TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1

BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH'S YEAR

ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD OF MIASINAE

ST SYMEON STYLITES AND ST MARTHA HIS MOTHER

ST SILIN, ABBOT OF MEIFOD

Troparion of the New Year Tone 2

Lord of the universe who by Thy power hast established the times and seasons,/ bless this year with Thy goodness,/ preserve our rulers and keep Thy flock in peace,/ through the prayers of the Mother of God, and save us.

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 7

Virgin Mother of God rejoice, Mary full of grace,/ haven and protection of the human race./ The Redeemer of the world became incarnate of thee:/ thou art ever blessed and glorified./ Pray to Christ our God to grant peace to all the world.

Troparion of St Symeon Stylites Tone l

O Symeon, righteous father, thou didst become a pillar of patience, and excel like the forefathers:/ Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptation,/ and in the flesh wert like the bodiless ones./ Intercede with Christ our God that He may save our souls.

Troparion of St Silin Tone 8

Exchanging wealth and position for the treasures of poverty and solitude in Anglesey, O Father Silin,/ thou didst prepare thyself to preach the Gospel to the Bretons,/ by which labour many were brought to Christ./ Intercede for us, O Saint, that we too may renounce worldly pomp/ and attain the heavenly rewards of those whose souls are saved.

Kontakion of the New Year Tone 4

Creator and Lord of the ages,/ God of all, transcendent in essence: Bless this year./ Save all who worship and cry:/ Grant us a fruitful year,/ O Compassionate Redeemer.

Kontakion of the Mother of God Tone 4

The icon of thy holy countenance has appeared out of the waters like an ever-flowing fountain/ pouring forth streams of healing,/ O spotless Mother of God.

Kontakion of St Symeon Stylites Tone 2

While seeking the kingdom of heaven thou wast united to mankind on earth./ Thy pillar was a chariot of fire and thou a companion of angels./ O righteous Symeon,/ intercede with Christ our God for us all.

SEPTEMBER 2

HOLY MARTYR MAMAS

ST JOHN THE FASTER, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

ST HIEU, ABBESS

Troparion of St Mamas Tone 3

Holy descendant of martyrs,/ thou didst eagerly follow their steps:/ while preaching the Savior's Name thou wast fulfilled in contest./ Wise and glorious Mamas,/ pray to Christ out God to save us.

Troparion of St John the Faster Tone 4

Anointed by the Holy Spirit,/ thou didst serve God like an earthly angel,/ O Shepherd and Hierarch John./ Thou didst purify thyself through fasting/ and grant cleansing to those who eagerly run to thee.

Troparion of St Hieu Tone 8

In Tadcaster's Monastery, O Abbess Hieu,/ thou didst shine with the virtues of asceticism and humility./ Pray that we also may follow the example of thy great teacher, the Hierarch Aidan,/ and live lives of spiritual struggle that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Mamas Tone 3

Shepherd thy people in lifegiving pastures/ with the staff given thee by God./ And crush the invisible enemies beneath the feet of those who praise thee./ For all in danger have thee/ as a fervent intercessor, O holy Mamas.

Kontakion of St John Tone 4

Thou didst become like thy namesake the Forerunner, O John, for thou wast radiant with fasting and purity,/ Christ has made thee a worthy shepherd of His flock;/ beseech Him to save those who venerate thee.

SEPTEMBER 3

HOLY HIEROMARTYR ANTHIMUS, BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA

ST PHOEBE, DEACONESS OF CENCHRAE

OUR HOLY FATHER THEOCTISTUS, FELLOW ASCETIC OF EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT

ST MACNIS

Troparion of St Anthimus the Heiromartyr Tone 1

Thou didst protect thy flock with thy blood,/ not fearing thine adversaries./ Now thou dost rejoice in heaven,/standing before the throne./ Glory to Christ Who has strengthened thee; glory to thy courage;/ glory to thine endurance, O holy Heiromartyr Anthimus.

Troparion of St Phoebe Tone 3

Enlightened by grace and taught the faith by the chosen vessel of Christ,/ thou wast found worthy of the diaconate/ and didst bring Paul's words to Rome./ O Deaconess Phoebe, pray to Christ our God/ that His Spirit may enlighten our souls.

Troparion of St Theoctistus Tone 4

Dedicated as God's priest from thy youth,/ thou didst spurn all worldly aims./ O righteous Theoctistus, thou wast radiant in thy solitude/ and strict in the training of monks./ Guide those who come to thee and lead them in the way of salvation.

Troparion of St MacNis Tone 8

Having learned thy faith from Ireland's Enlightener, O holy MacNis,/ thou didst found a shining beacon of the True Faith, the Monastery of Kells,/ from which was bequeathed to Christ's Church a treasure of piety and wonder, which is with us to this day./ Inspired by thine example, O Saint, we beseech thee to intercede with Christ our God/ that we may be given grace to follow thee in the way of salvation.

