

March 1

HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS MARTYR EUDOKIA THE
SAMARITAN
ST DAVID OF WALES

Troparion of St Eudokia Tone 3

O Eudokia, when godly fear entered thy heart,/ thou didst abandon
the glory of the world,/ and hasten to God the Word./ Thou didst
take His yoke on thy flesh,/ and shed thy blood in a contest
surpassing nature./ O glorious Martyr, entreat Christ our God to
grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St David Tone 1

Having worked miracles in thy youth, founded monasteries and
converted the pagans/ who had sought to destroy thee, O Father
David,/ Christ our God blessed thee to receive the episcopate at the
place of His Resurrection./ Intercede for us, that our lives may be
blessed and our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Eudokia Tone 4

He Who was pleased to raise thee from the depths of perdition to the
summit of godliness/ has also made thee illustrious through thy
contest./ He has granted thee the grace of healing,/ O righteous
Martyr and equal to the Angels./ Beseech Him to save us, O
Eudokia.

Kontakion of St David Tone 6

The living waters of godly discipline encompassed thee/ and the
saving waters of faith flowed through thy teaching/ O Hierarch and
Waterman David./ Symbolizing the baptism of Wales in thy life,
thou art worthy of all praise,/ wherefore we keep festival in thy
honour,/ glorifying thy eternal memory.

March 2

ST HESYCHIOS THE SENATOR
ST FERONA, ABBOT

Troparion of St Hesychios Tone 1

Thou didst fling away the honours of the world/ and joyfully profess the glory of Christ./ In the power of the Spirit thou didst endure shame/ as though it were an honour,/ and meet death by drowning, O glorious Hesychios,/ to rejoice forever with Christ the Wellspring of life.

Troparion of St Ferona Tone 4

Blessed ascetic of Iona's isle,/ thou didst strengthen the foundation of thy kinsman Colum Cille, O righteous Ferona,/ bringing stability to Christ's holy Church and salvation to men's souls.

Kontakion of St Hesychios Tone 6

Thou didst follow in the athletes' footsteps/ and ascend to God, deified by His love./ Thou didst prove to be equal with the assembly of martyrs on high/ in renouncing all things passing./ When thou wast cast into the river/ thou didst attain to the Source of Living Waters,/ Holy Athlete Hesychios,/ fervent intercessor for the faithful.

Kontakion of St Ferona Tone 2

In the Western Isles the flame of faith shone brightly/ by thy tireless and ascetic labours,/ O bastion of Orthodoxy, great Father Ferona./ Wherefore we bless thy name, praying for strength/ to show forth the same steadfastness in our lives.

March 31

HOLY HIEROMARTYR HYPATIOS, BISHOP OF GANGRA,
WONDERWORKER

Troparion Tone 4

Thou didst receive the most exalted gift of Christ's Church/ and wast a wise Hierarch, blessed Hypatios./ Thou didst shine with many miracles,/ and profess Christ to be of one dignity with the Father./ Thou didst contest for Him rejoicing and wast glorified by God.

Kontakion Tone 2

As celebrant of the life-giving and sacred Mysteries,/ thou didst increase the talent given to thee./ Thou wast offered in thy contest as firstfruits to Him/ Who glorified thee with many miracles./ O Father, ever entreat Him for us all.

March 30

ST JOHN, AUTHOR OF THE LADDER AND ABBOT OF THE
MONASTERY OF MOUNT SINAI
HOLY MARTYR EUBOULA, MOTHER OF ST PANTELEIMON
THE HEALER

Troparion of St John Tone 3

Thou hast set up a holy ladder by thy words/ and hast shone forth as
a teacher of monks;/ thou dost lead us, O John, from the purification
that comes from discipline/ to the light of the Divine Vision./ O
righteous Father, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Euboula Tone 5

Let us fittingly praise with joyful hymns/ holy Euboula,/ mother of
our protector Panteleimon;/ she has given birth to our defender,/ the
glory of martyrs and unmercenary physicians/ and the swift healer of
all.

Kontakion of St John Tone 1

From thy book thou dost offer teachings as everlasting fruits, O wise
one,/ and dost sweeten the hearts of those who watchfully attend to
them, O blessed one./ For it is a ladder that from earth to heavenly
glory/ leads souls who honour thee with faith.

