

JANUARY 1

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST
ST BASIL THE GREAT, ARCHBISHOP OF CAPPADOCIA

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

Thou Who art by nature God, didst without change take human form,/ O most compassionate Lord,/ and in fulfilling the Law of Thine own will didst receive circumcision in the flesh,/ to banish hades and roll away the veil of our passions./ Glory to Thy goodness; glory to Thy compassion;/ glory to Thy condescension, O Word.

Another Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

Thou Who sittest with the Father/ on a fiery throne in the heights/ wast pleased to be born of a Virgin through the Divine Spirit on earth./ Wherefore Thou wast circumcised as a man on the eighth day./ Glory to Thine all-gracious will; glory to Thy providence;/ glory to Thy condescension, O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion of St Basil the Great Tone 1

Thy fame has gone forth into all the earth,/ which has received thy word./ Thereby thou hast taught the Faith; thou hast revealed the nature of created things;/ thou hast made a royal priesthood of the ordered life of men./ Righteous Father Basil, intercede with Christ our God/ that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 3

In undergoing circumcision/ the Lord of all has circumcised the sins of mortal men./ On this day He gives salvation to the world./ And the Hierarch Basil, the Creator's lightbearer/ and Christ's mystic, rejoices in the highest.

Kontakion of St Basil the Great Tone 4

Thou wast an unshaken foundation of the Church/ and didst give to all mortals an inviolate lordship/ which thou didst seal with thy doctrine,/ O righteous Basil, / revealer of the mysteries of heaven.

JANUARY 2

FOREFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY ST SERAPHIM OF SAROV, WONDERWORKER ST SEIRIOL

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 4

Make ready, O Zebulon, and prepare thyself, Nephthali./ River Jordan, stop flowing and leap for joy at the Lord's coming for Baptism./ Rejoice, O Adam, with our first mother;/ hide not yourself as in Paradise of old./ For seeing us naked He has appeared,/ to clothe us with our first garment./ Christ has appeared, to renew the whole of creation.

Troparion of St Seraphim of Sarov Tone 4

Thou didst love Christ from thy youth, O blessed one,/ and longing to work for Him alone/ thou didst struggle in the wilderness with constant prayer and labour./ With penitent heart and great love for Christ/ thou wast favoured by the Mother of God./ Wherefore we cry to thee:/ Save us by thy prayers, O Seraphim our righteous Father.

Troparion of St Seiriol Tone 4

We hymn thee, O Father Seiriol,/ for thou didst turn the Welsh wilderness into a fertile vineyard for the Lord./ By this our intercession, O Saint,/ we implore thee to pray to Christ our God,/ that our labours may be blessed and our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 4

The Lord cried to John in the running waters of Jordan:/ Be not afraid to baptize Me,/ for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

Kontakion of St Seraphim of Sarov Tone 2

Having left the beauty of the world and what is corrupt in it, O Saint,/ thou didst settle in Sarov Monastery./ And having lived there an angelic life,/ thou wast for many the way to salvation./ Wherefore Christ has glorified thee, O Father Seraphim,/ and has enriched thee with the gift of healing and miracles./ And so we cry to thee:/ Rejoice, O Seraphim, our righteous Father.

Kontakion of St Seiriol Tone 2

Thy radiant memory illuminates the ages, O holy Seiriol,/ defying the darkness of apostacy and error./ May the day once more dawn when all Wales will confess the Faith of our Fathers/ and keep festival to honour thee.

JANUARY 31

HOLY AND WONDERWORKING UNMERCENARIES CYROS AND JOHN ST NICETAS, BISHOP OF NOVGOROD ST MELANGELL, VIRGIN RECLUSE

Troparion of Ss Cyros and John Tone 5

Thou hast given us the miracles of thy holy Martyrs/ as an impregnable wall, O Christ our God./ By their prayers frustrate the plans of the heathen and godless,/ and strengthen the Christians in faith and love,/ for Thou alone art good and the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of St Nicetas, Bishop of Novgorod Tone 4

As one who delighted in abstinence/ and bridled the desire of the flesh/ thou didst sit on the episcopal throne;/ and as a star thou didst enlighten the hearts of the faithful/ by thy radiant miracles./ O Father and Hierarch Nicetas,/ entreat Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion of St Melangell Tone 8

Preferring the rigours of monasticism to worldly status and marriage, O pious Melangell,/ thou wast fifteen years on a rock, emulating the example of the Syrian Stylites./ Wherefore, O Saint, pray to God that He will give us strength to serve Him as He wills,/ that we may be found worthy of great mercy.

Kontakion of Ss Cyros and John Tone 3

Having received the gift of working miracles by divine grace, O Saints,/ you unceasingly work wonders,/ cutting out all our diseases and passions by invisible surgery,/ O divinely-wise Cyros and glorious John:/ for you are divine healers.

Kontakion of St Nicetas, Bishop of Novgorod Tone 6

Thou wast honoured with the office of Archbishop,/ and didst stand before God Most Pure in purity,/ and quench the flames of the city./ Now, O Hierarch Nicetas, entreat Christ our God/ that all Orthodox Christians making supplication may be saved,/ that all may cry to thee: Rejoice, O Hierarch Nicetas .

Kontakion of St Melangell Tone 4

Praise, glory and honour are thy due, O righteous Melangell,/ for in consecrating thy virginity to Christ,/ thou didst give us a model of Christian living./ Wherefore we who keep thy festival, pray for grace to amend our lives according to thy example,/ glorifying God in every word and deed.

JANUARY 30

OUR HOLY FATHERS AND GREAT HIERARCHS BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
THE FINDING OF THE ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD ON THE ISLE OF TINOS
ST TUDY, VIRGIN

Troparion of the Three Great Hierarchs Tone 1

Let all who love their words come together and honour with hymns/ the three luminaries of the light-creating Trinity:/ Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian,/ and renowned John of golden speech,/ who have enlightened the world with the rays of their divine doctrines,/ and are mellifluous rivers of wisdom/ who have watered all creation with streams of divine knowledge;/ they ever intercede with the Trinity for us.

