TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

AUGUST

AUGUST 1

PROCESSION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

THE SEVEN MACCABEE CHILDREN, THEIR MOTHER SOLOMONE AND THEIR TEACHER ELEAZAR

ST RIOCH

ST KENNETH

Troparion of the Precious Cross Tone 1

Save, O Lord, Thy people/ and bless Thine inheritance,/ granting to Orthodox Christians/ victory over their enemies,/ and by Thy Cross/ preserving Thy community.

Troparion of the All-Merciful Savior Tone 8

O merciful Lord, Thou didst look down from heaven and receive the poor and wretched:/ come down to us who have become embittered by sin/ and through the prayers of the Mother of God grant mercy to our souls.

Troparion of the Holy Maccabees Tone 4

Let us praise the seven Maccabees/ with their mother, Solomone and their teacher Eleazar;/ they were splendid in lawful contest/ as guardians of the teachings of the Law./ Now as Christ's holy martyrs they are interceding unceasingly for the world.

Troparion of St Rioch Tone 1

The radiance of thy life and the triumph of thine austerity/ shone forth from Innisboffin's Monastery, O Father Rioch,/ illuminating the Irish nation and leading them from the darkness of paganism/ into the light of true belief./ Wherefore O holy one, intercede with Christ our God/ that we may be turned from the errors of our day that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St Kenneth Tone 2

Rejecting thy princely dignity and worldly position,/ thou didst retire to the desert, O righteous Kenneth,/ and as we rejoice in thy God-pleasing asceticism,/ beseech Christ our God that He will save our souls.

Kontakion of the Precious Cross 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 All-Merciful Saviour Tone 4

All my deeds have been vile, O merciful Savior,/ and I have fallen into the pit of despair,/ but, O Word, with heartfelt groanings I cry:/ O compassionate One, hasten to our aid/ for Thou alone art merciful.

Kontakion of the Holy Maccabees Tone 6

You seven pillars of the wisdom of God,/ you seven-branched candlestick of the Divine Light,/ you were great martyrs before the time of the martyrs,/ O supremely-wise Maccabees./ Together with them pray to the God of all/ that those who venerate you may be saved.

AUGUST 2

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE PROTOMARTYR AND ARCHDEACON ST STEPHEN FROM JERUSALEM TO CONSTANTINOPLE

Troparion Tone 4

Thou art crowned with a royal diadem/ for contests endured in Christ's name, O first and holy Martyr;/ thou didst put to shame thy persecutors/ and see the Savior at the right hand of the Father./ Ever pray to Him for our souls.

Another Troparion Tone 4

Thy relics have risen from the bowels of the earth/ like a treasury of the immortal life of all creation./ The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them,/ duteously honours thee, O Protomartyr Stephen./ Preserve us from error and heresy by thine intercession.

Kontakion Tone 8

Thou wast the first to be sown on earth by the heavenly Husbandman;/ thou wast the first to shed thy blood for Christ, O blessed and famous Stephen./ Thou wast the first to be adorned by Him in heaven with the crown of victory,/ O spearhead of athletes, the martyrs' first-crowned champion.

AUGUST 3

THE RIGHTEOUS FATHERS ISAAC, DALMATOS AND FAUSTOS, ABBOTS IN CONSTANTINOPLE

ST ANTHONY THE ROMAN, WONDERWORKER IN NOVGOROD

ST TREA, RECLUSE

Troparion of the Righteous Fathers Tone 1

Let us honour the triple choir of righteous fathers,/ glorious Isaac, Dalmatos and Faustos./ They dispel the night of passions by the three-branched candlestick of Christ the Light/ and by their virtues illuminate those who cry:/ Glory to Him Who has made you wonderful; glory to Him Who has magnified you;/ glory to Him Who through you works healings for all.

Troparion of St Anthony the Roman Tone 4

Thou didst leave old Rome thy fatherland,/ and scale a rock as though it were a lightship./ On it thou didst cross the sea like a Bodiless One,/ guided by the foreseeing of the Divine Mind./ Thou didst reach Great Novgorod and build a monastery/ wherein thou didst leave the holy gift of thy body./ We beseech thee, O Father Anthony, to pray to Christ our God that He save our souls.