Another Kontakion of St John Tone 8

We have found thy God-given virtues to be a divine ladder to
heaven./ For thou, O holy Father John, wast a model of the virtues.

Kontakion of St Euboula Tone 3

Let us all come together today and joyfully celebrate/ the mother of
our protector, holy Euboula./ She stands before the throne of God
with him/ and intercedes unceasingly for us/ that we may be granted
forgiveness of our sins.

March 3

HOLY MARTYR EUTROPIUS AND HIS COMPANIONS
ST NONNA, MOTHER OF ST DAVID

Troparion of St Eutropius Tone 4

Let us praise Eutropius, Vasiliscus and divine Kleonikus,/ the three
holy Athletes of Christ./ They surpassed human endurance in their
contests/ and professed the supremacy of the Trinity./ They ever
intercede that we all may be saved.

Troparion of St Nonna Tone 3

Having given birth to the Patron of the Welsh, most pious Nonna,/
thou didst rejoice to serve Christ God in thine appointed station./
Wherefore, O Saint, intercede for us that we may be saved/ from the
worldly spirit of dissatisfaction/ and through God's mercy be found
worthy of eternal salvation.

Kontakion of St Eutropius Tone 4

Eutropius, Kleonikus and Vasiliskus,/ bound together in unity of
faith,/ by their noble contest speedily destroyed the enemies' ranks.

Kontakion of St Nonna Tone 7

With joy thou didst instruct thy son/ in our saving Faith, O holy
Nonna,/ teaching him in all things to obey the commands of Christ's
Gospel/ by becoming a missionary and messenger of salvation./ All
praise and honour is thy due,/ therefore we sing: Alleluia.

March 4

OUR HOLY FATHER GERASIMOS OF THE JORDAN
ST GISTILIAN

Troparion of St Gerasimos Tone 1

Thou didst shine as a desert dweller, a summit of ascetics and a reflection of the angelic life;/ thou wast made radiant with the light of the Spirit,/ O Gerasimos, adornment of the righteous./ Therefore thou healest unfaillingly 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.

Troparion of St Gistilian Tone 1

Following the commandments of Christ thou didst instruct many in the True Faith,/ O Father Gistilian,/ establishing churches and monasteries to serve the faithful./ Pray for us, O Saint,/ that we may profit by thine example/ for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of St Gerasimos Tone 4

Aflame with heavenly love/ thou didst prefer the desert's hardship to all the pleasures of the world./ Wherefore a wild creature served thee and became obedient till death./ God glorified thee with signs and miracles:/ in thy prayers remember us also, O Godbearing Father Gerasimos.

Kontakion of St Gistilian Tone 5

Truly we hymn thee, O Father Gistilian,/ for thou didst labour to strengthen the church in Wales,/ giving thy life to this noble and God-pleasing cause./ Ever blessing thy memory,/ we implore thy prayers for us sinners.

March 29

ST MARK, BISHOP OF ARETHUSA, ST CYRIL HIS DEACON,
AND THE OTHERS WHO WERE MARTYRED WITH THEM
ST GLADYS AND HER HUSBAND ST GWYNLLYN

Troparion of St Mark Tone 3

Thou didst anoint an assembly of martyrs/ and strengthen them by thy steadfastness,/ in preparation for the contest, O glorious Mark./ Thou didst finish thy course with them,/ and you were all found worthy of the joys of heaven./ O righteous Father,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Gladys and St Gwynllyn Tone 5

Rejoice, thrice-blessed Gladys,/ daughter of King Brychan,/ wife of holy Gwynllyn and mother of Saint Cadoc./ O worthy Gwynllyn,/ thou didst forsake thy pagan warfare to fight as a Christian ascetic/ and didst end thy days as a hermit./ We praise you, Gladys and Gwynllyn.

March 28

OUR HOLY FATHER HILARION THE NEW, ABBOT AND
CONFESSOR

Troparion Tone 5

Adorned with gladness of soul/ as a pure vessel of the wisdom of
Christ/ thou wast a reflection of the life in God./ Wherefore thou
dost radiate the light of the virtues,/ O Father Hilarion,/ and guide us
unerringly/ to the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion Tone 4

O righteous Hilarion, like a fruitful olive tree that has blossomed,/
with thine oil thou dost mystically make radiant those who sing to
thee:/ Rejoice, unwavering rule of the righteous.