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 1

O people of Tinos and all faithful, come and acclaim with hymns our Protectress;/ the all-venerable icon of the pure Mother of God/ is found to be a source of healing for us./ Let us cry to her:/ Rejoice, O our glory and boast./ Rejoice, thou who hast delivered mankind from the ancient curse.

Troparion of St Tudy Tone 6

Thou didst serve God in virginity, most holy Tudy,/ offering thy life to Him in purity and innocence./ Wherefore we beseech thee, pray to Christ our God,/ that He will look not upon our wretchedness but will grant us great mercy.

Kontakion of the Three Great Hierarchs Tone 2

Thou hast taken the sacred and divinely inspired heralds,/ the crown of Thy teachers, O Lord,/ for the enjoyment of Thy blessings and for repose./ For Thou hast accepted their sufferings and labours above every burnt offering./ O Thou Who alone dost glorify Thy Saints.

Kontakion of the Mother of God Tone 8

O Lady, we joyfully celebrate the finding of thine icon and we praise thy boundless blessings;/ for thou dost pour forth abundant grace on all/ and grant healing to all who cry to thee: Rejoice, unwedded Bride.

Kontakion of St Tudy Tone 2

We sing hymns of praise to thee,/ most pure daughter of Brychan, O holy Tudy./ Pray to Christ our God that our prayers will be found acceptable to Him,/ that we be not cast into outer darkness.

JANUARY 3

FOREFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY
ST GORDIUS THE MARTYR
SS FINTAN AND FINLUGH
PROPHET MALACHI

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 4

Make ready, O Zebulon, and prepare thyself, Nephthali./ River Jordan, stop flowing and leap for joy at the Lord's coming for Baptism./ Rejoice, O Adam, with our first mother;/ hide not yourself as in Paradise of old./ For seeing us naked He has appeared,/ to clothe us with our first garment./ Christ has appeared, to renew the whole of creation.

Troparion of the Prophet Malachi Tone 5

Bearing the name of the Angels, O glorious Malachi,/ thou didst live the angelic life on earth,/ thou summit of the Prophets./ Thou didst mystically converse with Angels/ and wast filled with divine glory,/ and dost set forth knowledge of things to come,/ that we may be enlightened in soul.

Troparion of St Gordius Tone 4

Inflamed with zeal for the Faith, of thine own free will/ thou didst hasten to the stadium and rejoice in the contest there./ Thou didst quench the flames of evil/ in the streams of thy blood by beheading, O Prize-winner./ The Life-giver has glorified thee, O Gordius.

Troparion of Ss Fintan and Finlugh Tone 1

Being brothers both in the flesh and in the Faith,/ O honoured Fintan and Finlugh,/ you served our Savior in your native land/ winning souls for Him by feats of ascetic piety./ Cease not your love for men,/ praying that our souls also may be saved.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 4

The Lord cried to John in the running waters of Jordan:/ Be not afraid to baptize Me,/ for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

Kontakion of the Prophet Malachi Tone 4

O Malachi enriched with the gift of prophecy,/ thou didst openly foretell Christ's coming and the world's salvation./ His splendour illumines the universe.

Kontakion of Ss Fintan and Finlugh Tone 6

By the mercy of our God thy miraculous well/ still bestows the blessing of healing/ on those who come in faith, O Father Fintan./ Taking the spiritual waters of thy unshakeable faith we sing thy praises,/ together with thy brother Finlugh,/ and we rejoice in your glory.

JANUARY 4

FOREFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY
SYNAXIS OF THE SEVENTY HOLY APOSTLES
ST THEOCTISTOS, ABBOT OF CUCOMO IN SICILY

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 4

Make ready, O Zebulon, and prepare thyself, Nephthali./ River Jordan, stop flowing and leap for joy at the Lord's coming for Baptism./ Rejoice, O Adam, with our first mother;/ hide not yourself as in Paradise of old./ For seeing us naked He has appeared,/ to clothe us with our first garment./ Christ has appeared, to renew the whole of creation.

Troparion of the Seventy Apostles Tone 3

With the use of divine faith you caught the nations,/ O Seventy Apostles of the Lord;/ and you lead them into the knowledge of God/ as those who had received the grace of the Spirit./ O inspired initiates,/ intercede with Christ our God/ that He grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Theoctistos of Sicily Tone 3

By righteous works thou didst attain to a life pleasing to God/ and became His royal habitation./ And Christ the Friend of mankind has accepted thy labours/ and shown thee forth as a guide of monks./ Intercede with Him for those who cry:/ Rejoice, O godly-minded Theoctistos.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 4

The Lord cried to John in the running waters of Jordan:/ Be not afraid to baptize Me,/ for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man .

Kontakion of the Seventy Apostles Tone 2

Let us praise the choirs of Christ's Seventy Disciples, O faithful,/ and celebrate their festival./ They have taught us to worship the Undivided Trinity;/ for they are divine lamps of the Faith.

Kontakion of St Theoctistos of Sicily Tone 4

Thou didst rise like the sun from the west/ and gladden Christ's Church mystically by thy labours,/ O blessed and righteous Father Theoctistos.

JANUARY 29

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE HOLY
HIEROMARTYR IGNATIUS THE GODBEARER TO THE CITY
OF ANTIOCH
ST GILDAS THE WISE

Troparion of St Ignatius the Godbearer Tone 3

Soaring with love for Him Who holds thee in His hands,/ thou wast shown to be a Godbearer, O Ignatius./ Thou didst finish thy course in the West/ and pitch thy dwelling in the unwaning day of the heavens./ O righteous Father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Another Troparion of St Ignatius Tone 4

Like a treasure of rich and abundant gifts/ thy relics were carried piously from Rome to thy flock./ Whilst lovingly celebrating their return/ we receive the grace of healing of our souls and bodies:/ and we ever sing of thy martyr's contest, O glorious Hieromartyr Ignatius.

Troparion of St Gildas the Wise Tone 8

Truly thou art surnamed 'The Wise', O righteous Gildas,/ for in thy monastic solitude thou didst use thy God-given gift of words for His greater glory./ Teach us to despise nothing, that all our talents, however small,/ may be employed in God's service, for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of St Ignatius Tone 4

Thou didst rise in the East today,/ and having enlightened all creation with thy teachings/ thou wast adorned with martyrdom, O Godbearing and divine Ignatius.