Kontakion of St Anthimus the Hieromartyr Tone 4

Illustrious priest and steadfast martyr,/ Anthimus worthy of praise:/ thou didst assail idol-worship/ and champion thy flock who fervently cry out to thee:/ By thine intercessions deliver us from dangers.

Kontakion of St Phoebe Tone 2

Paul proclaimed thee a protector of many/ and thou didst become his helper./ Hearken to those who approach thee with faith/ and who cry out to thee with love:/ Rejoice glory of Corinth and pride of Achaia;/ rejoice thou lamp of Cenchrea,/ rejoice, O Deaconess Phoebe.

Kontakion of St Theoctistus Tone 4

Thou didst keep thy soul pure and present it to God as His creation./ Enlightened by Him, Theoctistus, thou didst rise to the peak of endeavour./ By thy works thou hast confirmed the grace that was given thee.

SEPTEMBER 4

ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD OF THE BURNING BUSH

HOLY PROPHET MOSES THE LAW-GIVER AND SEER OF GOD

BABYLAS, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH, HIEROMARTYR

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 1

The miracle that Moses saw on Sinai in the burning bush/ foretold thy Virgin Childbearing, O pure Virgin./ We faithful cry to thee: Rejoice truly living bush,/ rejoice holy mountain,/ rejoice sanctified place,/ most holy Mother of God.

Troparion of the Prophet Moses Tone 2

Thou didst ascend to the summit of virtues,/ O holy Prophet Moses./ Thou wast granted to see the glory of God,/ to receive the tablets of the Law,/ and to bear grace within thee./ Thou wast the joy of the Prophets/ and a guide to piety.

Troparion of Hieromartyr Babylas Tone 4

O Babylas husbandman of righteousness,/ thou didst cut down the thorns of error./ With the radiance of thy priesthood and reddened by the streams of thy blood/ thou wast presented to Christ crying out:/ Here am I and Thy children O Jesus: graciously receive us.

Kontakion of the Prophet Moses Tone 2

The company of the Prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron;/ their prophecy is fulfilled/ as the Cross whereby Thou hast saved us shines forth./ Save our souls by their prayers, O Christ our God.

Kontakion of Hieromartyr Babylas Tone 4

Thou didst treasure in thine heart the mysteries of the faith/ without fearing the tyrant/ O Hieromartyr Babylas, servant of Christ, preserve us.

SEPTEMBER 5

HOLY PROPHET ZACHARIAS, FATHER OF THE FORERUNNER

Troparion of St Zacharias Tone 4

Arrayed in priestly vestments, thou didst offer sacrifice according to God's law./ Thou wast a light and a seer of mysteries bearing the signs of grace within thee./ Thou wast slain in the temple of God,/ O Zacharias, Prophet of Christ./ Together with the Forerunner pray that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Zacharias Tone 3

Zacharias, Prophet and Priest and father of the Forerunner,/ is preparing a feast for the faithful/ and is mixing a draught of righteousness./ Let us praise him,/ as a holy seer of the grace of God.

SEPTEMBER 6

MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AT CHONAE

ST MACCALLIN

Troparion of the Archangel Michael Tone 4

Michael, Prince of the armies of heaven/ thou didst overshadow the Church/ like a cloud raining waters of immortality./ Thou didst preserve it as another ark and turn rivers aside with thy spear,/ to the glory of the Faith and the rejoicing of the faithful.

Troparion of St MacCallin Tone 8

Thou didst labour for Christ as a missionary in the northern land, O Father MacCallin,/ before accepting the bishopric of Lusk./ Pray to God that missionary zeal may also be manifested in our lives/ that we cease not in our efforts, for the restoration of Orthodoxy in these islands/ and for the attainment of eternal salvation.

SEPTEMBER 7

FOREFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY MARTYR SOZON THE SHEPHERD

ST JOHN, ARCHBISHOP OF NOVGOROD

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 4

From the root of Jesse and from David's loins/ the divine maiden Mary is born for us today,/ and all things are filled with God and renewed./ Rejoice together, heaven and earth!/ Praise her, you countries of the nations!/ Joachim rejoices and Anna keeps festival, crying:/ The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God and the nurse of our life.

Troparion of St Sozon Tone 1

O Martyr Sozon, thou didst pledge thy life to God,/ endure the contest and become a sharer in Christ's Passion./ Save from temptation those who cry to thee:/ Glory to Him Who strengthened thee;/ Glory to Him Who crowned thee;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Troparion of St John Tone 8

Great Novgorod rejoices over thy relics today, O holy Hierarch John./ For they shine as the sun and grant healing to all who venerate thy shrine with faith./ Entreat Christ our God to deliver this city from captivity, from civil war and fire,/ O wise wonderworker, heavenly man and earthly angel,/ that we may hymn thee and glorify our God.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 3

Today the bridal chamber of the heavenly Bridegroom,/ Mary the Virgin Mother of God,/ by God's will is born of a barren woman,/ and the chariot of the Word of God/ is beautifully adorned./ She is the gate and the Mother of life:/ for this God chose her.