March 5

HOLY MARTYR CONON
ST MARK THE ASCETIC
ST KIERAN

Troparion of St Conon Tone 5

Armed with the grace of the Spirit,/ thou didst mightily destroy the
power of ungodliness/ and didst shine forth with miracles./ Dyed in
the streams of thy blood,/ O Martyr Conon,/ thou dost glorify God/
Who through thee grants us grace and great mercy.

Troparion of St Mark Tone 3

Thy soul was divinely illumined, O Mark;/ thou didst shine as a
bright light in the world and put to flight its darkness./ Thou didst
persuade all to seek their lost treasure/ even the grace of the Holy
Spirit./ Entreat Him to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Kieran Tone 4

Leaving the darkness of paganism,/ thou wast drawn by the radiance
of our pure and saving Faith, O Father Kieran,/ and shunning the
costly raiment of the episcopate,/ thou didst spend thy life in severest
asceticism,/ thereby seeking the salvation of men's souls.

Kontakion of St Conon Tone 4

Thou wast counted worthy of an angelic vision/ and initiated into the
Faith of Christ;/ thou didst receive the power to work miracles,/ and
didst humble the haughty demons,/ and quench error when tried by
fire./ Righteous Martyr and Athlete Conon,/ pray the Lover of
mankind to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St Kieran Tone 8

Bread was thy meat and water thy wine, O blessed ascetic and great
Father Kieran./ Rejecting clothing and comfort, thou didst enfold
thyself in prayer, becoming a model of piety./ Wherefore we pray
that, being stripped of all worldly affection,/ our lives may be
transformed into a visible prayer to our Triune God.

March 6

HOLY FORTY TWO MARTYRS OF AMORION
ST SITHNEY, HIERARCH

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 3

Let us honour the Forty Two Martyrs,/ the chosen company of God
the Word;/ they fought with one accord./ United in grace and faith,/
they stood in invincible array./ They proved to be heirs of Christ/
when they bore witness to His Love.

Troparion of St Sithney Tone 4

Thou wast clothed in humility,/ patient in adversity and diligent in
thy preaching,/ O Hierarch Sithney,/ and as a model of chastity and
lover of austerity/ teach us to reject the glamour of worldliness,/ for
love of Christ,/ that at the last we may receive mercy for our souls.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 4

Let us crown with praises the new warriors of the Faith/ who have
zealously contested for Christ./ As pillars and guardians of all
Christians they intercede with Him for us.

Kontakion of St Sithney Tone 3

Assiduous in prayer and meditation,/ thy life was both a sermon and
a blessing to those around thee,/ O Father Sithney, thou guardian of
orphans,/ hope of the poor, worker of miracles and friend of
animals,/ wherefore we raise our voices in praise of thee.

March 27

OUR HOLY MOTHER MATRONA OF THESSALONICA

Troparion Tone 3

With undaunted spirit thou didst preserve the Faith,/ and thy soul,
Matrona, was not enslaved by the cruel Jews./ Thou didst excel in
contest and slay the crafty one,/ and wast mystically wedded to the
Lord of Creation./ Fervently entreat Him to deliver us from all harm.

Kontakion Tone 2

Filled with the Light of the Spirit, O Matrona,/ thou didst regard thy
prison cell as a bridal chamber,/ and from it didst hasten to thy
radiant dwelling in the heavens, crying out:/ In divine love for Thee,
O Word,/ I gladly endured scourgings.

March 26

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL GABRIEL
ST SINCHEALL, ABBOTT

Troparion of the Feast Tone 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation/ and the manifestation of the mystery which is from eternity./ The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin./ and Gabriel announces grace./ So with him let us also cry to the Mother of God:/ Rejoice, thou who art full of grace!/ The Lord is with thee.

Troparion of the Archangel Gabriel Tone 4

Supreme Leader of the heavenly Hosts,/ we implore thee that by thy prayers thou wilt encircle us/ unworthy as we are,/ with the protection of the wings of thine immaterial glory,/ and guard us who fall down before thee and fervently cry:/ Deliver us from dangers,/ for thou art the commander of the Powers above.