Kontakion of St Gildas the Wise Tone 2

As one learned in the art of writing,/ O wise Gildas,/ thou didst not hide thy talent,/ but brought it forth to glorify thy Creator./ Singing praise to thee, we pray for grace to follow thee/ in offering everything to God for His glory alone.

JANUARY 28

OUR HOLY FATHERS EPHRAIM AND ISAAC THE SYRIANS

Troparion of Ss Ephraim and Isaac the Syrians Tone 1

Let the multitudes of monastics and cenobites/ honour our divinely-shining pillars and protectors and intercessors./ divine Ephraim and Isaac who are truly of Christ./ And let us glorify them with hymns while crying:/ Glory to Him Who has sanctified you; glory to Him Who has made you wonderful;/ glory to Him Who has glorified you both in heaven and on earth.

Kontakion of St Ephraim Tone 2

O Ephraim, as a lover of silence/ thou didst ever foresee the hour of reckoning and bitterly lament;/ and by thy words thou wast indeed a teacher, O righteous one./ Wherefore, O father of all the world,/ thou dost rouse the slothful to repentance.

Kontakion of St Isaac Tone 8

We acclaim thee as a Godbearing and righteous Hierarchy,/ as a citizen of the desert, O Isaac, our protector and revealer of things sacred./ Since thou hast boldness with the Lord, pray to Him for all who honour thee/ and cry to thee: Rejoice, O divinely-wise Father.

JANUARY 5

EVE OF THE THEOPHANY

HOLY MARTYRS THEOPEMPTOS AND THEONAS
ST RUMAN

Troparion for the Eve of the Theophany Tone 4

The river Jordan was once turned back by Elisha's mantle when Elijah was taken up,/ and the waters were divided hither and thither./ The watery path became dry for him as a type of baptism/ whereby we cross the flowing stream of life./ Christ has appeared in the Jordan to sanctify the waters.

Troparion of Ss Theopemptos and Theonas Tone 4

Arrayed in the robes of the Priesthood,/ thou dost put the enemy to flight by thy contest, O inspired Hierarchy Theopemptos./ Wherefore thou didst bring glorious Theonas/ to the knowledge of the Truth when he turned to the Lord./ Pray together with him for those who honour thy contest.

Troparion of St Ruman Tone 5

Thou didst dazzle us with a jewel, a treasure,/ a pearl of great price, O righteous Father Ruman,/ in the God-pleasing life and asceticism of the desert./ Thy selfless devotion, love of animals/ and patience in the face of calumny are our guiding lights./ Wherefore, O Saint, pray that the unprofitable servants who hymn thee/ be granted great mercy.

Kontakion of the Eve Tone 4

The Lord cried to John in the running waters of Jordan:/ Be not afraid to baptize Me,/ for I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.

Kontakion of Ss Theopemptos and Theonas Tone 2

As priest of the Mysteries/ and God-like minister of grace/ thou didst guide Theonas in martyrdom/ and bring him to the Faith, O Theopemptos./ Together with him thou didst cry out in the stadium:/ Christ is the strength of the Martyrs.

Kontakion of St Ruman Tone 5

Today we keep festival in thy honour, holy Ruman,/ for caring nothing for thyself/ thou didst face danger, false accusation and misdirected piety/ for the love of Him Who is the Creator of all things.

JANUARY 6

HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD AND GOD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST
ST SCHOTIN

Troparion of the Theophany Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,/ glory to Thee!

Troparion of St Schotin Tone 4

O disciple of Dewi Sant,/ flower of the wilderness and teacher of the young,/ holy Schotin,/ in thy life thou didst serve Christ alone./ Wherefore, O Saint, intercede for us,/ that following thee in all piety and godly quiet,/ we may attain eternal salvation.

Kontakion of the Theophany Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,/ O Unapproachable Light.

Kontakion of St Schotin Tone 1

Praising thee and glorifying thy memory, O holy Schotin,/ we make our prayer to Christ our God,/ that He will grant us grace to emulate thy example,/ serving His holy Church and striving for the advancement of His kingdom.

JANUARY 27

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM,
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE
ST NATALIS

Troparion of St John Chrysostom Tone 8

Grace like a flame shining forth from thy mouth has illumined the universe,/ and disclosed to the world treasures of poverty and shown us the height of humility./ And as by thine own words thou teachest us, Father John Chrysostom,/ so intercede with the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls.

Troparion of St Natalis Tone 2

With Columba as thy guide/ thou didst learn the monastic disciplines, O Father Natalis,/ and by this example/ thou dost teach us the necessity of accepting spiritual direction,/ that pleasing God by our obedience/ we may be found worthy of great mercy.

Kontakion of St John Chrysostom Tone 1

The Church rejoices at the recovery of thy holy relics./ She kept them hidden, like most precious gold,/ and by thine intercessions she unceasingly grants healing to those/ who praise thee, O John Chrysostom.

Kontakion of St Natalis Tone 5

Having submitted thyself to a master/ in pious humility, O Father Natalis,/ and being renowned for the sanctity of thy life,/ thou wast deemed worthy to guide others into the Way of Salvation./ Pray that we who hymn thee may be given grace/ to submit ourselves to direction, as Christ wills,/ that we may please Him in all things.

JANUARY 26

ST XENOPHON AND HIS WIFE MARY AND THEIR SONS
JOHN AND ARCADIOS
ST CONANO

Troparion of St Xenophon Tone 3

Radiant with love and having mortified the passions,/ you were shown forth as victors, O Saints./ You rightly hated all earthly delights and glory,/ and became partakers of heavenly grace./ O glorious Xenophon with thine august companions, intercede for our souls.

Troparion of St Conan Tone 1

We celebrate thy radiant memory,/ all honourable Hierarch Conan,/ consolation of the afflicted, teacher of the true Faith/ and shepherd of souls on the Isle of Man./ Pray for us, that Christ our God will look mercifully on our efforts, feeble as they are,/ and save our souls.

