Philistines. Asked by the people to give them a king, he warned them that God was the only true king of Israel, but they insisted. It was Samuel who anointed Saul son of Kish as the first King of Israel, and David son of Jesse as its second and greatest ruler. He died in Ramah and was buried there.

The holy king Stephen of Hungary, who, regenerated by his baptism, received his crown of kingship from Pope Silvester II, provided for the propagation of the faith of Christ among the Hungarians, established the Church in his kingdom, and endowed monasteries with his riches. He was just and peaceful in ruling his subjects, until at Alba Regalis [modern Székesfehérvár] in Hungary on the day of the Assumption his soul traveled to heaven.(1038)

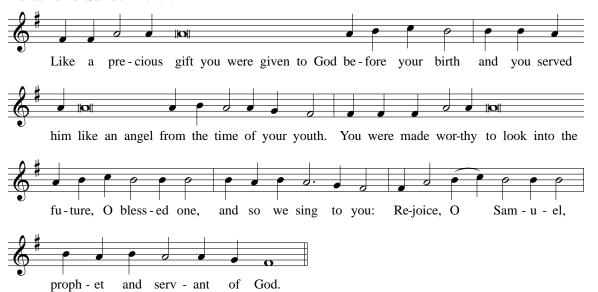
Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)

Troparion of the Prophet Samuel - *Tone 2*





Kontakion of Samuel - Tone 8

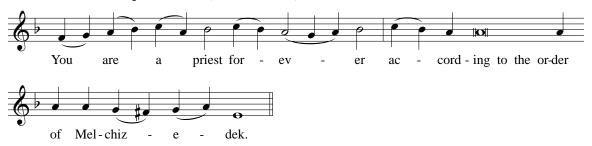


Kontakion of the Dormition - *Tone 2 (music found on page 46)*

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - *Tone 3 (music found on page 47)*

Immediately after the verse:

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



Alleluia of the Dormition - *Tone 8 (music found on page 47)*

After the second verse:

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



Verse: Moses and Aaron were among his priests;

Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ." **Magnification** (music found on page 47) **Irmos** (music found on page 48) E **Communion Hymn of the Dormition** (Psalm 115:4): I shall take the chal-ice of sal-va tion call up and on, and call up - on call the name of and up - on, ia! Al ia! le - lu lu Αl le ia! Al le lu **Communion Hymn of a Prophet** (Psalm 111:6,7): E The just will be bered for man re - mem e ver; Refrain



21 Postfestive day of the Dormition

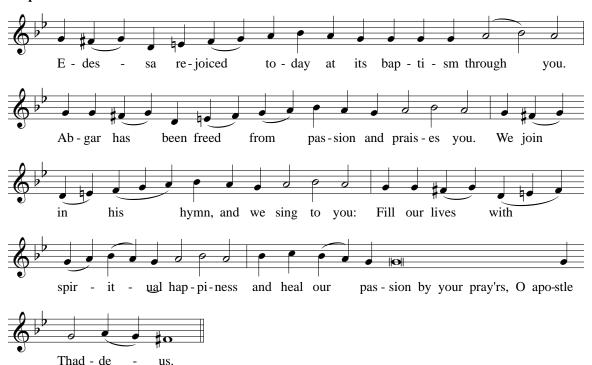
The holy apostle Thaddeus was one of the Seventy, not the same as the Jude Thaddeus who was one of the Twelve. He went to Edessa in Syria and preached the Gospel, there and throughout Syria and Phoenicia, and fell asleep in the Lord in Beirut.

The holy martyr Bassa was the wife of a pagan priest, secretly Christian. She brought up her sons in the Faith as well. Her husband handed her over to the torturers with her sons. They were beheaded in the persecution of Maximian. (3rd century)

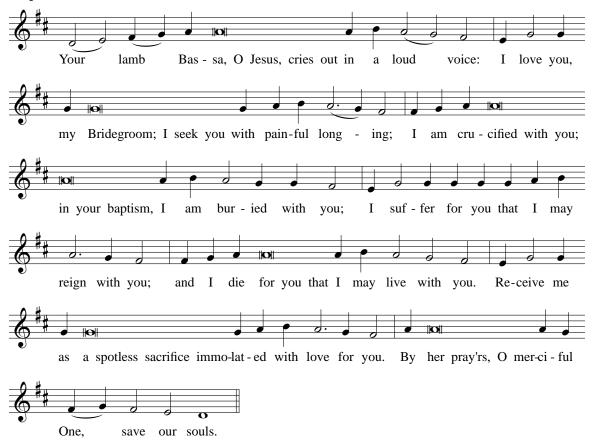
Our holy father Pius X, pope of Rome, was born in the village of Riese in the province of Venice in 1835. After he became a priest, he performed his duties with distinction. He was made bishop of Mantua, then patriarch of Venice, and was elected pope in 1903. He took as the motto of his pontificate "To renew all things in Christ." He fulfilled this task in the spirit of simplicity, poverty, and courage, arousing the faithful to a Christian way of life and waging constant warfare against the errors of his age. He renewed the prayer of Christians and the chant of the western Church, and urged young children to approach the Lord's table. (1914)

