

April 1

ST MARY OF EGYPT

Troparion Tone 5

Enlightened by the grace of the Cross,/ thou wast seen to be a bright light of repentance,/ dispelling the darkness of passions, O all holy one./ thou didst appear as an angel in the flesh/ to holy Zosimas in the wilderness./ Intercede with Christ for us, O Mary our righteous Mother.

Kontakion Tone 3

Thou who wast once obsessed with fornication/ by repentance art now the Bride of Christ./ Thou didst lovingly imitate the life of the Angels/ and annihilate demonic hosts by the Cross;/ thou art now a Bride in the Kingdom of heaven, O most chaste Mary.

Another Kontakion Tone 4

Having escaped the fog of sin,/ and having illumined thy heart with the light of penitence,/ O glorious one,/ thou didst come to Christ and didst offer to Him/ His immaculate and holy Mother as a merciful intercessor./ Hence thou hast found remission for transgressions,/ and with the Angels thou ever rejoicest.

April 2

ST TITUS THE WONDERWORKER

Troparion Tone 4

Dedicated to the Lord from childhood,/ thou didst live in the world
like an Angel/ and receive grace from God to work miracles./ Thou
wast a guide of monks and a wise steward, O Titus./ Fervently pray
to Christ our God for the world.

Kontakion Tone 4

Thou didst purify thyself through prayer and abstinence/ and shine
forth with the brightness of grace and virtues,/ thus gladdening those
who sing to thee:/ Rejoice, O Titus,/ adornment of the Father.

April 30

HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, BROTHER OF THE BELOVED
DISCIPLE
ST CYNWL, HERMIT

Troparion of St James Tone 8

As a disciple and soldier of the Lord/ thou wast ranked among the
choir of Apostles together with thy brother, O James,/ and thou didst
cleave wholeheartedly to the Saviour./ Armed with the power of the
Spirit thou didst preach Him unto all,/ and wast slain by the sword.
Wherefore we honour thee.

Troparion of St Cynwl Tone 7

Thou wast a worthy brother of Bangor's Bishop Deiniol,/ O holy
hermit Cynwl./ Having passed from thine austere life on earth/ to
eternal glory in heaven,/ pray to Christ our God for the people of
these lands,/ that He may grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St James Tone 2

When thou didst hear the divine voice calling thee, O James,/ thou
didst disregard thy father's love and run to Christ with thy brother;/
together with him thou wast granted/ to see the Lord's divine
Transfiguration.

April 3

ST NICETAS THE CONFESSOR
ST JOSEPH THE HYMNOGRAPHER

Troparion of St Nicetas the Confessor Tone 4

Thou wast a firm pillar, O Nicetas,/ and an undaunted guardian of
the divine tradition./ Thou wast adorned with holy dispassion/ and
didst become an illustrious confessor of the Faith./ Accept the
prayers of those who cry to thee, and intercede for them with Christ
our God.

Troparion of St Joseph the Hymnographer Tone 3

Come, let us acclaim God-inspired Joseph,/ the twelve stringed
instrument of the Word,/ and the harmonious harp of grace and lute
of heavenly virtues./ He praised and hymned the assembly of the
Saints;/ and now he is glorified with them.

Kontakion of St Nicetas the Confessor Tone 8

An experienced teacher of holy silence,/ thou wast an unsleeping eye
of pastoral care as the abbot of Medicios Monastery./ Pray that all
may be filled with the Holy Spirit and guided aright,/ thou guardian
of the sacred traditions, for we cry to thee:/ Rejoice, O thrice-blessed
Father.

Kontakion of St Joseph the Hymnographer Tone 3

Thy God-inspired tongue was the pen of a ready writer,/ according
to the work of David./ Inspired, thou didst chant the contests of the
Saints/ and describe the grace they received in their struggles./
Therefore we cry to thee:/ Rejoice, blessed harp of the holy
melodies.

April 4

ST GEORGE OF MALEO
ST ZOSIMAS WHO FOUND ST MARY OF EGYPT
ST TIGERNACH, HIERARCH

Troparion of St George of Maleo Tone 4

Like a divine plant, O righteous George,/ thy virtuous life brought forth holy fruit in abundance./ Thou didst blossom in asceticism like a date palm,/ and nourish Christ's Church/ with the gifts that were given to thee.