Kontakion of St Sozon Tone 2

Together let us praise with loud voices/ Sozon the Athlete of piety,/ vessel of grace and bestower of healings./ He prays to God for us all.

Kontakion of St John Tone 4

Today the Church rejoices remembering holy Hierarch John/ who shines forth in virtue from Novgorod the Great./ Now as his incorrupt body pours forth miracles/ we cry to him: O most blessed one,/ pray to Christ our God for us all.

SEPTEMBER 8

THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

ST CYNFARCH, MONK

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Mother of God,/ has brought joy to all the world;/ for from thee arose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/ Who, having dissolved the curse, has given His blessing,/ and having abolished death, has granted us life eternal.

Troparion of St Cynfarch Tone 8

Seeing that many were brought to Christ by the radiant example of thy virtuous life/ and thy missionary labours, O holy Cynfarch,/ pray that we too may follow thee/ in the service of our Savior, that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Mother of God Tone 4

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness/ and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O Immaculate One, by thy holy nativity./ And thy people, redeemed from the guilt of sin,/ celebrate thy birth by crying to thee:/ The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God and the nurse of our life.

SEPTEMBER 9

THE HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS JOACHIM AND ANNA

HOLY MARTYR SEVERIAN

ST KIERAN OF CLONMACNOIS

Troparion of the Feast Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Mother of God,/ has brought joy to all world;/ for from thee arose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/ Who, having dissolved the curse, has given His blessing,/ and having abolished death, has granted us life eternal.

Troparion of Ss Joachim and Anna Tone 2

We celebrate the memory of Thy righteous forebears /and through them we entreat Thee, O Lord,/ to save our souls.

Another Troparion of Ss Joachim and Anna Tone 5

Let us sing praises to Joachim and Anna,/ the couple honoured by God/ (and they are His kinsmen)./ They have borne for us the Maiden/ who in a manner beyond understanding/ gave birth to Him Who though fleshless,/ became the incarnate to save the world./ With her they intercede for our souls.

Troparion of St Severian Tone 4

With wise words thou didst anoint an army of Athletes and exhort them to contest./ Thou didst spurn corruptible honours and receive unfading glory./ Holy Martyr Severian, we sing thy praise.

Troparion of St Kieran Tone 8

From childhood thy life was resplendent with miracles, O Father Kieran,/ showing forth thy boundless love for God by loving and caring for His creation, both men and animals./ Leaving thy carpenter father, thou didst seek training in the ascetic life from Ireland's spiritual giants/ before founding the great monastery of Clonmacnois,/ from whence the Lord, in His great mercy, called thee to Himself in thy thirty-third year./ Wherefore, O Righteous one, intercede with Christ our God that we too may be found worthy of His mercy.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness/ and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O Immaculate One, by thy holy nativity./ And thy people, redeemed from the guilt of sin,/ celebrate thy birth by crying to thee:/The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God and the nurse of our life.

Kontakion of Ss Joachim and Anna Tone 2

Anna rejoices, released from her barrenness,/ and nurses her most pure child./ She calls all people to glorify Him/ Who gave the Virgin Mother to mankind from her womb.

Kontakion of St Severian Tone 2

Thou didst shine forth as a noble martyr,/ holy Severian, Athlete of God./ Thou art the glory of trophy bearers, radiantly adorned with Christ's wounds./ Intercede that our souls may be saved.

SEPTEMBER 10

THE HOLY MARTYRS MENODORA, METRODORA AND NYMPHODORA

ST FINIAN, ABBOT

Troparion of the Feast Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Mother of God,/ has brought joy to all the world;/ for from thee arose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/ Who, having dissolved the curse, has given His blessing,/ and having abolished death, has granted us life eternal.

Troparion of the Virgin Martyrs Tone 1

Let all who rejoice at their triumph honour these three Virgin Martyrs/ who are united to God as sisters and pour forth fair streams of grace:/ Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora who were in all things courageous./ They ever pray to the Trinity for us.

Troparion of St Finian Tone 8

Having been nourished in the faith at Candida Casa, O holy Finian,/ thou didst return to thy native Ireland as the sower of seed which bore fruit an hundred-fold./ In thy love and wisdom intercede with our merciful Creator/ that He will so nourish us with true faith and piety, devoting ourselves only to Him,/ that we may receive the reward of the righteous.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness/ and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O Immaculate One, by thy holy nativity./ And thy people, redeemed from the guilt of sin,/ celebrate thy birth by crying to thee:/ The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God and the nurse of our life.

Kontakion of the Virgin Martyrs Tone 4

You endured suffering for the Trinity/ and as sisters united in spirit you defeated the enemy's guile./ You have entered heaven with the five virgins and with Angels stand before the King.

SEPTEMBER 11

ST THEODORA OF ALEXANDRIA

ST DEINIOL, ABBOT OF BANGOR

Troparion of the Feast Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Mother of God,/ has brought joy to all the world;/ for from thee arose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/ Who, having dissolved the curse, has given His blessing,/ and having abolished death, has granted us life eternal.