Troparion of the Dormition - *Tone 1 (music found on page 46)*

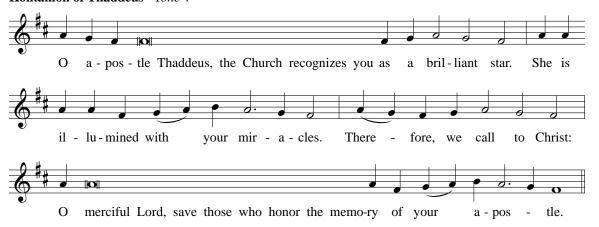
Troparion of Thaddeus - *Tone 3*



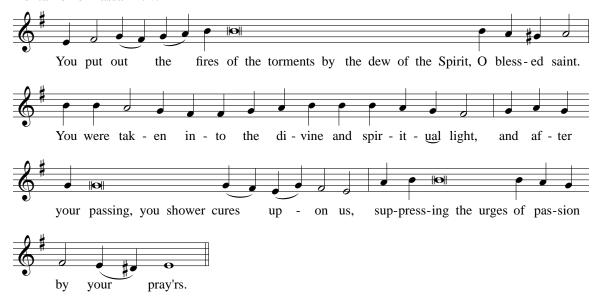
Troparion of Bassa - Tone 4



Kontakion of Thaddeus - Tone 4



Kontakion of Bassa - Tone 1

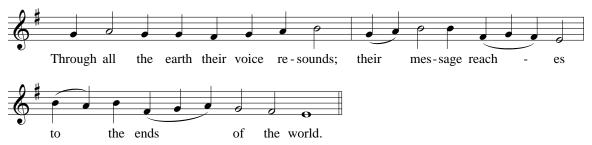


Kontakion of the Dormition - *Tone 2 (music found on page 46)*

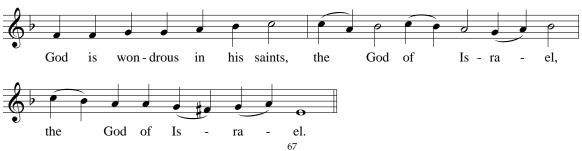
Prokeimenon of the Dormition - *Tone 3 (music found on page 47)*

Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon for an Apostle - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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



Alleluia of the Dormition - *Tone 8 (music found on page 47)*

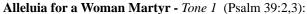
After the second verse:

Alleluia for an Apostle - *Tone 1* (Psalm 88:6,8):





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





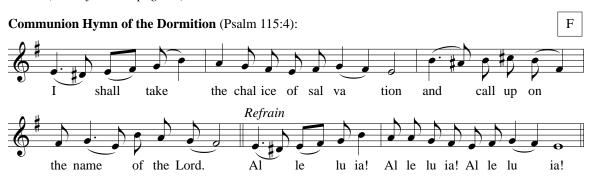


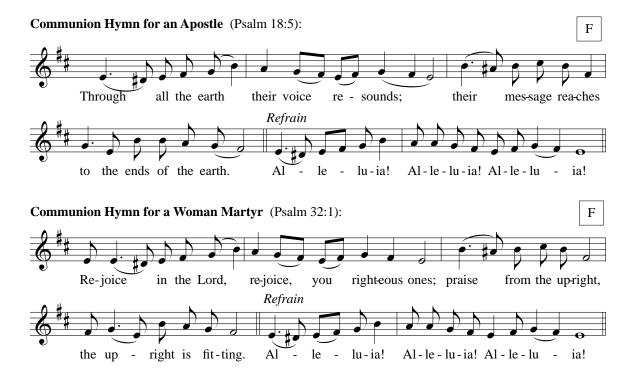
Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

IInstead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 47)

Irmos (music found on page 48)





22 Postfestive day of the Dormition

The holy martyr Agathonicus and his companions. Agathonicus was a citizen of Nicomedia and a Christian. He preached against idolatry and instructed many in the Faith. Under the emperor Maximian, Agathonicus and his companions were crucified.