Troparion of St Sincheall Tone 1

Thou didst make the wilderness thy dwelling/ and become an angel in the flesh and a wonderworker./ Thou wast found worthy of grace/ to heal all who hastened to thee, O blessed Sincheall./ Glory to Christ Who has glorified thee; glory to Him Who has crowned thee;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 8

Queen of the Heavenly Host,/ Defender of our souls,/ we thy servants offer to thee songs of victory and thanksgiving,/ for thou, O Mother of God,/ hast delivered us from dangers./ But as thou hast invincible power,/ free us from conflicts of all kinds/ that we may cry to thee:/ Rejoice, unwedded Bride!

Kontakion of the Archangel Gabriel Tone 2

Supreme Leader of God's armies and minister of the divine glory,/ prince of the Bodiless Angels and guide of men,/ ask what is good for us and great mercy,/ as Supreme Leader of the Bodiless Hosts.

Kontakion of the Archangel Tone 8

O Archangel, thou art the glorious intercessor and minister/ of the Splendid, Holy, All-accomplishing, Ineffable and Awesome Trinity./ Pray that we may be delivered from all harm and torment,/ that we may cry to thee: Rejoice, O protector of thy servants.

March 7

HOLY BISHOPS OF CHERSON
ST LAURENCE OF SALAMIS
ST DEIFER, MONK

Troparion of the Holy Bishops Tone 4

The sevenfold company of holy Hierarchs,/ Eugene, Vasilios, Ephraim and Etherios,/ Elpidios, Capiton and Agathodoros/ have illumined the Church of Christ by their inspired struggles in contest./ By their intercessions, O Christ our God, have mercy on us all.

Troparion of St Laurence Tone 1

With hymns and songs let us honour godly-minded Laurence,/ the scion of Megara, adornment of ascetics and protector of the monastery of Salamis./ He finished his course and fought the good fight of virtue and faith./ Intercede for us, blessed Father Laurence, and preserve thy flock by thy prayers.

Troparion of St Deifer Tone 6

Desiring to serve God in monastic solitude,/ thou didst establish thyself at Bodfari, O Father Deifer,/ where attracted by thy piety,/ many were drawn to embrace the life of ascetic poverty./ May thine example be ever before us/ that we lose not our vision of eternal blessedness.

Kontakion of the holy Bishops Tone 8

As unwaning stars of the Light of minds,/ you have made sleepers in the night of error into sons of Light,/ O Eugene, Capiton, Agathodoros, Vasilios. Etherios, Ephraim and Elpidios, invincible in contest.

Kontakion of St Laurence Tone 4

Thou art the glory of the righteous,/ O blessed and wise Laurence,/ for aflame with love for Christ,/ thou didst consume the passions/ and art now refreshed by the Spirit of refreshment.

Kontakion of St Deifer Tone 2

The tawdry worthlessness of our indiscipline/ contrasts starkly with the heights of thy virtue, O Father Deifer,/ therefore we earnestly entreat thee to pray for us,/ that amending our lives/ we may more worthily worship Christ our God and Saviour.

March 8

ST THEOPHYLACTOS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF
NICOMEDIA
ST SENAN, MONK

Troparion of St Theophylactos Tone 3

Thou wast an unsleeping guardian of the Church/ and a refuter of
ungodliness./ Thou didst reverence the icon of Christ, and so endure
exiles and afflictions./ Righteous Father Theophylactos,/ entreat
Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Senan Tone 3

As a true believer thou didst confess Christ,/ as a monk thou didst
surrender unto Him;/ and as a pilgrim thou didst honour His
righteous ones, O Father Senan./ Wherefore we implore thy help to
reform our lives,/ that Christ our God may have mercy on our souls.

Kontakion of St Theophylactos Tone 2

We praise thee as a firm champion of Orthodoxy/ and a strong
censor of heresy./ And so we cry to thee;/ O Theophylactos, divine
initiate,/ save from every temptation those who faithfully hymn
thee,/ and pray that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Senan Tone 1

By thy travels, O Father Senan, thou dost teach us the value of
pilgrimages/ and the virtue of putting Christ above all earthly cares./
Shining brightly through the centuries, thou daystar of Orthodox
piety,/ we sing praises in honour of thee.