Troparion of St Zosimas Tone 1

Let us the faithful praise Zosimas the offspring of the wilderness,/ the angel in the flesh and boast of monks./ And with him let us also acclaim holy Mary of Egypt, whose life transcended the limits of nature;/ and let us cry to them:/ Glory to Him Who strengthened you; glory to Him Who made you holy;/ glory to Him Who through you works healings for all.

Troparion of St Tigernach Tone 1

O holy Tigernach, thou didst glorify God as Abbot of Clones/ before being called to the episcopate./ As once thou didst shepherd thy flock on earth so now, in company with the Angels in heaven,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St George of Maleo Tone 2

O Father George, thou didst wisely disdain the pleasures of earth,/ and on wings of virtue find rest in the abodes of the incorporeal choirs in heaven./ And thou dost intercede unceasingly for us all.

Kontakion of St Zosimas Tone 3

Let us praise righteous Zosimas the boast of monks,/ and with him Mary who in the desert lived the angelic life./ Let us cry to them with faith:/ Deliver from all harm/ those who celebrate your radiant memory.

April 29

HOLY APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY, JASON AND
SOSIPATER
ST ENDELIENTA, RECLUSE

Troparion of the Apostles Tone 4

We honour the like-minded pair of Christ's Apostles,/ God-inspired Jason and noble Sosipater./ For they received the word of grace/ and enlightened Corfu with the light of godliness./ They intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St Endelienta Tone 5

O holy Endelienta,/ when thy cow, thine only source of sustenance, was cruelly killed,/ thy heart was filled with forgiveness for the slaughterer./ Pray to Christ our God/ that we may ever forgive our enemies/ and ourselves find mercy.

Kontakion of the Apostles Tone 1

O thrice-blessed Apostles, illumined by Paul's teachings/ you enlightened the whole world./ You shine on it with miracles, Jason, source of healings,/ and Sosipater, glory of the Martyrs./ O Godbearing Apostles, holy protectors of those in need,/ pray to God that our souls may be saved.

April 28

THE NINE HOLY MARTYRS OF CYZICOS
ST CRONAN, ABBOT

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 3

Of one accord in the holy Faith/ the ninefold band of Martyrs in
Cyzicos excelled in contest./ They preached God the Word as above
all gods/ and were slaughtered for Him like lambs./ Now they pray
for mercy and forgiveness for us who hymn their holy contest.

Troparion of St Cronan Tone 1

O holy Cronan, in the monasteries that thou didst found/ thou wast
known for thy hospitality to the poor and to travelers./ Pray for us
that we may follow thine example/ and welcome all in Christ's
Name, to His glory.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 1

Let us praise the ninefold choir of Martyrs: renowned Theones and
Antipater,/ Magnus and Theostichos, Artemas and Theodotos,/
Thaumasios, Philemon and Rufus;/ for they pour forth divine grace
for us from the wellspring of life, our Saviour.

April 5

HOLY MARTYRS CLAUDIUS, DIODORUS, VICTOR,
VICTORINUS, PAPPIUS, NECEPHOROS AND SERAPION
ST ETHELBURGA, ABBESS

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 3

The sevenfold band of Martyrs shone forth as a seven-branched
lamp/ through the radiance of holy Faith./ By their shining contests
they illumine the way for those who faithfully cry:/ blessed Martyrs,
pray to Christ our God/ to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Ethelburga Tone 4

O holy Ethelburga, thou didst blossom as a lily in Kent/ and then
adorn Northumbria as bride of the martyr king Edwin./ Thou didst
devote thy widowhood to thy convent in Kent./ Pray that we,
following the example of thy long and fruitful life/ may spend all our
year's in God's service and find mercy at the last.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 2

O blessed Martyrs, as Christ's courageous soldiers/ you scattered the
enemy principalities./ Rejoicing in one spirit, you proclaimed
together:/ Christ is the crown of Athletes.