Kontakion of St Xenophon Tone 4

Thou didst keep vigil in the courts of the Lord with thy wife and children, O blessed one,/ and didst gladly lavish thy wealth on the poor./ Wherefore you have all inherited divine joy.

Kontakion of St Conan Tone 8

We praise and bless thy name, most righteous Conan,/ for in thy life thou didst not rest from thy God-pleasing monastic and pastoral labours,/ setting us an example of constancy and devotion./ Pray that Christ our God will instill such virtues in us/ that we may live our lives only for His honour and glory.

JANUARY 7

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET AND
FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN
ST BRANNOCK OF BRAUNTON

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,/ glory to Thee!

Troparion of the Forerunner Tone 2

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise,/ but the Lord's testimony is enough for thee, O Forerunner/ for thou wast shown to be more wonderful than the Prophets/ since thou wast granted to baptize in the running waters/ Him whom thou didst proclaim./ Then having endured great suffering for the Truth,/ thou didst rejoice to bring, even to those in hell,/ the good tidings that God Who had appeared in the flesh/ takes away the sin of the world/ and grants us the great mercy.

Troparion of St Brannock of Braunton Tone 1

Righteous tutor of the children of Brychan and great wonderworker, O Father Brannock,/ thou didst win many souls for Christ by thy tireless endeavors./ As Braunton's church may yet hold thy precious relics,/ pray that we, being ever mindful of our Orthodox heritage,/ may never deviate from the true faith,/ and, thereby, receive the reward of the blest.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,/ O Unapproachable Light.

Kontakion of the Forerunner Tone 6

Jordan turned back in fear at the sight of Thy bodily presence./ And having fulfilled his prophetic ministry, John drew back trembling./ The Angelic orders were amazed/ to see Thee in the flesh baptized in the waters./ And all in darkness were illumined and praised Thee/ Who had appeared and enlightened all creation.

Kontakion of St Brannock of Braunton Tone 5

Returning to Wales from thy pilgrimage to the Apostles/ and thy witnessing in Brittany, O Father Brannock,/ thou didst desire solitude for thy last days./ Miraculously sailing to Devon in a stone coffin,/ thou didst find Braunton pleasing to God./ Wherefore we praise Him for His great mercy and sing hymns,/ keeping festival to glorify and venerate thy most holy memory.

JANUARY 8

ST DOMINICA OF CONSTANTINOPLE
ST GEORGE THE CHOZEBITE
ST ERGNAD, MONK

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,/ glory to Thee!

Troparion of St Dominica of Constantinople Tone 4

Love for Christ illumined thy mind,/ and thou didst shine in asceticism like a radiant lamp, O Dominica./ Hence the Master revealed thee/ as a lightbearing guide of monastics in life and word./ Intercede with Him, O Godbearer, that all may be saved.

Troparion of St George the Chozebite Tone 5

Godbearing Father George,/ thou didst cultivate the word of grace/ and gather the splendid fruits of righteousness,/ having chosen the way of godliness./ Wherefore thou dost partake of the glory of Christ:/ intercede with Him unceasingly/ that He have mercy on our souls.

Troparion of St Ergnad Tone 3

Turning thy back on the transitory glamour of the world, O Father Ergnad,/ thou wast tonsured by the Hierarch Patrick./ By fulfilling thy obedience thou dost teach us the virtue of humility./ Wherefore, O righteous one, pray that we may be given grace/ to accept spiritual guidance for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared./ O Unapproachable light.

Kontakion of St Dominica of Constantinople Tone 1

Thou didst gather a choir of virgins by thy holy works and wise teachings./ Thou didst lead them to the bridal chamber wherein is the tree of life./ By thy prayers grant life to my deadened soul,/ God-inspired Mother Dominica.

Kontakion of St George the Chozebite Tone 4

Thou hast appeared as a brilliant light/ and hast illumined with divine rays those who cry to thee, O George:/ Pray for us to Christ our God/ Who appeared in the waters/ and enlightened men on earth.

Kontakion of St Ergnad Tone 8

Adornment of Ireland and joy of monastics, O Father Ergnad/ thou didst trample on the fiery passions which war against the soul./ O conquerer of them all and champion of purity,/ we praise thee as is thy due, and in thine honour we sing:
Alleluia.

JANUARY 25

ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD "SOOTHE MY SORROWS"
ST GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN
ST FELICITAS AND HER SEVEN MARTYRED SONS
ST EOCHOD

Troparion of the Icon of the Mother of God Tone 5

Sooth the pains of my much-sighing soul,/ O thou who hast wiped away every tear from the face of the earth:/ for thou dost drive away the sickness of men,/ and quench the afflictions of sinners./ We have obtained hope and support in thee,/ O most holy Virgin.

Troparion of St Gregory the Theologian Tone 1

The shepherd's pipe of thy theology/ conquered the philosophers' trumpets:/ for since thou didst search out the depths of the Spirit,/ beauty of speech was added to thee./ Intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved,/ O Father Gregory.

Troparion of St Felicitas and her seven martyred sons Tone 1

Truly thou art blessed, O holy Felicitas,/ for thou didst never doubt the mercy of Christ our God,/ and in spite of all temptations, with thy seven sons thou didst rejoice/ to return to Him rather than to languish in dishonour on earth./ Wherefore pray for us that we may follow thy example/ for the salvation of our souls.

Troparion of St Eochod Tone 6

The Picts of Galloway honoured thee as their Apostle./ O righteous Hierarch Eochod,/ for at the behest of Father Columba/ thou didst open to them the Gospel of Salvation./ Wherefore, O Saint, cease not in thy pious labours,/ praying that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Icon of the Mother of God Tone 6

O holy Lady, do not entrust me to human protection,/ but accept the prayers of thy supplicant./ I am fettered by sorrow and unable to endure the demon's darts./ I have no shelter, nor place to run, I am wretched./ My enemies are on every side,/ and I have no consolation but in thee./ Mistress of creation, protection and hope of the faithful,/ do not turn away when I pray to thee; do that which will profit me.