March 25

ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Troparion Tone 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation/ and the manifestation of the
mystery which is from eternity./ The Son of God becomes the Son of
the Virgin,/ and Gabriel announces grace./ So with him let us also
cry to the Mother of God:/ Rejoice, thou who art full of grace!/ The
Lord is with thee.

Kontakion Tone 8

Queen of the Heavenly Host,/ Defender of our souls,/ we thy
servants offer to thee songs of victory and thanksgiving,/ for thou, O
Mother of God,/ hast delivered us from dangers./ But as thou hast
invincible power,/ free us from conflicts of all kinds/ that we may
cry to thee:/ Rejoice, unwedded Bride!

March 24

FOREFEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
ST ZACHARIAS THE FASTER OF THE KIEVAN CAVES
ST CAIRLON, BISHOP OF CASHEL

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 4

Today the prelude of universal joy moves us to sing the prefestival hymn./ For Gabriel is coming and will cry to her:/ Rejoice, thou who art full of grace; the Lord is with thee.

Troparion of St Zacharias Tone 3

Thy life of fasting, O blessed Zacharias,/ has given thee power over demons./ We pray that we may escape their snares,/ and may receive forgiveness of our sins and great mercy.

Troparion of St Cairlon Tone 4

O holy Cairlon, thou didst repose in the Lord/ and wast raised to life by Saint Daga./ Then living the risen life while yet on earth/ thou didst spend thy years in apostolic labours./ Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 4

O thou who didst bear God in thy womb by the descent of the Holy Spirit,/ at the voice of the Archangel thou didst conceive Him Who is of one dignity and essence with the Father,/ O thou recall of Adam.

Another Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 8

O Virgin Mother of God, thou art the beginning of salvation for all of us on earth./ For God's minister, the great Archangel Gabriel, was sent from heaven to stand before thee bringing joy./ Wherefore we all cry to thee: Rejoice, unwedded Bride.

Kontakion of St Zacharias Tone 4

Thou wast illustrious in fasting,/ and didst appear terrible to demons;/ strengthen us also by thy prayers, O venerable Zacharias,/ that we may lead a life of fasting, and be delivered from the demons' attacks,/ and so may bless thee.

March 9

THE HOLY FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE
ST CONSTANTINE, KING AND HIEROMARTYR

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 1

Together let us honour that holy company united by faith,/ those noble warriors of the Master of all;/ they were divinely enlisted for Christ and passed through fire and water./ Then they entered into refreshment and pray for those who cry:/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened you; glory to Him Who has crowned you;/ glory to Him Who has made you wonderful, O holy Forty Martyrs.

Troparion of St Constantine Tone 5

Grieving at the loss of thy young spouse,/ thou didst renounce the world, O Martyr Constantine,/ but seeing thy humility God called thee to leave thy solitude and serve Him as a priest./ Following thy example,/ we pray for grace to see that we must serve God as He wills/ and not as we desire,/ that we may be found worthy of His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 6

You left all earthly armies to cleave to the heavenly Master,/ O Forty Prize winners of the Lord./ You passed through fire and water/ and received glory from heaven and many crowns.

Kontakion of St Constantine Tone 4

Thou wast born to be King of Cornwall,/ O Martyr Constantine,/ yet who could have foreseen that thou wouldst become the first hieromartyr of Scotland./ As we sing thy praises, O Saint,/ we acknowledge the folly of preferring human plans to the will of our God.

March 10

HOLY MARTYR QUADRATUS AND HIS COMPANIONS OF
CORINTH
ST KESSOG, HIERARCH

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 1

Let godly-minded Quadratus, Anektos, Paul, Dionysios, Cyprian and Crescens/ be praised with tuneful hymns;/ for as the sixfold choir of Christ's prizewinners/ they ever pray for us to the Trinity.

Troparion of St Kessog Tone 6

Thy life was resplendent with miracles, O Hierarch Kessog,/ and as thou didst devote thy life to missionary labours,/ teach us the way to devote our lives to the service of the Church/ that Christ our God will have mercy on our souls.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 4

When you contested bravely in Corinth, O wise Martyrs,/ you appeared as lamps of six lights;/ you ever illumine the way for Christ's faithful by the grace that was given to you.