Troparion of St Theodora Tone 3

Thou didst offer thy life as a holy gift, O righteous Theodora:/ for radiant with the light of repentance thou didst illumine mankind./ Pray to Christ Who has glorified thee/ to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Deiniol Tone 4

By thy teaching and pious life/ thou didst shine forth in the age of Saints, O Hierarch Deiniol,/ and becoming Bangor's first bishop thou wast an instrument of God's grace,/ leading many to salvation./ Pray, O Saint, that we may be led into the Way of Truth that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness/ and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O Immaculate One, by thy holy nativity./ And thy people, redeemed from the guilt of sin,/ celebrate thy birth by crying to thee:/ The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God and the nurse of our life.

Kontakion of St Theodora Tone 2

Thou didst spend thy life in fasting and prayer/ and entreat forgiveness of thy sin:/ and thou didst receive it and show us the way of repentance,/ O righteous Mother Theodora.

SEPTEMBER 12

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

ST AILBE, BISHOP OF EMLY

Troparion of the Feast Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Mother of God,/ has brought joy to all the world;/ for from thee arose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,/ Who, having dissolved the curse, has given His blessing,/ and having abolished death, has granted us life eternal.

Troparion of St Ailbe Tone 4

When Ireland's Enlightener returned to his native land,/ he found thee, O holy Ailbe, preaching the Faith at Emly,/ where at the bidding of an Angel thou hadst built a church./ O wise shepherd of souls and glorious ascetic,/ O friend of animals, and fellow missionary with the illustrious Patrick,/ pray to Christ our God that we might also become bastions of Orthodoxy/ and a shining example to our fellow countrymen,/ drawing them away from ignorance and error/ and into the true Faith that all our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness/ and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O Immaculate One, by thy holy nativity./ And thy people, redeemed from the guilt of sin,/ celebrate thy birth by crying to thee:/ The barren woman gives birth to the Mother of God and the nurse of our life.

SEPTEMBER 13

FOREFEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE GIVING CROSS

HOLY HIEROMARTYR CORNELIUS THE CENTURION

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 2

We lift up in prayer the lifegiving Cross/ which Thou in Thy goodness hast given us, unworthy as we are./ O Lord, save all who pray to Thee,/ and grant peace through the Mother of God, O only Lover of mankind.

Troparion of St Cornelius Tone 4

O blessed Cornelius, thou wast distinguished in works of righteousness/ and received the enlightenment of godliness,/ and wast a fellow labourer with the Apostles,/ for thou didst share their work and preach Christ's incarnation to all./ With them pray that all who honour thee may be saved.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 4

Thy precious Cross rises like the sun/ and mystically makes all pure and holy./ Let us prepare to welcome it with faith.

Kontakion of St Cornelius Tone 4

O inspired Cornelius,/ the Church has received thee as a first-fruit of the Gentiles,/ and thou hast illumined her with thy works.

SEPTEMBER 14

THE ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFEGIVING CROSS

Troparion Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians,/ and protect Thy people with Thy Cross.

Kontakion Tone 4

O Christ our God,/ Who wast voluntarily lifted up on the Cross,/ grant Thy mercies to Thy new people named after Thee./ Gladden with Thy power Orthodox Christians/ and give them victory over their enemies./ May they have as ally/ that invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

SEPTEMBER 15

ST NICETAS THE GOTH

ST PHILOTHEUS THE PRESBYTER

ST HERNAN, MONK

ST MERRYN, HIERARCH

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians,/ and protect Thy people with Thy Cross.

Troparion of St Nicetas Tone 3

Thou didst defeat error and triumph in martyrdom,/ Nicetas namesake of victory:/ for thou didst conquer the ranks of the enemy/ and end thy contest by fire./ Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Philotheus the Presbyter Tone 1

O pure and holy Philotheus, thou wast a lover of God,/ and now glorified by the Holy Spirit thou dost work miracles to save from harm all who cry to thee:/ Glory to Him Who has glorified thee; glory to Him Who has made thee wonderful;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Troparion of St Hernan Tone 8

Devoting thy life to prayer and fasting, O Father Hernan,/ thou hast bequeathed to us a legacy of Orthodox asceticism./ Pray to Christ our God that we may be granted grace to emulate thy podvig, O Saint,/ and thereby receive the reward of the blessed.

Troparion of St Merryn Tone 4

As a bishop thou wast an icon of Christ, O holy Merryn,/ and by thy godly life thou didst win many souls for Him./ Pray for us too that we may be numbered among the elect.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

O Christ our God/ Who wast voluntarily lifted up on the Cross,/ grant Thy mercies to Thy new people named after Thee./ Gladden with Thy power Orthodox Christians/ and give them victory over their enemies./ May they have as an ally/ that invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Kontakion of St Nicetas Tone 2

Thou didst stand firm and defeat delusion and hast received thy Martyr's crown,/ O Nicetas, namesake of victory;/ thou art rejoicing with the Angels./ Together with them pray unceasingly to Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion of St Philotheus Tone 2

Thou didst end thy life in righteousness/ and wast a lover of God./ O holy Philotheus, who didst receive power to work miracles,/ pray unceasingly for us all.