Kontakion of St Gregory the Theologian Tone 3

With thy theologian's speech thou didst dispel the philosopher's cobwebs,/ O glorious Gregory:/ and thou dost adorn the robe of Orthodoxy woven for the Church from on high./ Wearing this, she cries out with us thy children:/ Rejoice, O Father, most excellent mind of theology.

Kontakion of St Felicitas and her seven martyred sons Tone 2

Unfailing loyalty to Christ was thy virtue,/ O holy Felicitas,/ for despite all threats and torments thou didst inspire thy sons/ to resist all for the salvation of their souls./ Without hesitation thou didst willingly follow them,/ winning the crown of martyrdom./ Wherefore we pray for grace to emulate thine all-praised example.

Kontakion of St Eochod Tone 3

All praise is thy due, most blessed Father Eochod,/ in that thou didst love nothing more than Christ,/ willingly obeying His command to preach the Gospel to all nations./ As both our inspiration and our example,/ pray that we may fearlessly preach Christ for the salvation of our race.

JANUARY 24

ST XENIA THE RIGHTEOUS
ST XENIA THE FOOL FOR CHRIST OF ST PETERSBURG
HOLY HIEROMARTYR CADOC

Troparion of St Xenia the Righteous Tone 3

Thou didst live the life of a stranger in the world/ and wast estranged to every sin;/ thou didst abandon comforts and fleeting honours/ and betroth thyself to thine Immortal Bridegroom./ O glorious Xenia, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Xenia of St Petersburg Tone 8

Christ the Lord has shown forth in thee a new mediatrix and intercessor for our race;/ thou didst will to endure evil in thy life and didst lovingly serve both God and man./ We zealously run to thee in misfortune and sorrow./ we hope in thee and cry from our hearts:/ Put not our hope to shame, O blessed Xenia.

Another Troparion of St Xenia of St Petersburg Tone 5

Having lived as a stranger in the world, O Xenia,/ thou didst outwit the deviser of evil/ by thy pretended foolishness./ Thou didst receive from God/ grace to foresee and foretell things to come./ Now thou hast been translated from earth/ and art numbered with the choirs of Angels.

Troparion of St Cadoc Tone 5

Having been raised to piety, O Hierarch Cadoc,/ thou didst dedicate thy life to God,/ serving Him in the monastic state./ As with joyful heart thou didst fulfill thy daily obedience,/ caring for the earthly needs of countless paupers,/ look now upon our spiritual poverty/ and beseech Christ our God,/ that He will grant us great mercy.

Kontakion of St Xenia the Righteous Tone 2

Celebrating the memory of the life thou didst live as a stranger,/ and honouring thee with love,/ we praise Christ Who gave thee power to grant healings to all./ O Xenia, ever pray to Him for us all.

Kontakion of St Xenia of St Petersburg Tone 4

Thou didst give thy wealth to the poor, O Xenia,/ and accept poverty out of love for Christ;/ and having lived in a manner rivalling the Angels/ thou wast counted worthy/ of glory on high.

Kontakion of St Cadoc Tone 5

We honour thee with hymns, O righteous Hierarch Cadoc,/ for the pilgrimage of thy life was found pleasing to God,/ Who in His goodness adorned thee with authority,/ and as thou didst receive the crown of martyrdom,/ whilst serving the Holy Mysteries,/ pray for us that we also may be blessed to die in Christ.

JANUARY 9

ST PHILIP, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA
HOLY MARTYR POLYEUCTOS

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,/ glory to Thee!

Troparion of St Philip Tone 8

Successor of first Hierarchs, pillar of Orthodoxy, champion of truth and new confessor,/ thou didst lay down thy life for thy flock./ As thou hast boldness towards Christ, O Philip, pray for suffering Russia/ and for those who honour thy memory.

Troparion of St Polyeuctos Tone 1

The light of godliness shines on thee from heaven,/ and thou didst become a noble soldier of Christ./ When thou wast beheaded thou wast numbered with the choirs of martyrs,/ with whom, O noble Polyeuctos, ever pray for those who cry:/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened thee; glory to Him Who has crowned thee;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,/ O Unapproachable Light.

Kontakion of St Philip Tone 3

Let us praise wise Philip, guide and teacher of Orthodoxy,/ herald of the truth and emulator of the Golden Mouth,/ the lamp of Russia who fed his children with divine words;/ for by chanting with his tongue he taught us to praise with our lips,/ as a noble vessel of the grace of God.

Kontakion of St Polyeuctos Tone 4

When the Savior bowed His head at the Jordan,/ the heads of the dragons were crushed;/ when Polyeuctos was beheaded, he put the wily one to shame.

JANUARY 10

ST GREGORY, BISHOP OF NYSSA
ST DOMETIAN, BISHOP OF MYLITENA
ST MARCIAN THE PRESBYTER

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,/ glory to Thee!

Troparion of St Gregory of Nyssa Tone 3

Thou hast shown forth thy watchfulness/ and wast a fervent preacher of godliness:/ by the wisdom of thy teachings thou dost gladden the Church's faithful./ Righteous Father Gregory,/ entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Dometian Tone 4

Thou wast entrusted with the care of the flock of Christ,/ as one pure and filled with divine Light./ Thou didst adorn the vesture of thy priesthood with asceticism and many miracles./ Thou wast a foremost Hierarchy of the Church./ O righteous Father Dometian.

Troparion of St Marcian the Presbyter Tone 4

Godly adornment of the righteous,/ thou art a steward of Christ's mysteries/ and a living temple of the light-creating Trinity:/ thou didst raise up churches to the glory of God, O Holy Marcian,/ and didst worthily attain to glory on high.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,/ O Unapproachable Light.

Kontakion of St Gregory Tone 1

Watchful with the eyes of thy soul/ and a vigilant shepherd for the world,/ with wisdom and thy fervent intercession thou didst drive off heretics like wolves,/ keeping thy flock unharmed.

Kontakion of St Dometian Tone 3

Dometian, adornment of Hierarchs,/ thou didst shine forth in Christ's Church/ as a vessel of the Holy Spirit./ By the grace of the priesthood/ all saw thee to be venerable by thy virtue.