Kontakion of St Kessog Tone 4

That God is not served by idleness is the message of thy life, O Wonderworker Kessog./ For thy ceaseless efforts thou art rewarded in heaven/ and this day art praised by the Lord's lazy and most unprofitable servants.

March 23

HOLY MARTYR NIKON AND HIS 199 DISCIPLES

Troparion Tone 4

Having conquered the crafty one by thine asceticism/ thou didst become a rule and model to thy disciples/ by thy holy life, O Father Nikon./ With them thou didst contend for the Faith in the West./ You have all attained to glory in heaven.

Kontakion Tone 8

Of like discipline with ascetics, and rivaling holy Athletes in zeal,/ O steadfast and righteous Martyrs, you were offered to the Lord through martyrdom./ For you had as your sure guide the glorious Nikon./ Fighting together with him you sang: Alleluia.

March 22

HIEROMARTYR BASIL, PRESBYTER OF ANCYRA
HOLY NEW MARTYR EUTHYMIOS OF THE HOLY
MOUNTAIN, ATHOS

Troparion of St Basil Tone 3

By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit/ thou didst worthily receive the anointing of the priesthood, O Basil./ Thou didst offer thy martyr's contest as a royal sacrifice/ to the King of ages./ O righteous Father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Euthymios Tone 4

Strengthened by long years of ascetical labours,/ thou didst endure the pangs of martyrdom steadfastly, O glorious Athlete Euthymios./ For thou didst hasten to renounce error/ while holding the Cross and palm branches in thy hands./ And with these thou dost stand crowned and rejoicing in Christ's presence.

Kontakion of St Basil Tone 3

As a priest of the King of glory,/ thou didst also become a holy warrior by thy contest./ Thou didst shame the counsels of the lawless,/ and receive the enjoyment of the heavenly kingdom./ O Basil, blessed Hieromartyr of Christ.

Kontakion of St Euthymios Tone 3

Holding the trophy of the Cross and palm branches in thy hands,/ thou didst stand before the lawless judge./ Thou didst renounce the false prophet openly/ and put his followers to shame,/ and gladden the Orthodox by preaching Christ as True God./ Intercede for all who faithfully praise thee.

March 11

ST SOPHRONIOS, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM
ST EUTHYMIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF NOVGOROD

Troparion of St Sophronios Tone 5

O Father Sophronios,/ thou wast glorious in the splendour of sobriety,/ and didst reveal thy ineffable enlightenment from heaven/ through the radiance of thy words./ For by thy life thou didst attain to wisdom/ and dost now confirm thy Church,/ as an illustrious Hierarch and intercessor for us with the Lord.

Troparion of St Euthymius Tone 4

Holy Hierarch Euthymius, God chose thee from thy youth,/ to honour thee with the rank of Bishop./ Thou didst shepherd those whom God entrusted to thee./ And even after thy repose thou didst receive the gift of wonderworking,/ to heal infirmities./ Pray to Him for us who celebrate thy memory,/ that we may all bless thee unceasingly.

Kontakion of St Sophronios Tone 4

Inspired by the Spirit, blessed Sophronios,/ thou wast a righteous Hierarch in Zion/ as an emulator of the Apostles.

Kontakion of St Euthymius Tone 8

As one of equal rank with the Hierarchs and a champion among holy bishops, O holy Hierarch Euthymius,/ continue to preserve thy fatherland, thy city, and people who honour thee faithfully and worship thy precious relics,/ that we all may cry out to thee: Rejoice, divinely wise Hierarch.

March 12

ST GREGORY THE DIALOGIST, POPE OF ROME
ST THEOPHANES THE CONFESSOR OF MOUNT SIGRIAN
ST SYMEON THE NEW THEOLOGIAN

Troparion of St Gregory Tone 3

Thou didst excellently dispense the Word of God,/ endowed with discretion of speech, O Hierarch Gregory;/ for by thy life thou didst set the virtues before us,/ and dost radiate the brightness of holiness./ O Righteous Father, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Theophanes Tone 4

By thy virtuous life, O righteous Theophanes,/ thou didst serve God Who was made manifest in the flesh for our sake./ For thou didst renounce all fleeting possessions/ and add the prizes of confession to thine ascetical crowns./ By means of both thou didst illumine the ends of the world.