SEPTEMBER 16

THE GREAT AND ALL-FAMED MARTYR EUPHEMIA

ST NINIAN, ABBOT

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians,/ and protect Thy people with Thy Cross.

Troparion of St Euphemia Tone 3

In love thy contest was radiant/ and thou didst run to the fragrance of Christ./ O virtuous Virgin-Martyr,/ thou hast entered the bridal chamber/ and dost send healing into the world./ Save those who cry to thee: Rejoice,O holy Euphemia.

Troparion of St Ninian Tone 8

Having been instructed and blessed by saints, O holy Father Ninian,/ thou didst return to Northern Britian to preach Christ to thine own people./ Following thine example, O Apostle of the Picts, Light of those in the darkness of paganism,/ True shepherd of the sheep, Teacher of the Orthodox Faith and Founder of Candida Casa,/ pray that we will tirelessly labour for Christ among our fellow countrymen, that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

O Christ our God/ Who wast voluntarily lifted up on the Cross,/ grant Thy mercies to Thy new people named after Thee./ Gladden with Thy power Orthodox Christians/ and give them victory over their enemies./ May they have as an ally/ that invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Kontakion of St Euphemia Tone 4

Thou didst win thy martyr's contest/ and dost now sanctify us with streams of miracles, O holy Euphemia./ We honour thy repose and stand before thy relics/ to be delivered from our souls' diseases/ and obtain the grace of miracles.

SEPTEMBER 17

THE HOLY MARTYR SOPHIA AND HER THREE DAUGHTERS FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

HOLY MARTYRS SOCRATES AND STEPHEN

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant Victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians,/ and protect Thy people with Thy Cross.

Troparion of St Sophia and her Three Daughters Tone 5

Thou didst blossom in the courts of the Lord/ as a fruitful olive tree,/ O holy Martyr Sophia;/ in thy contest thou didst offer to Christ/ the sweet fruit of thy womb,/ Love, Hope and Faith./ With them, intercede for us all.

Troparion of Ss Socrates and Stephen Tone 1

Thou didst win the crown of martyrdom,/ O noble Socrates and Stephen,/ when thou, following in the footsteps of both our nation's Patron and our protomartyr,/ didst resist the edict of the God-hating Diocletian./ Pray to God that we also may be given strength to be faithful, even unto death,/ that we too may inherit eternal life.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

O Christ our God/ Who wast voluntarily lifted up on the Cross,/ grant Thy mercies to Thy new people named after Thee./ Gladden with Thy power Orthodox Christians/ and give them victory over their enemies./ May they have as an ally/ that invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Kontakion of St Sophia and her Three Daughters Tone 1

Faith, Hope and Love, holy branches of noble Sophia,/ by grace made Greek wisdom foolishness./ They have contested and won the Victory/ and have been crowned by Christ the Master of all.

SEPTEMBER 18

ST EUMENIUS, BISHOP OF GORTYNIA IN CRETE, WONDERWORKER

ST ARIADNE THE MARTYR

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians,/ and protect Thy people with Thy Cross.

Troparion of St Eumenius Tone 4

We have thee as a friend and helper, O gracious advocate Eumenius:/ for thou didst flow with compassion and dost pour healing upon the Church./ Protect those who honour thee.

Troparion of St Ariadne Tone 4

Guided by the hand of Christ,/ thou didst excel in freedom of purpose, O Martyr Ariadne./ Thou didst defeat the enemy/ and receive a crown woven with the grace of God./ Entreat Him to have mercy on those who call thee blessed.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

O Christ our God/ Who wast voluntarily lifted up on the Cross,/ grant Thy mercies to Thy new people named after Thee./ Gladden with Thy power Orthodox Christians/ and give them victory over their enemies./ May they have as an ally/ that invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Kontakion of St Eumenius Tone 2

Radiant with divine Light, blessed Hierarch Eumenius,/ thou dost illumine those who hymn thy glorious passing./ For thou dost pray unceasingly for us all.

Kontakion of St Ariadne Tone 3

Thou didst love Christ the Rock of Life/ and stand steadfastly before the enemy./ A rock which divided and received thee united thee to thy Bridegroom./ O martyr Ariadne,/ entreat Him to forgive our offences.

SEPTEMBER 19

HOLY MARTYRS TROPHIMUS, SABBATIUS AND DORYMEDON

ST THEODORE, PRINCE OF SMOLENSK AND HIS TWO SONS DAVID AND CONSTANTINE

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians,/ and protect Thy people with Thy Cross.

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 3

Adorned with the might of the Trinity you cut off the thorns of error,/ blessed Trophimus delight of the Church,/ wise Sabbatius adornment of athletes,/ and Dorymedon glory of the faithful./ We praise you with hymns.