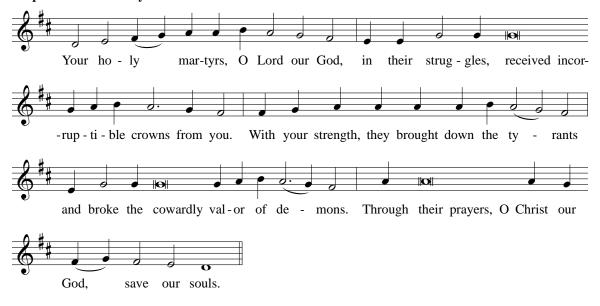
The holy priest-martyr Simeon Lukach. Born in Galicia in 1893, he was ordained priest in 1919. He taught moral theology in the seminary in Ivano-Frankivsk until 1945, when he was secretly ordained bishop by Bl. Gregory Khomyshyn. He was imprisoned by the Soviets from 1949 until 1955. He then functioned as part of the "underground church" and was arrested again in 1962. While in prison, he contracted tuberculosis, from which he died. (1964)

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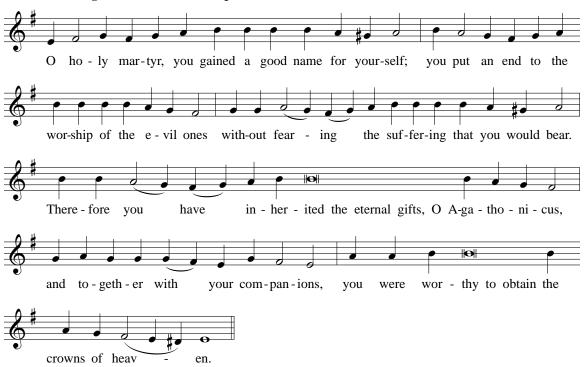
The holy martyr Lupus was a servant of St. Demetrius of Salonica. When his master was beheaded by the emperor Maximian, Lupus dipped the hem of his garment and his ring into his master's blood. Through these relics he worked many miracles, even though he was not yet baptized. Having miraculously received the Holy Mystery, he was beheaded. (306)

Troparion of the Dormition - Tone 1 (music found on page 46)

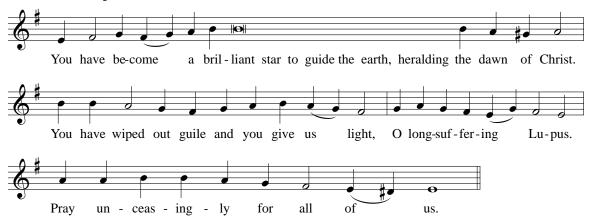
Troparion of the Martyrs - *Tone 4*



Kontakion of Agathonicus and his companions - Tone 1



Kontakion of Lupus - *Tone 1*

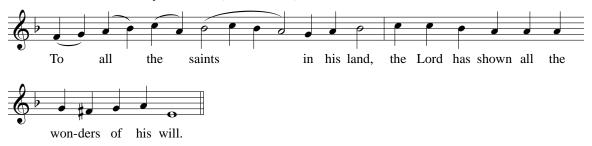


Kontakion of the Dormition - *Tone 2 (music found on page 46)*

Prokeimenon of the Dormition - *Tone 3 (music found on page 47)*

Immediately after the verse:

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



Alleluia of the Dormition - *Tone* 8 (music found on page 47)

After the second verse:

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

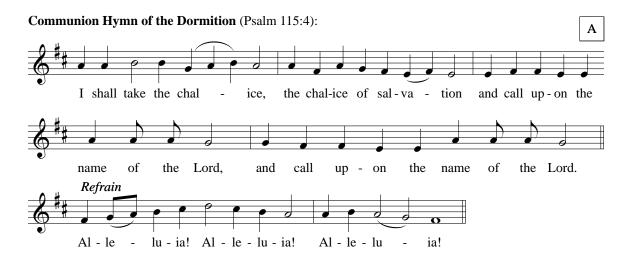


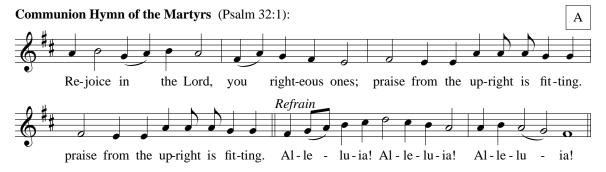
Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification (music found on page 47)

Irmos (music found on page 48)