April 6

ST EUTYCHIOS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE
ST GREGORY OF SINAI

Troparion of St Eutychios Tone 3

Thou didst live like an angel on earth,/ Eutychios, vessel of grace;/
thy words and deeds confirmed the divine gift bestowed on thee./ By
thine intercessions/ preserve the Church from all necessity.

Troparion of St Gregory of Sinai Tone 5

Thou didst reflect the angelic life,/ and thy soul was a vessel of
vision./ O holy Father Gregory,/ thou radiant torch of virtues,/ the
glory of Sinai and Athos/ and enlightener of the Slavonic lands,/
guide us unerringly, that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Eutychios Tone 2

O all you faithful, let us praise holy Eutychios,/ and let us call him
blessed/ as a great shepherd, minister and teacher,/ and as a
venerable scourge of heresy,/ for he ever intercedes with the Lord
for us all.

April 27

HOLY HIEROMARTYR SIMEON, BISHOP OF JERUSALEM,
KINSMAN OF THE LORD
ST ASIC, HIERARCH

Troparion of St Simeon Tone 1

O Simeon, we acclaim thee as a kinsman of Christ, great Hierarch
and steadfast Martyr./ Thou didst destroy error and keep the Faith./
Today, as we celebrate thy memory/ we receive forgiveness of sins
through thy prayers.

Troparion of St Asic Tone 4

Thou didst glorify God both by preaching the Word and by thy
coppersmith's skill,/ O glorious Father Asic./ Thou wast abbot and
bishop and didst die a hermit./ Pray to Christ our God that we may
find grace/ to devote our gifts and skills to His service.

Kontakion of St Simeon Tone 2

As one who had become a citizen of Sion on high,/ thou wast
ordained to the throne of Sion below./ Thou didst guide thy flock to
the heavenly sheepfold/ and wast crucified for Christ, imitating His
Passion,/ O blessed Simeon.

April 26

HOLY HIEROMARTYR BASILEOS, BISHOP OF AMASEA
ST STEPHEN, FIRST BISHOP OF PERM

Troparion of St Basileos Tone 4

As a minister of the King of glory thou didst withstand the lawless king,/ O blessed and glorious Hieromartyr Basileos./ When thou wast beheaded/ thou didst enter the heavenly mansions rejoicing./ Pray that we who celebrate thy memory may be found worthy of like reward.

Troparion of St Stephen Tone 4

Aflame with divine desire from childhood,/ thou didst take Christ's yoke, O wise Stephen./ Thou didst sow the seed in a hardened people grown old in unbelief/ and give birth to them in the Gospel./ Venerating thee, we pray:/ Entreat Him Whom thou didst proclaim,/ that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Basileos Tone 4

O Basileos, by defying the emperor's decree/ thou didst obtain the kingdom of heaven;/ remember us who faithfully celebrate thy memory while thou art rejoicing there.

Kontakion of St Stephen Tone 8

Thou wast found to be a Hierarch to those who sought thee not./ Thou didst free thy people from idols and bring them to the Faith of Christ./ Thou didst shame the sorcerer Pansotnik and become first bishop and teacher of Perm./ Wherefore thy people hymn thee with thanksgiving: Rejoice, wise teacher Stephen.

April 7

ST CALLIOPIOS THE MARTYR
ST GEORGE, BISHOP OF LESBOS
ST BRYNACH, HERMIT

Troparion of St Calliopios Tone 5

Thou didst blossom like an unfading rose/ and gladden Christ's Church by thy contest/ and the fragrance of thine exploits;/ by thy witness in the stadium/ thou didst share in thy Master's Passion,/ O blessed Calliopios.

Troparion of St George Tone 3

Thou wast fruitful with the grace of the Spirit/ like a meadow planted by God,/ O sacred High Priest of the Mysteries./ Thou didst cultivate the souls of the faithful/ and refresh them with Living Water./ O righteous Father George,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Brynach Tone 2

O holy Brynach, thou didst leave thy native Ireland/ to seek God in Pembroke's solitude./ As thou dost now stand before Christ our God,/ intercede with Him, we pray,/ that He may have mercy on us.