Kontakion of St Marcian the Presbyter Tone 2

Holy Marcian, thou didst live righteously on earth/ and wast a living vessel of divine Light./ Having blamelessly served the Lord as a priest,/ thou art rejoicing with the Angels in heaven.

JANUARY 23

HOLY HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ANCYRA
HOLY MARTYR AGATHANGELOS

Troparion of St Clement Tone 4

Thou hast been given to the faithful, O St Clement,/ as a branch of holiness,/ a staff of truth, a most sacred flower,/ and a sweet God-given fruit./ As a fellow-sufferer of martyrs/ and as a fellow bishop of Hierarchs,/ intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St Agathangelos Tone 4

O steadfast Agathangelos,/ we praise thee as a bearer of good tidings of the Lord's compassion towards us./ Through thy contest thou wast found worthy to be numbered among the ranks of Angels./ Together with them thou dost ever intercede with Christ/ that we may be delivered from every necessity.

Kontakion of St Clement Tone 4

Thou wast a precious branch of Christ the Vine, O much suffering and all-famed Clement,/ and with thy fellow sufferers thou didst cry:/ Thou, O Christ, art the radiant joy of the martyrs.

Kontakion of St Agathangelos Tone 4

Thou wast like an Angel in thy contest,/ for thou didst endure the infliction of wounds like one without a body./ Wherefore, O Agathangelos, Christ has counted thee worthy of heavenly grace.

JANUARY 22

HOLY APOSTLE TIMOTHY OF THE SEVENTY
HOLY MARTYR ANASTASIOS THE PERSIAN

Troparion of St Timothy Tone 4

Thou didst learn kindness and goodness/ and wast sober and temperate in all things,/ and wast clothed with a good conscience as becomes a holy person./ Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel unspeakable mysteries;/ and having kept the Faith thou didst finish thy course./ O Apostle Timothy./ Intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St Anastasios the Persian Tone 1

O wise Anastasios, glory of martyrs,/ boast of the righteous and treasure of Persia,/ helper of the faithful and herald of our Faith:/ we praise thee with angelic hymns whilst crying:/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened thee; glory to Him Who has crowned thee;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Kontakion of the Apostle Timothy and St Anastasios the Persian
Tone 1

Let us the faithful praise Timothy the divine disciple/ and fellow-traveller of Paul./ And with him let us honour Anastasios who shone like a star from Persia,/ and who drives away the passions of our souls and the diseases of our bodies.

JANUARY 11

ST THEODOSIOS THE GREAT, THE CENOBIARCH
ST MICHAEL OF KLOPS MONASTERY, FOOL FOR CHRIST
SS ETHENIA AND FIDELMIA, NUNS

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world./ glory to Thee!

Troparion of St Theodosios the Great Tone 5

Thou didst shine forth in God-given virtues./ O righteous Theodosios,/ and wast an illustrious model of the monastic life./ Thou wast seen as a God-like light and leader,/ the emulator of Angels/ and servant of the Trinity./ Pray to God unceasingly to have mercy on our souls.

Troparion of St Michael, the Fool for Christ Tone 8

Thou wast foolish on earth for the sake of Christ and didst hate the beauty of this world wholeheartedly./ By thirsting and fasting and by lying on the earth thou didst wither the flesh and the play of the passions./ Thou didst never shun heat, frost, rain nor snow, nor other hardships of climate and weather./ Like gold in the crucible thou didst purify thy soul, O holy and Godbearing Father Michael./ Thou dost now stand in heaven before the throne of the Trinity./ Boldly pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of Ss Ethenia and Fidelmia Tone 5

O daughters of King Laoghaire and first-fruits of Patrick's mission,/ most pious Ethenia and Fidelmia,/ you were blessed to receive the monastic veil from Ireland's Enlightener./ Weeping and lamenting we call upon your charity./ Pray to Christ our God/ that He will raise up a new Patrick in our day./ that we may be led into the Way of Salvation.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,/ O Unapproachable Light.

Kontakion of St Theodosios the Great Tone 8

Thou wast planted in the courts of the Lord, and didst blossom with holy virtues;/ thou didst increase thy children in the desert/ and irrigate it with the rain of thy tears, O Shepherd of God's divine sheep folds./ Wherefore we cry: O Father Theodosios, rejoice.

Kontakion of St Michael, the Fool for Christ Tone 8

In the power of the Holy Spirit thou wast like the ancient Prophets:/ for thou didst utter unknown secrets that would come to pass in the year of God's judgments./ Thou hast wrought miracles in Christ and astonished the people./ Thou hast granted victory to those who cry:/ Glory to God Who glorifies His Saints.

Kontakion of Ss Ethenia and Fidelmia Tone 4

Having been tonsured, O most pure and righteous virgins Ethenia and Fidelmia,/ you were found worthy to tarry in this vale of tears/ and to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, just once,/ before going to your eternal reward./ We chant your praises and implore Christ our God/ that, in the day of Judgment,/ He will not find us wanting.

JANUARY 12

HOLY FATHER SABBAS, ARCHBISHOP OF SERBIA
HOLY VIRGIN MARTYR TATIANA OF ROME

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,/ glory to Thee!

Troparion of St Sabbas of Serbia Tone 3

Thou wast a guide to the Way of Life,/ a first Hierarch and a teacher;/ thou didst come and enlighten thy home country, O Sabbas,/ and give it rebirth by the Holy Spirit./ Thou hast planted thy children like olive trees in the spiritual Paradise./ O Equal-to-the-Apostles and Saints,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Tatiana of Rome Tone 4

Strengthened by the power of faith,/ thou didst contend for Christ our God, O glorious Tatiana;/ thou didst endure every affliction/ and by thy courage put Belial to shame./ We beseech thee to deliver us from the power of the evil one.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,/ O Unapproachable Light.

Kontakion of St Sabbas of Serbia Tone 8

Thou art glorified as a great Hierarch and companion of the Apostles;/ and as thou hast boldness towards Christ God save us by thy prayers,/ that we may cry: Rejoice, O wise Father Sabbas.