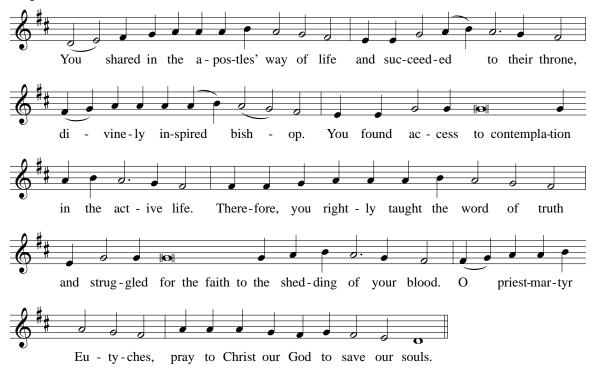


23 Leave-taking of the Dormition The service is sung as on August 15, page 47 The holy martyr Lupus (see August 22)

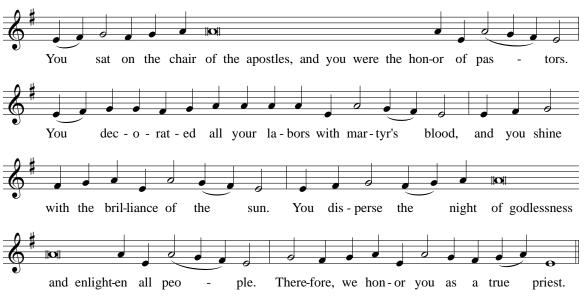
The holy martyr Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons, was sent by St. Polycarp from Asia Minor to preach in Gaul. He became the first bishop of Lyons and brought many pagans to the faith. In his numerous writings, Irenaeus both expounded the orthodox faith and defended it against heretics. He suffered for Christ in the time of the emperor Severus. (202)

24 The holy martyr Eutyches, disciple of St. John the Theologian. Although he was not included among the Seventy, he was called an apostle by virtue of having been a disciple of the great Apostles, and because he showed true apostolic zeal in the service of the Gospel. He was tortured and finally beheaded in Sebastopol.

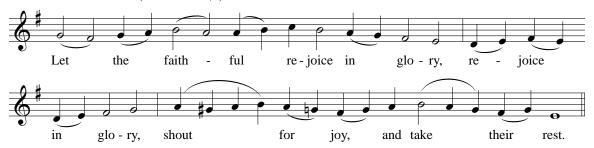
Troparion - Tone 4



Kontakion - Tone 5

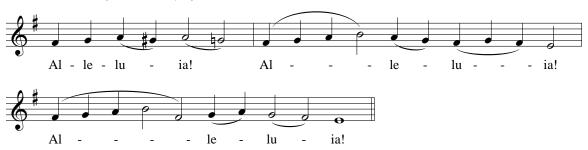


Prokeimenon - *Tone* 7 (Psalm 149:5,1):



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

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



Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.

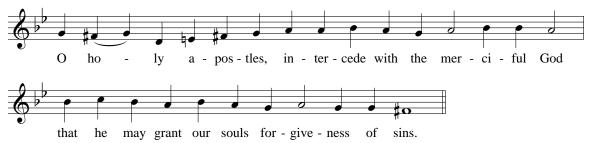
Verse: The Lord has chosen Zion; he prefers her for his dwelling.



25 Return of the relics of the holy apostle Bartholomew. They were stolen by the Armenians, and then taken to the town of Lipara. At the time of Theophilus the Iconoclast, they were translated again, this time to the town of Benevento. From there they were taken to Rome.

The holy apostle Titus is counted one of the Seventy. Born in Crete, he was baptized by the Apostle Paul. He served Paul in such sincerity of heart that Paul called him his son (Titus 1:4) as well as his brother (II Cor. 12:18). He was made the first bishop of Crete, where he wisely governed the Church to great old age. He died at the age of ninety-four.

Troparion of the Apostles - *Tone 3*

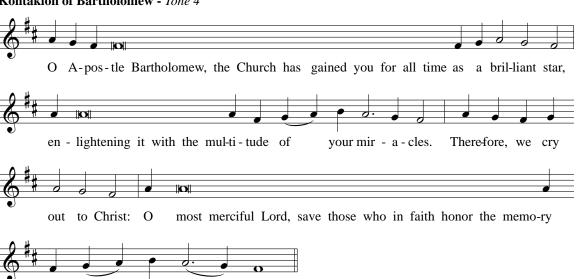


Kontakion of Bartholomew - Tone 4

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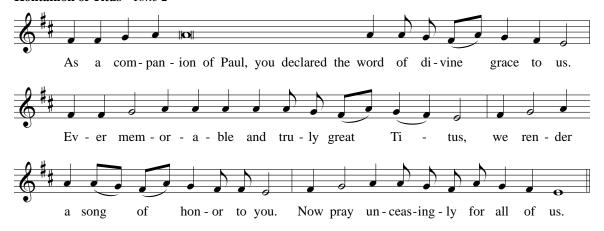
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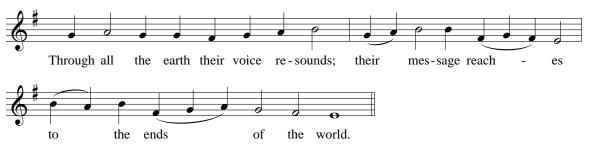