Kontakion of St Calliopios Tone 3

When thy mother saw thee adorned with the sacred wounds of martyrdom/ in conformity to the Lord's holy Passion,/ her will was one with thine./ Together with her entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St George Tone 4

Thou didst shine on the world like the sun, O holy and righteous George:/ inspired initiate of the sacred Faith,/ thou didst enlighten thy disciples.

April 8

SS HERODION, AGABUS, RUFUS, ASYNCRITUS, PHLEGON
AND HERMES OF THE SEVENTY

Troparion Tone 1

Let us praise and hymn the sixfold choir of Apostles:/ Herodion and
Agabus, Rufus and Asyncritus,/ Plegon and holy Hermes;/ they ever
entreat the Trinity for our souls.

Kontakion Tone 4

Like stars, O holy Apostles,/ you illumine the way of the faithful
with the light of the Holy Spirit./ You repel the darkness of error as
you gaze on God the Word.

April 25

HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MARK
ST MACAILLE, HERMIT
St. Robert, Abbot of Blois

Troparion of St Mark Tone 4

From thy childhood the light of truth enlightened thee, O Mark,/ and
thou didst love the labour of Christ the Saviour./ Wherefore thou
didst follow Peter with zeal/ and didst serve Paul as a fellow
labourer/ and didst enlighten the world with thy holy Gospel.

Troparion of St Macaille Tone 2

Thou wast a worthy companion of Ireland's Saints/ and didst work
with holy Patrick, Mel and Brigid./ Protect with thy prayers all who
labour for the Faith/ that God may be glorified,/ O righteous Father
Macaille.

Troparion of St. Robert, Abbot of Blois Tone 1

Thou didst appear making the wilderness thy home, an angel in the
flesh, a doer of wonders; and by fasts, vigils and prayers thou didst
receive heavenly gifts. Therefore, thou dost heal the sick and the
souls of those who hasten to thee, O God-mantled Father Robert.
Glory to him who hath given thee power; glory to Him who hath
crowned thee; glory to Him who through thee accomplished healing
for all.

Kontakion for St Mark Tone 2

When thou didst receive the grace of the Spirit, O Apostle,/ thou
didst destroy the webs of the philosophers/ and didst gather the
nations into thy net/ and bring them to thy Lord, O glorious Mark,/
by preaching thy divine Gospel.

April 24

HOLY MARTYR SABBAS THE GOTH, COMMANDER OF THE
ROMAN ARMY
ST ELIZABETH THE WONDERWORKER, ABBESS IN
CONSTANTINOPLE

Troparion of St Sabbas the Goth Tone 4

O Lord our God, Thy holy Martyr Sabbas/ has gained crowns of
immortality through his contest./ Armed with Thy strength he
overcame his persecutors/ and crushed the demons' might./ Through
his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Troparion of St Elizabeth the Wonderworker Tone 5

Elizabeth, fair blossom of righteousness,/ thou didst love Christ from
thy youth:/ thou didst follow in His footsteps,/ and thy blameless life
bore fruit./ Thou dost work miracles for our souls.

Kontakion of St Sabbas Tone 4

O Sabbas invincible soldier, thou didst overcome the barbarians,/
and by thy glorious sufferings thou didst defeat the invisible foe./
Pray to Christ our God for us who honour thee.

Kontakion of St Elizabeth the Wonderworker Tone 8

Temple of virginity and treasury of virtues,/ O Elizabeth, thou
pourest forth miracles./ Thou dost heal the sickness of the souls and
bodies/ of those who sing to the Creator: Alleluia.

April 9

HOLY MARTYR EUPSYCHIOS OF CAESAREA

Troparion Tone 3

With steadfast heart thou didst finish thy course/ and cast down the
wily foe;/ for thou wast clad in the armour of the Cross,/ O blessed
Euppsychios./ thou wast numbered with the Martyr hosts/ and hast
attained to eternal glory./ Ever entreat Christ our God to save us who
honour thee.

Kontakion Tone 2

As a living temple of Christ the Lord/ thou didst destroy the ungodly
temple,/ and didst build a dwelling in Paradise, O Martyr
Euppsychios,/ by thy steadfast toils in martyrdom.