Troparion of St Symeon Tone 3

Thou didst receive divine illumination in thy soul/ and appear to the world as a brilliant light dispelling all darkness./ Thou didst persuade all to seek the grace of Spirit they had lost./ O righteous Father Symeon,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St Gregory Tone 8

We praise thee, God-inspired harp of the Church and God-possessed tongue of wisdom;/ for thou didst prove to be an image and model of the Apostles and didst emulate their zeal./ Wherefore we cry to thee: Rejoice, O Gregory the Dialogist.

Kontakion of St Theophanes Tone 6

O Theophanes, by thy godly life/ thou didst become a chosen vessel and servant of God the Word,/ and of His life creating manifestation on earth./ Thou didst reverently honour the icon of Christ/ and thereby suffer afflictions at the hands of the ungodly./ Hence God has granted thee grace and eternal life.

Kontakion of St Symeon Tone 3

Thou didst become a theologian of the Transcendent and Incomprehensible Trinity,/ and didst shine with the Triune Light, O inspired one./ Thou wast endowed from on high with wise speech/ and didst pour forth streams of theology./ Drinking from them, we cry to thee/ Rejoice, righteous, godly-minded Symeon.

March 21

ST JAMES THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF CATANIA
ST ENDA, ABBOT

Troparion of St James Tone 5

Shining forth in holy abstinence,/ as a Hierarch and Minister of God the Word,/ thou didst rightly divide the inspired word of truth./ By thy virtuous struggle/ thou dost confirm and reveal the grace given to thee/ and teach all to worship the Saviour's icon:/ and thou dost pray to Him for us all.

Troparion of St Enda Tone 8

O Father of Irish monasticism, from Candida Casa thou didst settle on the Isle of Aran,/ where thou didst train Saint Colum Cille and other glorious Saints./ Holy Father Enda, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St James Tone 8

Thou didst excel in the gifts of the priesthood,/ and by thy struggles didst become illustrious in confessing the Faith./ Since thou art a fruitful branch of Christ the True Vine,/ grant the new wine of forgiveness and salvation to those who cry: Rejoice, O Father James.

March 20

HOLY FATHERS OF ST SABBAS MONASTERY KILLED BY
THE SARACENS

Troparion Tone 4

As holy and chosen lambs of the Saviour,/ from many lands you
were gathered in wise Sabbas' flock./ You were put to death by the
cruelty of the barbarians/ and you departed joyfully for the heavenly
fold./ And now as righteous Athletes you are praying for our souls.

Kontakion Tone 2

You dyed your monastic habits with your own martyrs' blood,/ O
blessed and holy fathers./ Thus adorned you now stand with twofold
crowns of glory/ before Christ's throne in the heavenly abodes.

March 13

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST NIKEPHOROS,
PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Troparion Tone 3

Thy fragrant relics have been revealed as godly treasure/ filled with
life for the Church./ On their august translation we receive the gifts
of the Spirit./ O righteous Father Nikephoros,/ pray to Christ our
God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion Tone 3

Thou didst lay down thy life for thy flock/ and inspire it with true
piety./ Wherefore it joyfully receives thy holy relics and cries out to
thee:/ Thou art my boast and my refuge,/ Father Nikephoros, blessed
light of confession.

March 14

ST BENEDICT OF NURSIA

Troparion Tone 1

By thine ascetical struggles, O Godbearing Benedict,/ thou didst prove true to thy name./ For thou wast the son of benediction, and didst become a model and rule/ to all who emulate thy life and 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 Tone 8

Like a sun of the Dayspring from on high/ thou didst enlighten the monks of the West and instruct them by word and deed./ By the sweat of thine ascetical achievements/ purge from the filth of passions us who honour thee and cry:/ Rejoice, O Father Benedict.

March 19

HOLY MARTYR CHRYSANTHOS AND HIS WIFE DARIA

Troparion Tone 1

Let us honour the like-minded pair of Martyrs,/ Chrysanthos scion of purity, and supremely modest Daria./ United in holiness of faith, they shone forth as communicants of God the Word./ They fought lawfully for Him and now save those who sing:/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened you; glory to Him Who has crowned you;/ glory to Him Who through you works healings for all.