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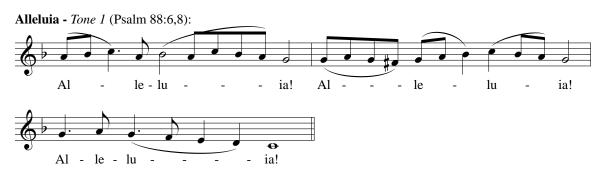
Kontakion of Titus - *Tone 2*



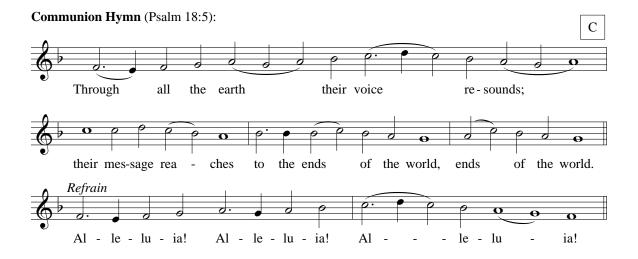
Prokeimenon - *Tone* 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):



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

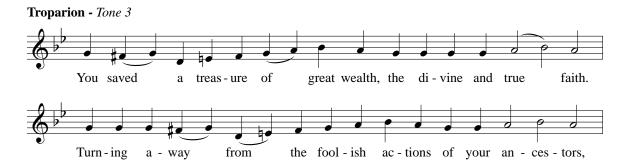


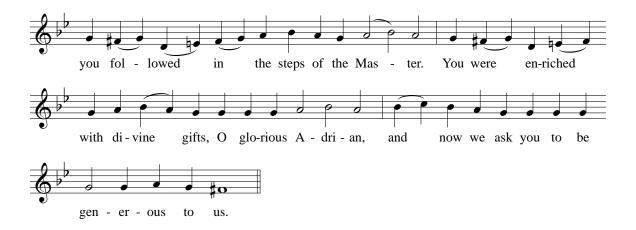
Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy. *Verse:* God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.



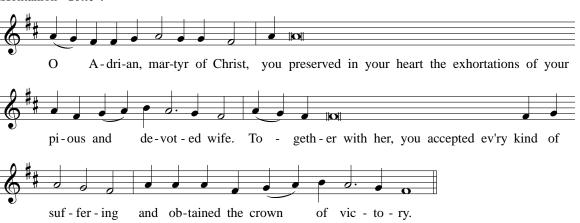
26 The holy martyrs Adrian and Natalie were both of noble families in Nicomedia, and had been married only thirteen months before their martyrdom. They were tortured during the persecution of the emperor Maximian.

Our venerable mother Mariam Bawadi. Born in 1846 in Galilee to Melkite parents, at an early age she lost both parents and lived with an uncle. He tried to marry her off, but she refused and cut off her hair. Abandoning what was left of her family, she became a servant, working in Egpyt, the Holy Land, and France. At the age of 21, she entered the Carmel of Pau in France, where she cooked, washed dishes, and scrubbed. In 1870, she became part of a group of Carmelites who founded a Carmel in Bangalore, India. In 1872, she helped found a Carmel in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, and was working on another Carmel in Nazareth when she fell ill and died. Her special prayer was: "O Holy Spirit, source of peace and light, enlighten me. I am poor: make me rich. I am the most ignorant of creatures, let me understand Jesus!" (1878)

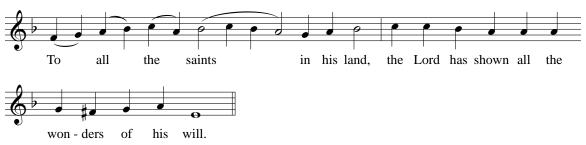




Kontakion - Tone 4



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

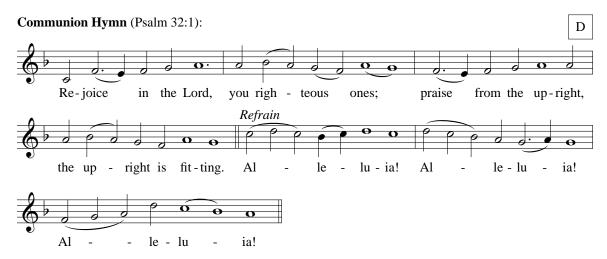


Verse: I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

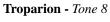
Alleluia - *Tone 4* (Psalm 33:18,20):

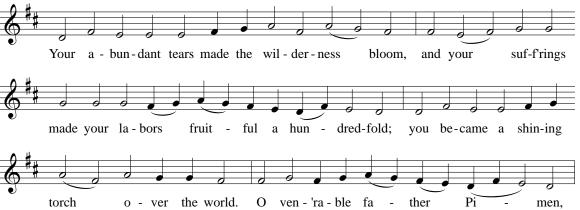


Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them. *Verse:* Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.