April 10

HOLY MARTYRS TERENCE, POMPEY AND THOSE WITH THEM

Troparion Tone 4

A chosen army of Athletes from Africa/ contested nobly for the Faith./ They were of one mind and heart/ and of one accord in their struggle./ Now they intercede that we all may be saved.

Kontakion Tone 1

Let us celebrate the memory of Terence and his companions/ and draw near to receive healing./ For with grace and power of the Spirit/ they heal the sicknesses of our souls.

April 23

ST GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR
ST IBAR, MONK

Troparion of St George Tone 4

As the deliverer of captives/ and the protector of the poor,/ as the physician of the feeble and combatant of kings,/ holy champion and great martyr George,/ intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion of St Ibar Tone 8

Thou didst prepare the way for Saint Patrick by thy fearless preaching in Ireland, O holy Father Ibar./ Pray for the present dwellers in Meath and Leinster and for all in these Islands,/ that the true Faith may spread in our own days, to the glory of God.

Kontakion of St George Tone 4

Thou wast cultivated by God/ and didst become a most wonderful cultivator of piety,/ and didst harvest for thyself the sheaves of virtue,/ for having sown in tears thou didst reap in joy/ and having withstood to death thou art garnered for Christ./ By thy intercessions, O Saint,/ thou dost obtain for us all remission of our sins.

April 22

HOLY APOSTLE NATHANIEL
ST THEODORE OF SYKEON, BISHOP OF ANASTASIOPOLIS

Troparion of the Holy Apostle Nathaniel Tone 4
With hymns let us the faithful honour Christ's Apostle Nathaniel,
whose guileless heart sought out Christ the Light./ He was led to
Christ by Philip his friend,/ and straightway rejoiced to recognize his
God and Saviour./ Wherefore he is praised in company with the
Twelve.

Troparion of St Theodore Tone 4
Sanctified from thy swaddling bands,/ thou wast full of the grace of
God./ O Theodore, minister of the Sacred Mysteries,/ thou didst
enlighten the world by thy miracles and dispel the demon hordes./
Pray for us to Christ our God.

Kontakion of St Theodore Tone 3
By thy virtues, O Godbearer, thou didst ascend to the dwelling-
places of heaven/ as though by a fiery chariot./ Thou didst live like
an angel among men,/ and though a man thou dost now dance with
the Angels./ Therefore, O Theodore, thou wast revealed as a vessel
of miracles.

April 11

HOLY HIEROMARTYR ANTIPAS, BISHOP OF PERGAMOS,
DISCIPLE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN
ST MAEDHOG, ABBOT

Troparion of St Antipas Tone 1
Let us honour myrrh-giving Antipas, Martyr and Hierarch of
Pergamos,/ the healer of toothache./ Let us cry to him: Glory to
Christ Who has glorified thee; glory to Him Who has crowned thee;/
glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Troparion of St Maedhog Tone 3
Thou didst govern thy monastery of Clonmore/ in Ireland's Age of
Saints, O holy Abbot Maedhog./ Pray to Christ our God that we too
may find grace/ to live in faith and penitence,/ that we may attain to
salvation.

Kontakion of St Antipas Tone 2
With hymns and praises on this day/ let us all acclaim Antipas,/ light
of the world and famous Hierarch,/ champion of truth and teacher of
Pergamos./ He intercedes with Christ our God/ that we may be
saved.

April 12

ST BASIL THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF PARIOS

Troparion Tone 4

Hierarch Basil, priest of the King of glory,/ thou art a radiant confessor of the Faith./ Thou didst oppose the iconoclasts and suffer for the Truth./ Standing before God in glory,/ remember those who honour thee.

Kontakion Tone 6

Thou didst royally serve the King of all,/ O holy Hierarch Basil./ Thou didst reveal divine truths/ and become a whole burnt offering./ To those who honour thee thou criest:/ The honour given to the icon ascends to Christ.