Troparion of St Theodore and his sons David and Constantine Tone 4

You clung to Christ's love from your youth/ and eagerly kept His laws./ You were enriched with miraculous gifts and now pour forth healings,/ Theodore, David and Constantine./ Pray to Christ our God to save those who venerate you.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

O Christ our God/ Who wast voluntarily lifted up on the Cross,/ grant Thy mercies to Thy new people named after Thee./ Gladden with Thy power Orthodox Christians/ and give them victory over their enemies./ May they have as an ally/ that invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 4

Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon,/ you were a river flowing with the gifts of the Spirit/ and now you water the world with miracles.

Kontakion of Ss Theodore, David and Constantine Tone 8

While in the flesh you were radiant lamps and lived like the Angels./ By fasting, vigil and faith you grew like the tree in Paradise./ You blossomed forth in prayer through the grace you received./ You have become mighty physicians, healing infirmity of souls./ Glorious wonderworkers Theodore, David and Constantine,/ pray to Christ our God for the forgiveness of those who venerate your relics.

SEPTEMBER 20

GREAT MARTYR EUSTATHIUS, HIS WIFE THEOPISTE, AND THEIR TWO SONS AGAPIUS AND THEOPISTUS

ST MICHAEL, PRINCE OF CHERNIGOV AND HIS BOYAR THEODORE, MARTYRS AT THE HANDS OF THE TARTARS

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians,/ and protect Thy people with Thy Cross.

Troparion of St Eustathius Tone 1

O glorious Eustathius, thou wast hunted from heaven/ and captured by Him Who appeared as a deer./ Together with thy wife and sons thou wast tempted and didst triumph in contests./ Thou dost gladden those who cry:/ Glory to Christ Who glorified thee; glory to Him Who crowned thee;/glory to Him Who proved thee to be a second John.

Troparion of St Michael, Prince of Chernigov and his Boyar Theodore Tone 4

You fulfilled your lives as martyrs,/ were adorned with the crowns of confession and ascended into heaven./ O wise Michael and brave Theodore,/ pray to Christ our God to have mercy on your fatherland/ and on all Orthodox Christians.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

O Christ our God/ Who wast voluntarily lifted up on the Cross,/ grant Thy mercies to Thy new people named after Thee./ Gladden with Thy power Orthodox Christians/ and give them victory over their enemies./ May they have as an ally/ that invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Kontakion of St Eustathius Tone 2

Thou didst follow Christ's Passion, Eustathius,/ and willingly drank His chalice./ Thou art also fellow-heir to His glory/ and hast received from Him heavenly power.

Kontakion of St Michael and his Boyar Theodore Tone 8

Despising earthly dominion thou didst abandon fame as transient./ Thou didst enter the contests and proclaim the Trinity before thy tormentors, strong Michael and brave Theodore./ As you stand before the King of Angels pray for your fatherland and Orthodox Christians,/ that we may ever venerate you.

SEPTEMBER 21

LEAVETAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFEGIVING CROSS

ST QUADRATUS OF THE SEVENTY

ST MABYN

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance./ Grant Victory over their enemies to Orthodox Christians,/ and protect Thy people with Thy Cross.

Troparion of St Quadratus Tone 1

Thy life became radiant with wisdom; thou didst draw down the fire of the Spirit/ and discern the doctrines of life,/ Quadratus, Apostle of Christ./ We cry to thee as to an enlightener:/ 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 4

O Christ our God/ Who wast voluntarily lifted up on the Cross,/ grant Thy mercies to Thy new people named after Thee./ Gladden with Thy power Orthodox Christians/ and give them victory over their enemies./ May they have as an ally/ that invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

Kontakion of St Quadratus Tone 8

O Lord, the world offers to Thee the Apostle Quadratus as a holy Hierarch and Martyr./ As we hymn his memory we pray Thee/ to grant forgiveness to those who sing: Alleluia.

Kontakion of St Mabyn Tone 8

Preserving thyself in virginity, and pleasing Christ our God with thy asceticism, O holy Mabyn,/ thou didst give to the faithful an example of pious and godly living./ Pray that the example of our lives will also be pleasing to God,/ that our souls will be brought into the Way of Salvation.

SEPTEMBER 22

ST PHOCAS OF SINOPE, HIEROMARTYR

Troparion Tone 4

Radiant vessel of the Spirit from thy youth,/ thou wast enriched with the gift of miracles;/ thou didst serve thy Savior in the priestly office/ and drink of His cup in thy contest./ Holy Hieromartyr Phocas, entreat Him to Save our souls.

Kontakion Tone 2

The Master has set thee as a brilliant sun/ shining on all the faithful./ He has accepted thy life, faith and contest as myrrh,/ O glorious Martyr Phocas,/ for He is rich in mercy.

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SATURDAY AFTER THE LEAVETAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS: SYNAXIS OF THE RIGHTEOUS FATHERS OF THE NEAR KIEVAN CAVES

Troparion Tone 4

We bring to Thee in prayer, O Christ, great Anthony and the assembly of the God-bearing Fathers;/ they are a fiery Pillar and a brilliant sun shining from the Kievan Caves./ By their prayers grant grace to our monastery and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion Tone 2

Let us honour with praises the ascetic choir/ as we behold them with our minds and in spirit./ As we venerate their relics, let us bring gifts of love,/ for they pray to God for our souls.