27 Our venerable father Pimen. An Egyptian by birth, he became one of the greatest of the Egyptian desert fathers. The renown of his asceticism spread throughout the civilized world. (5th century)







Kontakion - Tone 4



You ir - rigated the des-ert with your tears, and you bore fruit a hun-dred-fold



from your heart. You were a light to the world, radi-at - ing mir - a - cles.



Beg Christ to save our souls, O fa - ther Pi - men.

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



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

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





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

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth. $_{80}$



28 Our venerable father Moses the Ethiopian. He was at first the leader of a band of robbers, but repented and became a great ascetic. He gave himself up utterly to work, prayer, vigils, and fasting. He was ordained a priest in his old age, and then founded a monastery of his own. He was martyred by barbarians looking for loot. (405)

Our holy father Augustine, bishop of Hippo. Born in Hippo in Africa, he was turned from paganism to Christianity by the prayers and tears of his mother, St. Monica. He was baptized by Saint Ambrose of Milan, and returned to North Africa. There he was chosen bishop of Hippo, and he spent the rest of his life in prolific teaching and writing. He served and glorified the Lord for thirty-five years as bishop of Hippo. (430)

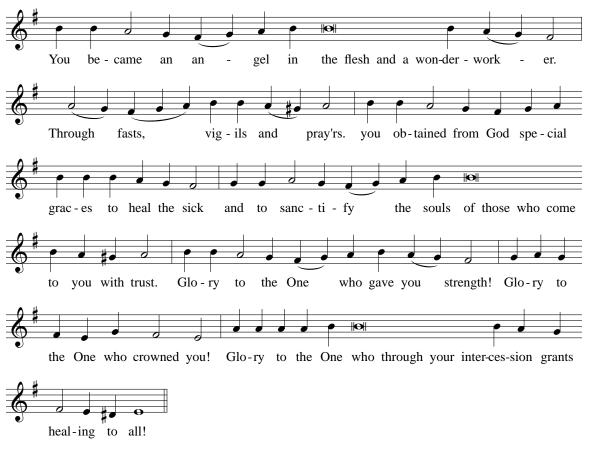
The holy martyr Ghebre Michael, priest of Ethiopia, that is, Servant Michael, in Cerecca-Ghebaba in Ethiopia, priest of the Congregation of the Mission [i.e., the Vincentians] and martyr, who always sought the true faith in study and prayer and finally entered the unity of the Church, on account of which he suffered imprisonment for thirteen months followed by travels with soldiers with his feet burdened by chains, and finally, spent by hunger and thirst, he was killed by scourging. (1855)

In monasteries: The Synaxis of the venerable fathers of the Monastery of the Caves. The blessed work of asceticism begun by St. Anthony grew throughout the ages as a fruitful olive tree. The numerous saints, who shone like the stars in these caves in Kiev, are commemorated today by the faithful, asking for their prayers.

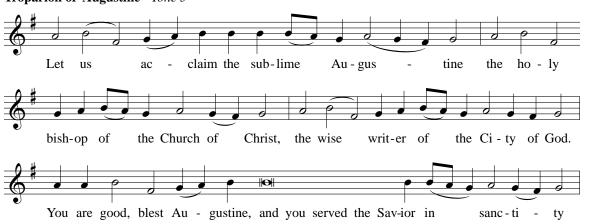
Troparion of Moses the Ethiopian - *Tone 1*

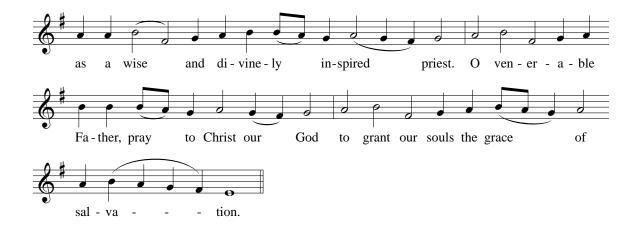


You made the wil-der-ness your dwelling, O father Moses, the bear-er of God.