April 21

HOLY HIEROMARTYR JANUARIUS AND HIS COMPANIONS
ST BUENO, ABBOT

Troparion of St Januarius Tone 3

Naples has found thee a champion in dangers,/ O Januarius, glorious Father;/ thou hast saved her from plague, famine and affliction,/ and from the fire of Vesuvius./ We venerate thee with faith and love,/ and honour thy sacred head and blood.

Troparion of St Bueno Tone 6

Thou didst work many miracles and found many churches,/ O glorious Father Bueno./ Thou didst protect Saint Winifred/ and guide her in holiness./ Protect us also, by thy prayers, through all the dangers of this life/ that we may receive mercy.

Kontakion of St Januarius Tone 4

The Master has granted thee to Naples, O Saint,/ as a precious treasure and fountain of healings;/ thou art a guardian and protector of the people,/ and dost avert the evils of Vesuvius' fire./ Hence we cry to thee with faith: Rejoice, O Januarius, our Father and Protector.

April 20

ST THEODORE OF THE HAIR SHIRT
ST ATHANASIOS, FOUNDER OF METEORA
APOSTLE ZACCHAEUS, THE FORMER PUBLICAN

Troparion of St Theodore Tone 3

Temple of abstinence and vessel of dispassion,/ who didst serve God
by thy works/ and wast found worthy of His gifts:/ holy Father
Theodore,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Athanasios Tone 3

Thou art a pillar, a wall, a battlement/ and a shelter for thy flock,/ O
holy and glorious Athanasios./ Protect with the wings of thy prayers/
those who lovingly praise thee.

Troparion of the Apostle Zacchaeus Tone 3

Thou didst treasure the wealth of salvation/ and hate unjust gains, O
blessed Zacchaeus./ When the Saviour came to thy house thou didst
bring forth the fruits of repentance:/ the righting of wrongs,
protection of the poor,/ and a new God-pleasing life.

Kontakion of St Theodore Tone 2

O Godbearing Theodore, treasury of virtues,/ storehouse of graces
and adornment of monks:/ pray that our sins may be forgiven and for
our salvation,/ for thou art the protector of the faithful.

Kontakion of St Athanasios Tone 2

Athanasios, boast of Meteora,/ desiring heaven thou didst build thy
dwelling on high;/ disdaining the earthly thou didst lift thy monks to
dispassion in a basket,/ and offer them as a worthy gift to Christ our
God.

April 13

ST MARTIN THE CONFESSOR, POPE OF ROME

Troparion Tone 3

Thou didst strengthen the Church with true doctrine,/ O wise
Hierarch Martin;/ thou didst declare the two natures of Christ/ and
put heresy to shame./ Pray to Him to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion Tone 8

O High Priest and Teacher of Mysteries, thou didst pour forth
streams of doctrine;/ thou didst expound the true theology that Christ
has two natures and wills./ Intercede for those who cry: Rejoice,
blessed Father Martin.

April 14

HOLY APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY, ARISTARCHOS,
PUDENS & TROPHIMUS
ST TASSACH, HIERARCH

Troparion of the Apostles Tone 4

Together let us honour the threefold choir of Christ's Apostles/
Aristarchos, Pudens and holy Trophimus;/ Like divine, rational
rivers/ they watered the world with the Word./ By their
intercessions, Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Troparion of St Tassach Tone 5

O holy Hierarch Tassach,/ thou wast one of the first to follow Saint
Patrick/ and didst administer the Holy Mysteries to him at the last./
Like Moses' disciples adorning the tabernacle/ thou wast a skilled
artist and craftsman,/ and art now thyself an adornment of Christ's
Church.

Kontakion of the Apostles Tone 1

Apostles of Christ, the Saviour's labourers,/ you are the light of the
world./ Intercede for us who praise your glorious memory,/ and pray
that we may be saved.

April 19

ST PAPHNUTIOS OF EGYPT

Troparion Tone 4

As a priest thou didst offer the Holy Sacrifice,/ and as a Martyr thou
was thyself a burnt offering./ O Hieromartyr Paphnutios,/ God's
steadfast Athlete and Treasury of grace,/ bestow grace on us who
praise thee.