Kontakion of St Tatiana of Rome Tone 4

Thou wast radiant in suffering, Tatiana,/ and in the royal purple of thy blood thou didst fly like a dove to heaven./ Wherefore pray unceasingly for those who honour thee.

JANUARY 21

ST MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR
HOLY MARTYR NEOPHYTOS

Troparion of St Maximos the Confessor Tone 3

Through thee the Spirit poured forth/ streams of teaching for the Church;/ thou didst expound God the Word's self emptying,/ and shine forth in thy struggles as a true Confessor of the Faith;/ holy Father Maximos, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Neophytos Tone 5

Thou wast filled with divine grace/ from thine infancy,/ and thy youthful soul was a dwelling-place of the Trinity./ Thou didst work wondrous miracles,/ and wast steadfast in contest,/ O prize-winning Neophytos./ Pray unceasingly that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Maximos the Confessor Tone 8

O faithful, let us acclaim the lover of the Trinity,/ great Maximos who taught the God-inspired Faith,/ that Christ is to be glorified in two natures, wills and energies;/ and let us cry to him: Rejoice, O herald of the Faith.

Kontakion of St Neophytos Tone 4

O Great Martyr Neophytos, thou didst shine forth from the mountain/ and as an athlete glorify Christ in the stadium./ Wherefore thou didst receive the unfading crown.

JANUARY 20

OUR HOLY AND GODBEARING FATHER EUTHYMIOS THE
GREAT OF PALESTINE
ST FECHIN

Troparion of St Euthymios Tone 4

Rejoice, O desert that has not given birth,/ be glad, thou who hast not travailed./ For a man of desires has multiplied thy children of the Spirit;/ he has planted them in piety and reared them on continence to the perfection of virtues./ By his prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

Troparion of St Fechin Tone 3

Thy God-pleasing life, O Father Fechin,/ is an inspiration in our spiritual struggles./ As thou didst guide souls to Christ in the abbey of Fore,/ cease not to intercede for all who call upon thy name,/ that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Euthymios Tone 8

In thine august birth creation found joy,/ and in thy divine memory it receives the gladness of thy miracles./ Grant these richly to our souls, O Euthymios,/ and cleanse the stains of our sins that we may sing: Alleluia.

Kontakion of St Fechin Tone 6

Uprooting the tangled weeds of passion, O Father Fechin,/ thou didst cause the wilderness to blossom as a spiritual Eden./ Pray that we too may be found worthy of the fruits of the Spirit as we cry:/ Glory to Him Who has blessed thee,/ glory to Him Who didst teach thee the Orthodox Faith,/ glory to Him Who brings men to salvation through thy prayers.

JANUARY 13

HOLY MARTYRS HERMYLOS AND STRATONICOS
ST ERBIN

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,/ glory to Thee!

Troparion of Ss Hermylos and Stratonicos Tone 3

O holy Martyrs who have faithfully confessed the transcendent Trinity,/ renowned and invincible Hermylos/ and steadfast, godly Stratonicos:/ since you partake of the glory that surpasses understanding,/ pray that we may be granted great mercy.

Troparion of St Erbin Tone 3

Following in the footsteps of thy Hieromartyr Father Constantine,/ thou didst dedicate thy life to Christ, O Father Erbin./ Pray for us, that we may prefer nothing to Christ/ and devoting our lives only to Him,/ may at the Last Day be found worthy of His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,/ O Unapproachable Light.

Kontakion of Ss Hermylos and Stratonicos Tone 1

You drowned the enemy in the depths of your contests/ by your steadfastness, O noble Prize-winners./ You received your end in the streams of the river,/ hence were brought to the waters of incorruption./ You magnified Christ, O divine Hermylos/ and Stratonicos.

Kontakion of St Erbin Tone 6

O blessed and ever memorable founder of both a church and a monastery,/ we raise our voices to hymn thee, Father Erbin, Pillar of ascetics./ Thou art truly a key to heaven./ Wherefore we pray thee for thy help, that following thy example/ we may be instrumental in reestablishing the Orthodox Faith/ in these hallowed islands.

JANUARY 14

LEAVETAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY
ST NINA, EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES
ST KENTIGERN MUNGO, BISHOP

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

When Thou wast baptized in the Jordan, O Lord,/ the worship of the Trinity made its appearance./ For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee/ when He called Thee His beloved Son./ And the Spirit in the form of a dove/ confirmed the truth of the word./ O Christ our God, Who hast appeared and hast enlightened the world,/ glory to Thee!

Troparion of St Nina, Equal-To-The-Apostles Tone 4

O handmaid of the Word of God,/ who in preaching equaled the first-called Apostle Andrew,/ and emulated the other Apostles,/ enlightener of Iberia and reed-pipe of the Holy Spirit,/ holy Nina, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion of St Kentigern Mungo Tone 4

Thy name, most radiant ascetic and wonderworker,/ all praised and great Father Kentigern Mungo,/ which means "dear friend",/ is godly sweetness to our wretched ears./ Thus named by thy tutor who foresaw thy missionary service/ thou wast the truest friend and pastor to the Britons of Strathclyde./ Wherefore, O Saint, befriend us in this hour of need/ that we may labour for Christ, as He wills,/ and thereby be found worthy of His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Thou hast appeared today to the world,/ and Thy light, O Lord, has been signed upon us/ who with full knowledge sing to Thee./ Thou hast come, Thou hast appeared,/ O Unapproachable Light.

Kontakion of St Nina Tone 2

Let us sing praises to the chosen of Christ,/ Equal-to-the-Apostles and preacher of God's word,/ the bearer of good tidings who brought the people of Katralina/ to the path of life and truth,/ the disciple of the Mother of God,/ our zealous intercessor and unwearing guardian,/ the most praised Nina.

Kontakion of St Kentigern Mungo Tone 6

Thou didst exchange thy staff with thy own dear friend and Iona's Founder,/ O great Kentigern Mungo./ Severe in thy asceticism,/ thou who didst risk thy life traveling on foot/ and who didst sing psalms at night rather than give up the body to sleep,/ didst find taking a bath to be fatal./ Pray that we, who keep festival in thy honour/ may always put the things of the spirit before the things of the body.