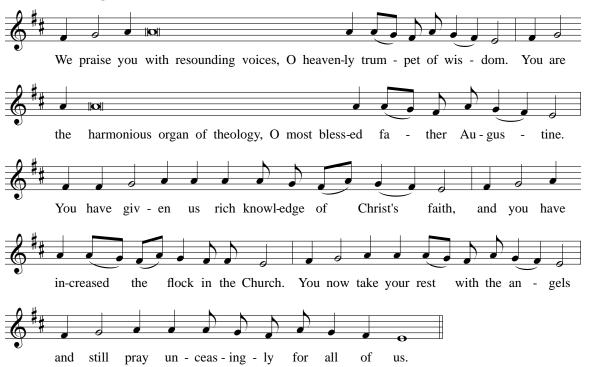


Troparion of Augustine - *Tone 5*

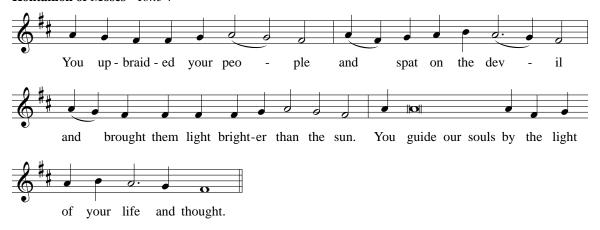




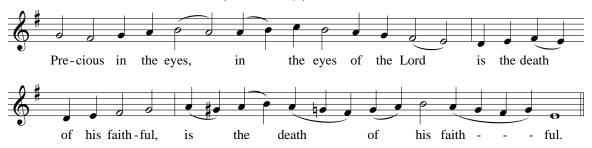
Kontakion of Augustine - *Tone 2*



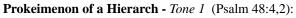
Kontakion of Moses - Tone 4



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



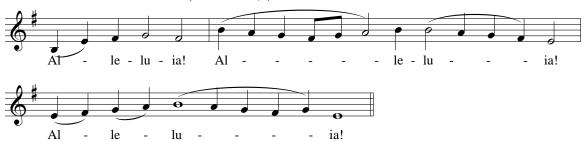
Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?





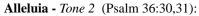
Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; give heed, all who dwell in the world.

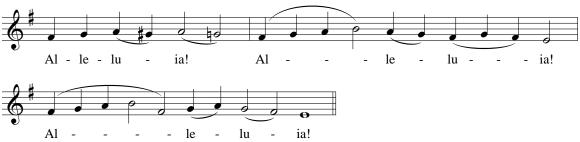
Alleluia of a Venerable - *Tone* 6 (Psalm 111:1,2):



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

Verse: His posterity will be mighty upon the earth.





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.

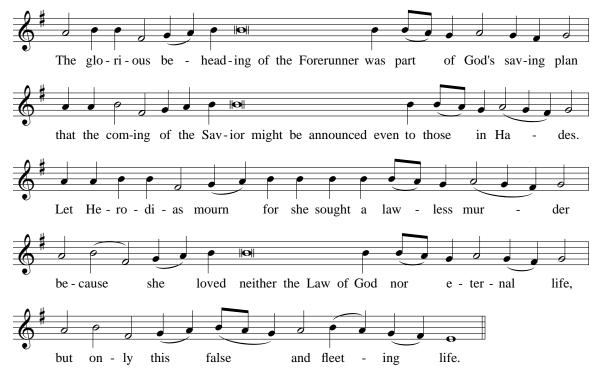


29 THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN

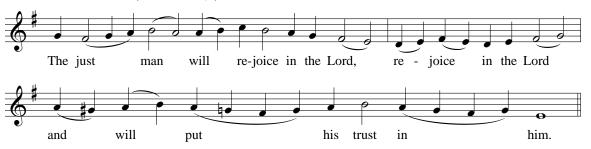
Because John had denounced Herod Antipas for putting away his own wife and marrying the wife of his brother Philip, Herod imprisoned John. At a feast in honor of Herod's birthday, his stepdaughter Salome danced for him. Herod promised her anything; her mother Herodias told her to ask for the head of John on a platter. This martyrdom is commemorated on this day because a church was dedicated on this day to the Forerunner's beheading by the emperor Constantine and his mother Helena.



Kontakion - *Tone 5:*



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



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

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



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

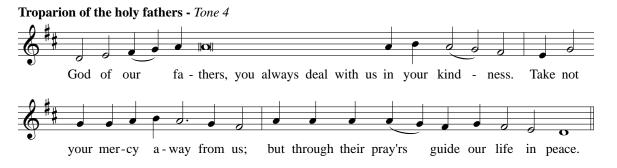
Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.