Kontakion Tone 2

Thou didst redden thy priestly vesture in the streams of thy blood/
and run joyfully to the heavenly tabernacle, O blessed Paphnutios,/
and cry out to the Saviour:/ Thou art the Fountain of Life,/ pouring
compassion on us all.

April 18

ST JOHN, THE DISCIPLE OF ST GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS

Troparion Tone 5

From thy youth thou wast a lover of Christ,/ and filled with the grace
of the Holy Spirit/ thou didst follow thy call./ Thy heart was pure/
and thou didst live as an Angel on earth./ Holy Father John,/ together
with the Angels pray that we may be saved.

Kontakion Tone 1

O blessed John, with the Lord's Cross on thy shoulder/ thou didst
climb to the peak of virtues./ In place of passing pleasures thou didst
attain/ to the glory of the Kingdom of Heaven.

April 15

HOLY HIEROMARTYR LEONIDES, BISHOP OF ATHENS

Troparion Tone 4

O blessed Father Leonides,/ shepherd and Hierarch of Athens,/ thou
hast destroyed error and contended unto death;/ thou good servant of
Christ,/ pray for those who honour thee.

Kontakion Tone 4

Inspired Hierarch Leonides,/ thou didst end thy life as a martyr./
Thou didst rejoice in thy torments/ and enter the Kingdom of
Heaven./ Pray to the Lord for us who celebrate thy memory.

April 16

HOLY MARTYRS AGAPE, IRENE AND CHIONIA OF
DALMATIA
ST PADARN, MONK

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 1

Sisters in the flesh and united in the Spirit,/ you wrestled with the
prince of evil and endured your martyrdom./ Holy and blessed
Agape, Irene and Chionia,/ pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion of St Padarn Tone 7

Thou didst confirm the truth of the Gospel/ by working many
miracles, O glorious Father Padarn./ Thou didst accompany St David
to his consecration at Jerusalem/ and return with him to Wales./ Pray
to Christ our God that we may be found faithful throughout our
earthly pilgrimage/ and may receive His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 3

Bright mirrors of virginity,/ radiant with your martyrdom,/ you fill
the Church with light and dispel the darkness of evil,/ Agape, Irene
and Chionia,/ Christ's precious jewels.

April 17

HOLY MARTYR SIMEON, BISHOP OF PERSIA
ST ZOSIMAS OF SOLOVKI
ST MACARIOS, METROPOLITAN OF CORINTH

Troparion of St Simeon Tone 4

As instructor of the divinely inspired doctrines/ thou didst train
martyrs for contest by thy words and deeds./ O holy Hierarch
Simeon,/ thou didst suffer with them and cry out to Christ while
hastening to Him:/ We are counted as sheep for the slaughter for
love of thee, O Saviour.

Troparion of St Zozimas of Solovki Tone 4

O wise Father Zosimas, thou didst make the wilderness thy
dwelling,/ intent on the Kingdom of Heaven./ Thou didst live as an
earthly angel in fasting, vigil and prayer./ Thy abundant tears made
the wilderness sprout and blossom./ As thou hast boldness with God,
remember thy children.

Troparion of St Macarios of Corinth Tone 1

Let us praise Macarios, Hierarch of Corinth, adornment of Chios,/
radiant in deed, word and prayer:/ he has received from God the
power to heal/ and to cast out spirits./ Glory to the Father Who has
chosen him; glory to the Son Who has exalted him;/ glory to the
Holy Spirit Who through him works healings for all.

Kontakion of St Simeon Tone 4

O Simeon, thou didst shine forth from Persia/ with thy holy band of
martyrs like radiant stars from the East./ We praise thee with them.

Kontakion of St Zosimas of Solovki Tone 8

Wounded with love for Christ thou didst take His Cross on thy
shoulders./ In divine armour with unceasing prayer as thy lance/ thou
didst hew down the legions of demons./ So we cry to thee: Rejoice,
Father Zosimas, holy adornment of monks.

Kontakion of St Macarios of Corinth Tone 3

The Island of Chios sings praises to Macarios, Hierarch of Corinth:/
In heaven the Hierarchs receive him;/ the Martyrs, for he trained
them for contest;/ the Ascetics, for he was of their number./ Through
his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.