JANUARY 19

ST MACARIOS THE GREAT AND ST MACARIOS OF
ALEXANDRIA
ST MARK, METROPOLITAN OF EPHESUS

Troparion of St Macarios of Egypt and St Macarios of Alexandria
Tone 1

O Godbearing Macarios and Macarios,/ you were found worthy of attaining to blessedness./ You had lived righteously, and having followed the path of divine law piously,/ you are partakers of divine glory and save those who cry;/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened you; glory to Him Who has crowned you;/ glory to Him Who through you works healings for all.

Troparion of St Mark of Ephesus Tone 3

Holy Mark, in thee the Church has found a zealot/ by thy confession of the sacred Faith;/ for thou didst champion the Fathers' doctrine/ and cast down the pride of boastful darkness./ Pray to Christ our God for those who honour thee,/ that we may be granted the forgiveness of sins.

Kontakion of St Macarios the Great Tone 4

The Lord placed thee in the house of discipline/ as a star enlightening the ends of the earth;/ thou didst settle in the desert as in a city/ and receive from God the grace to work miracles./ We venerate thee, Macarios, Father of Fathers.

Kontakion of St Mark of Ephesus Tone 3

As one clad in invincible armour,/ thou didst cast down the pride of the Western rebellion;/ thou didst become an instrument of the Comforter/ and shine forth as Orthodoxy's defender./ Therefore we cry to thee: Rejoice, O Mark, boast of the Orthodox.

JANUARY 18

OUR HOLY FATHERS ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL,
ARCHBISHOPS OF ALEXANDRIA

Troparion Tone 3

Thou didst shine with words of Orthodoxy and quench all heresy,
and become victorious trophy-bearers./ You enriched all things with
piety and greatly adorned the Church,/ and worthily found Christ our
God;/ by your prayers He grants mercy to all.

Kontakion Tone 4

Great Hierarchs and champions of Christ's Church,/ preserve all who
sing: O compassionate Lord,/ save those who with faith honour
Thee.

JANUARY 15

ST PAUL OF THEBES
ST JOHN THE HUT-DWELLER

Troparion of St Paul of Thebes Tone 3

Inspired by the Spirit, thou wast the first to dwell in the desert,/ in
emulation of Elijah the Zealot;/ as one like the Angels,/ thou wast
made known to the world by St Anthony./ O righteous Paul, pray to
Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St John the Hut-dweller Tone 4

Thou didst fervently long for the Lord from childhood,/ thou didst
abandon the delights of the world and train as an ascetic./ Thou didst
build thy hut at thy parents' gates/ and shatter the demon's snares./
Wherefore Christ has glorified thee, O blessed John.

Kontakion of St Paul of Thebes Tone 3

We gather today and praise thee with hymns/ as an unwaning ray of
the spiritual sun;/ for thou didst shine on those in the darkness of
ignorance,/ and lead all men to the heights/ holy Paul, adornment of
Thebes,/ firm foundation of ascetics and fathers.

Kontakion of St John the Hut-dweller Tone 2

In longing for Christ-like poverty/ thou didst forsake thy parents'
wealth, O John;/ thou didst follow Christ our God with the Gospel in
thy hand,/ interceding unceasingly for us all.

JANUARY 16

ST MAXIM OF TOTMA, FOOL FOR CHRIST
ST FURSEY OF BURGH CASTLE, ENLIGHTENER OF EAST
ANGLIA

Troparion of St Maxim of Totma Tone 4

Thou didst please God by thy blameless priesthood/ and choose to be
a Fool for Christ in the midst of worldly tumult;/ thou didst take up
the Cross and follow Christ,/ drawing near to Him in unswerving
thought and love./ Disdaining all things earthly thou didst receive the
things of heaven./ Pray to Christ our God to keep thy flock
unharmd/ and to save our souls, O holy Father Maxim.

Troparion of St Fursey of Burgh Castle Tone 5

Establishing thy monastery in a Roman fortress/ thou didst teach
men that the Orthodox Faith is a true bastion/ against the onslaughts
of every evil force, O Father Fursey./ Wherefore pray to God for us/
that we may all be bastions of the Faith/ standing firm against the
rising tide of falsehood,/ that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Maxim of Totma Tone 4

Thou didst hear the divine voice of the Gospel/ and joyfully follow it
into the haven of dispassion./ Thou didst cleanse thy soul and body
by prayer, fasting and streams of tears,/ extremes of weather,
humbled thoughts and being reviled of men;/ thou didst pray for
those who assailed thee/ and say: O Lord, lay not this sin to their
charge./ Even after thy death God glorifies thee with miracles/ and
teaches all to cry to thee:/ Rejoice, holy Maxim, our Father.

Kontakion of St Fursey Tone 4

Thou didst need the walls of stone/ to defend the Faith against its
pagan enemies, O Father Fursey,/ but pray for us that we may have a
spiritual wall around us/ to defend the Faith against its enemies./
Following thee and praising thy eternal memory,/ we stand firm
against every error, ever singing:/ Rejoice, beloved of God, our
Father Fursey.

JANUARY 17

OUR HOLY AND GODBEARING FATHER ANTHONY THE
GREAT
HOLY NEW MARTYR GEORGE OF IOANNINA

Troparion of St Anthony the Great Tone 4

Thou didst follow the ways of zealous Elijah,/ and the straight path
of the Baptist, O Father Anthony./ Thou didst become a desert
dweller/ and support the world by thy prayers./ Intercede with Christ
our God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St George of Ioannina Tone 5

Let us praise George, Christ's Martyr,/ Ioannina's boast and
protector./ For he contested steadfastly and conquered the enemy in
power of the spirit./ He now intercedes unceasingly that our souls
may find mercy.

Kontakion of St Anthony the Great Tone 2

Thou didst abandon the world's tumult and live in silence,/ and
emulate the Baptist, O Anthony./ Wherefore we acclaim thee with
him,/ thou summit of the Fathers.

Kontakion of St George of Ioannina Tone 4

O George, the city of Ioannina/ rejoices that through thy contest/ it
possesses the treasure of thy relics.