30 Leave-taking of the Beheading

Our holy fathers Alexander, John, and Paul the Younger, patriarchs of Constantinople. Alexander took part in the First Ecumenical Council. (340) John the Faster governed the Church in the days of the wicked emperor Anastasius. (595) Paul IV governed the Church for five years and then took the Great Schema to repent for his early support of the Iconoclasts. (784)

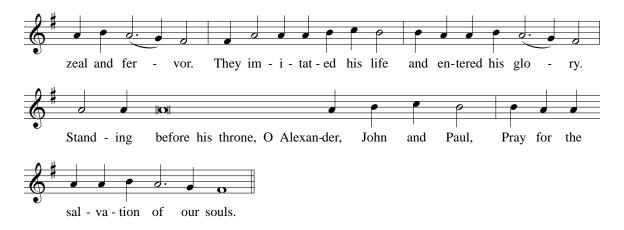
Troparion of the Forerunner - *Tone 2 (music found on page 86)*



Kontakion of the holy fathers - $Tone \ 8$



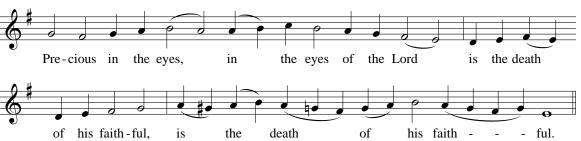
These glo-rious saints were inflamed with love for Christ and shou-dered his cross with



Kontakion of the Forerunner - *Tone 5 (music found on page 87)*

Prokeimenon of the Forerunner - *Tone 7* (Psalm 63:11,2) (*music found on page 87*) *Immediately after the verse:*

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



Alleluia of the Forerunner - *Tone 4* (Psalm 91:13,14): (music found on page 87) *After the second verse:*

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

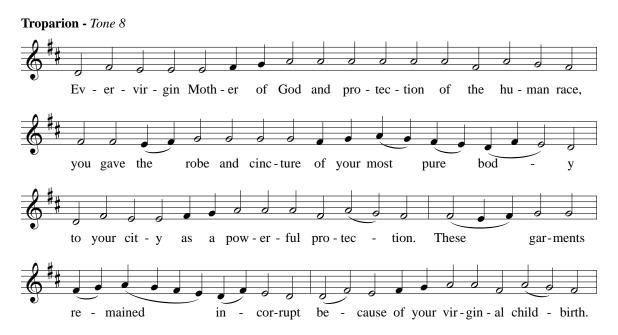


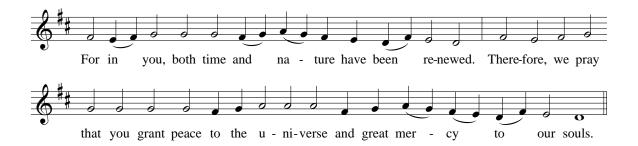


Verse: Your priests will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice.

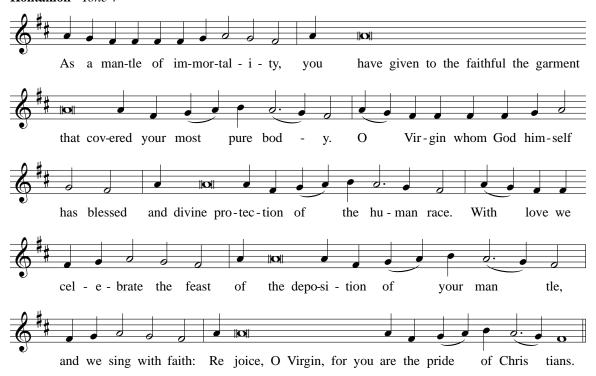


31 The deposition of the venerable Belt of the Most Holy Mother of God. At the time of her dormition, the Theotokos left her belt to the apostle Thomas. This was later taken to Constantinople and kept in a sealed casket in the church of Blachernae. In the time of the emperor Leo the Wise, the casket was opened and the belt placed on the Empress Zoe, who recovered from a life-threatening illness.

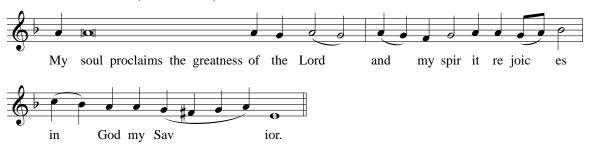




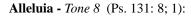
Kontakion - Tone 4



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



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





Verse: Go up, Lord, to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your strength. Verse: O Lord, remember David and all the many hardships he endured