Kontakion Tone 1

O Chrysanthos, in the sweet fragrance of holiness/ thou didst draw Daria to saving knowledge./ Together in contest you routed the serpent, the author of all evil,/ and were worthily taken up to the heavenly realms.

March 18

ST CYRIL, ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM

Troparion Tone 3

Clothed in a robe of godliness, thou wast seen in Zion/ as an illustrious pillar of the Apostles' Faith./ Thou didst become an heir of their grace,/ and didst set forth their pious doctrines/ and dispense their talents of wisdom./ Pray for us, O Cyril, our Father and our Hierarch.

Kontakion Tone 3

Thy divine words for the Church of Christ/ are endowed with authority from heaven;/ in teaching us the knowledge of Truth/ thou didst reveal the radiance of holiness./ And by thy intercessions thou dost heal our sufferings,/ O godly-minded Father Cyril.

March 15

HOLY MARTYR AGAPIOS AND HIS COMPANIONS

Troparion of St Agapios Tone 4

Thy soul aflame with love for Christ,/ thou didst gather a company of illustrious athletes, O glorious Agapios./ With them thou didst excel in lawful contest,/ and together you were beheaded by the sword./ Henceforth ever pray that we may be granted the forgiveness of our sins.

Kontakion Tone 4

For love of Christ the eightfold choir of martyrs spurned all earthly things./ As they were beheaded they cried out together:/ O Compassionate One, gladden Thy servants.

March 16

HOLY MARTYR SABINE THE EGYPTIAN AND OTHERS
ST CHRISTODOULOS OF PATMOS

Troparion of St Sabine Tone 1

Before the ungodly thou didst preach with godliness/ that the Creator of all took flesh without suffering change:/ O blessed Sabine, thou didst excel in holy contest,/ for by meeting death in the river/ thou didst attain to the Source of incorruption./ Therefore we praise thee.

Troparion of St Christodoulos Tone 1

Let us, O brethren, honour godly Christodoulos,/ offspring of Nicea, protector of Patmos and boast of monks./ Let us venerate his relics and so receive healing of soul and body,/ and cry out with hymns:/ 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 St Sabine Tone 2

The sail of the Spirit guided thee into the Water of Life and Goodness./ when thou wast cast into the river, O praiseworthy Sabine./ By thy prayers thou art raining down upon us/ the forgiveness of our sins.

Kontakion of St Christodoulos Tone 4

Since we possess thy relics/ as a holy place of healing/ for all our diseases and afflictions./ we are redeemed and cry aloud to thee:/ Rejoice, O Christodoulos.

March 17

ST ALEXIS THE MAN OF GOD
ST MACARIUS OF KALAZIN
ST PATRICK, ENLIGHTENER OF IRELAND

Troparion of St Alexis Tone 4

Thou didst bud from a famous and glorious root;/ thou didst blossom from a royal and illustrious city, O supremely wise Alexis;/ thou didst disdain all on earth as corruptible and fleeting,/ and didst hasten to Christ the Master./ Ever entreat Him to save our souls.

Troparion of St Macarius Tone 8

Thou didst deaden thy carnal mind by abstinence and vigil./ The place where thy sweat poured proclaims thy admonitions like God's trumpet;/ and after thy repose thy holy relics pour forth healings./ Wherefore we cry to thee: Pray to Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St Patrick Tone 4

Most glorious art Thou, Christ our God/ Who didst establish our Father Patrick/ as the Enlightener of the Irish and a torch-bearer on earth,/ and through him didst guide many to the true Faith./ Most Compassionate One, glory to Thee.

Kontakion of St Alexis Tone 4

Today with hymns and praise/ we celebrate the festival of Alexis the blessed and cry aloud:/ Rejoice, gladsome adornment of the righteous.

Kontakion of St Macarius Tone 2

Thou didst desire the life of heaven and delight in abstinence, labours and sweat;/ thou didst bridle the flesh and receive grace to work wonders,/ and appear as a radiant light, O righteous Father Macarius./ Wherefore the Church of Christ glorifies thee.