SEPTEMBER 23

CONCEPTION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Troparion Tone 4

Sing, O barren one that didst not bear,/ for thou hast conceived the lamp of the Sun/ Who is to enlighten the whole world suffering blindness./ O Zacharias rejoice and shout:/ "The prophet of the Most High is to be born."

Kontakion Tone 1

Great Zacharias radiantly rejoices/ together with Elizabeth:/ she worthily conceived John the Forerunner whom the Angel announced with great gladness/ and whom we honour as an initiate of grace.

SEPTEMBER 24

SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD OF THE MYRTLE TREE

ST THECLA, THE FIRST WOMAN-MARTYR EQUAL-TO-THE APOSTLES

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 4

Let us come clapping our hands with joy and faith/ and sing lovingly to the Mother of God:/ Rejoice, protection of all who entreat thee,/ rejoice, salvation of those who honour thee,/ rejoice, for thou didst heal the paralytic.

Troparion of St Thecla Tone 3

Inspired by the divine teacher's words/ thou wast inflamed with love for thy Creator./ Thou didst disdain all earthly pleasures/ and endure wild beasts and fire./ O glorious Thecla, companion of Paul,/ entreat thy divine Bridegroom/ to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Mother of God Tone 8

Let us the faithful come to the Mother of God/ for she grants healing to all abundantly;/ and let us sing with love: As thou hast raised the paralytic, O Bride of God,/ deliver from danger those who cry to thee: Rejoice Joy of all creation.

Kontakion of St Thecla Tone 8

Radiant with virginity and adorned with the crown of martyrdom,/ thou wast a bearer of the Faith./ Thou didst turn flames to dew and tame a wild bull by thy prayer,/ O glorious Thecla, first woman martyr.

SEPTEMBER 25

ST SERGIUS OF RADONEZH, WONDERWORKER

ST EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA

ST CAIAN

ST FINBAR

Troparion of St Sergius Tone 4

Champion of virtue and warrior of Christ,/ thou didst contend against earthly passions;/ thou wast a model to thy disciples in vigil, chant and fasting/ and the Holy Spirit came and dwelt in thee./ As thou hast boldness towards the Trinity remember thy flock/ and visit thy children as thou didst promise,/ O holy Father Sergius.

Troparion of St Euphrosyne Tone 1

As an ascetic thou didst hide thy womanhood/ and thy falling asleep was an amazement, O Euphrosyne./ Though a woman, thou didst toil as a man/ and by thy prayers thou dost save those who honour thee.

Troparion of St Caian Tone 8

The noble Brychan, obeying God's will, bestowed on the Church a galaxy of saints to illumine our land./ As in Angelsey thou didst labour for Christ, O holy Caian,/ cease not in thy labour of prayer that we may be granted salvation for our souls.

Troparion of St Finbar Tone 4

Truly thou art hymned, O Hierarch Finbar,/ as a Father of monastics and shepherd of souls./ Seeing our plight and feeling for us in our great necessity,/ cease not to intercede with Christ our God/ that He will raise up in our days pastors of thy stature to lead us into the way of Truth.

Kontakion of St Sergius Tone 8

Wounded with love for Christ and eagerly following Him,/ thou didst spurn all carnal desire and shine as the sun on thy fatherland./ Christ has given thee the gift of wonderworking./ Remember us who honour thy memory and cry: Rejoice, Sergius our holy Father.

Kontakion of St Euphrosyne Tone 2

Desiring the life on high and forsaking all earthly pleasures/ thou didst live as a man among men, O holy Euphrosyne./ For the sake of Christ thy Bridegroom/ thou didst spurn earthly betrothal.

SEPTEMBER 26

TRANSLATION OF THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST ST JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

ST MAWGAN

ST COLMAN ELO

Troparion of St John Tone 2

Apostle beloved of Christ our God,/ hasten to deliver a defenceless people./ He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast/ receives thee bowing in prayer, O John the Theologian./ Implore Him to dispel heathen persistance/ and to grant us peace and mercy.

Troparion of St Mawgan Tone 4

Renowned for thy fatherly teaching/ and the tirelessness of thy missionary endeavours, O Father Mawgan,/ thou art the inspiration of all who call on thee./ Entreat Christ our God that He would spare us to serve Him alone/ and thus attain the rewards of the Blessed.

Troparion of St Colman Elo Tone 8

Following in the footsteps of thy renowned kinsman Columba, O Father Colman Elo,/ thou didst bring many in the Celtic lands to Christ by thy preaching and virtuous life./ Pray that we who hymn thee may be given grace to follow in thy footsteps that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St John Tone 2

Who can tell of thy mighty works, O beloved Saint?/ Thou didst pour forth miracles./ Thou art a source of healing and dost intercede for our souls/ as Theologian and friend of Christ.

SEPTEMBER 27

HOLY MARTYR CALLISTRATUS AND THE FORTY NINE HOLY MARTYRS WITH HIM

ST SABBATIUS OF SOLOVIETSK

ST BARROG

Troparion of St Callistratus Tone 3

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit thou wast glorious in contest/ and didst cast down the enemy, O Martyr Callistratus./ And thou dost offer a noble army of athletes/ as incense to Christ./ With them pray for us who praise thee with hymns.

Troparion of St Sabbatius of Solovietsk Tone 3

Thou didst abandon the world and fight the good fight/ by hardship, vigil and prayer./ Pray to Christ our God to save our souls, O holy Father Sabbatius.

Troparion of St Barrog Tone 8

Light of the West, inspirer of monastics and boast of ascetics,/ thy radiant life was pleasing to God, O Father Barrog./ Do not reject us in our pitiable state but pray, O Saint,/ that repenting and weeping we may be found worthy of a place in Christ's holy Kingdom.

Kontakion of St Callistratus Tone 4

Like stars you have shone upon the world/ and shed the light of contests and miracles on all who cry to you:/ Rejoice Callistratus with your company of fellow Martyrs.

Kontakion of St Sabbatius Tone 2

Fleeing the turmoil of life/ thou didst dwell on an island in the sea./ Thou didst take up thy cross and follow Christ/ and toil in vigils, fasting and hardships./ Thou hast become the adornment of the righteous/ and we lovingly celebrate thy memory./ Pray to Christ our God to save our souls, O righteous Sabbatius.

SEPTEMBER 28

OUR HOLY FATHER AND CONFESSOR CHARITON

HOLY PROPHET BARUCH

ST CONWALL

Troparion of St Chariton Tone 4

O blessed Chariton,/ radiant with the grace of the Spirit/ thou wast luminous with virtue./ Thou didst shine from the desert by confession and labours./ Pray for those who sing thy praises.

Troparion of the Prophet Baruch Tone 8

Thou wast worthy of the light of prophecy/ and didst become companion to Jeremias./ Thou didst foretell the self-emptying of God the Word/ which He wrought for the world's salvation./ We who partake of this in the true Faith honour thee, O Prophet Baruch.

Troparion of St Conwall Tone 8

Taking to heart Christ's holy command, thou didst preach His Gospel to the nation of the Picts,/ O Father Conwall, setting us a laudable example./ Pray that we may be granted strength also to witness for Christ until our last breath,/ that having lived only for Him, we may be made worthy to enter His Kingdom.

Kontakion of St Chariton Tone 2

Thou didst delight in monastic discipline/ and bridle carnal desire,/ and didst increase in faith, O blessed Chariton./ Thou hast flourished as the tree of life in the midst of Paradise.

Kontakion of the Prophet Baruch Tone 8

Like a prophetic harp thou didst sing and foretell the Redeemer's dispensation:/ "This is our God Who did show Himself upon earth and none other shall be compared to Him."/ Thus hast thou revealed the gate of knowledge, O Baruch, to those who worship His coming.

SEPTEMBER 29

ST CYRIAC THE ASCETIC

Troparion 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 Cyriac./ 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 Tone 8

The sacred Lavra honours thee as a mighty champion and helper,/ and yearly celebrates thy memory./ Thou hast boldness towards the Lord: preserve us from all enemy attack/ that we may cry to thee: Rejoice Cyriac our holy father.

SEPTEMBER 30

HOLY HIEROMARTYR GREGORY THE ILLUMINATOR, BISHOP AND EVANGELIST OF GREAT ARMENIA

ST MICHAEL, METROPOLITAN OF KIEV

ST MIDAN

Troparion of St Gregory Tone 3

Thou didst sow the knowledge of God in the hearts of the faithful,/ by cultivating the Faith;/ made radiant by the wounds of martyrdom/ thou didst shed thy light on all./ O Hierarch Gregory, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Michael, Metropolitan of Kiev Tone 4

The prophecy of the first-called Apostle has been fulfilled today:/ grace has illumined these hills,/ the faith is increased,/ and those who were not a people are now the people of God, a holy nation,/ a flock of Christ of which thou, O Michael, art first shepherd,/ and thou dost serve it by giving it baptism./ O Hierarch standing before God, pray that all may be saved.

Troparion of St Midan Tone 8

Amongst Angelsey's adornment of Saints,/ thy virtuous life shines forth to illumine these islands, O Father Midan./ We pray thee to intercede with Christ our God/ that His mercy, and not our weakness, will prevail that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Gregory Tone 2

Let us the faithful praise Hierarch Gregory/ who is a shepherd, teacher and enlightener;/ and he is an athlete for the Truth./ He intercedes with Christ our God that we may be saved.

Kontakion of St Michael Tone 2

Thou didst appear as a second Moses/ bringing the vine from Egyptian idolatry into the land of promise./ And thou didst say of it: Faith shall be established in this land,/ and fruit to nourish the world shall flourish on the summits of Kiev/ more than on the heights of Lebanon./ Having this fruit we bless thee,/ O Hierarch Michael.