Troparion of St Trea Tone 3

Angels rejoiced in thy life of prayer, fasting and seclusion/ for the love of Christ our Savior, O holy Trea./ Aware of our worldliness and lack of resolution,/ we turn to thee, O blessed one,/ beseeching thee to intercede for us with Christ our God/ that He will grant us great mercy.

Kontakion of the Righteous Fathers Tone 2

By asceticism you shone like lights in the world/ and by your faith you overthrew heresies./ O Isaac, Dalmatos and Faustos,/ we praise you with hymns/ as servants of Christ who are praying for us all.

Kontakion of St Anthony Tone 8

You were brought up in Rome and blossomed with grace in Great Novgorod/ where you pleased God with your many labours and struggles./ He granted you the gift of working miracles and kept thy body incorrupt for many years./ As we kiss it we joyfully cry to thee: Rejoice, O Father Anthony.

AUGUST 4

THE SEVEN HOLY YOUTHS OF EPHESUS

ST LUGID

Troparion of the holy Youths Tone 4

O miracle of faith! The seven holy youths remained in a cave/ as though in a royal palace and died without corruption./ After many years they rose up from sleep/ to convince all men of the Resurrection./ Through their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us all.

Troparion of St Lugid Tone 4

Renowned for thy virtuous life/ and thy zeal as a founder of monasteries,/ pray O Father Lugid, that God will raise up monastics in our day/ to instruct and guide the faithful in their struggles/ that many souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the holy Youths Tone 4

They forsook the things of the world as corrupt;/ they received the gifts of incorruption and remained in death without corruption./ They arose after many years/ having buried their enemies' unbelief./ Today as we praise these seven holy youths let us give glory to Christ.

AUGUST 5

FOREFEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

HOLY MARTYR EVSIGNIOS

HOLY MARTYR OSWALD

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 4

Come, you faithful, let us welcome the Transfiguration of Christ/ and let us joyfully cry as we celebrate the forefeast:/ The day of holy gladness has come./ The Lord has ascended Mount Tabor/ to radiate the beauty of His Divinity.

Troparion of St Evsignios Tone 4

Thou wast filled with the faith of Christ,/ and in old age possessed a godly, youthful firmness./ Thou didst confess God the Word as transcendent in Essence/ and didst boldly rebuke the apostate's audacity./ Wherefore thou art glorified with the martyrs, O Evsignios, soldier of Christ.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 4

All mortal nature is shining today with the divine Transfiguration/ and is crying with exultation:/ Christ the Savior of all is transfigured.

Kontakion of St Evsignios Tone 8

Today the Church glorifies the holy contests of wise Evsignios, the witness of godliness/ and she cries unceasingly: Preserve Thy servants by his intercessions, O most Merciful One.

AUGUST 6

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Troparion Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,/ revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it./ Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners/ through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

Kontakion Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they were capable,/ that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they might know that Thy suffering was voluntary/ and might proclaim to the world/ that Thou art indeed the reflection of the Father.

AUGUST 7

HOLY HIEROMARTYR DOMETIOS THE PERSIAN

Troparion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,/ revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it./ Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners/ through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St Dometios Tone 4

After disciplining thyself with prayer and fasting on the mountain,/ thou didst destroy the hosts of spiritual enemies with the weapon of the Cross./ Thou didst bravely arm thyself again for martyrdom/ and wast crowned both for thy life and for thy death,/ O blessed Hieromartyr Dometios.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they were capable,/ that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they might know that Thy suffering was voluntary/ and might proclaim to the world/ that Thou art indeed the reflection of the Father.

Kontakion of St Dometios Tone 6

Thou didst rise above earthly things which drag down the mind,/ thou wast a great guide of monks, O Dometios./ Thou didst not fear the furious emperor/ who would not honour God./ Therefore O Hieromartyr, thou didst die chanting the hymn:/ "God is with me and no one is against me."

AUGUST 8

ST EMILIAN THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF CYZICOS

Troparion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,/ revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it./ Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners/ through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St Emilian Tone 3

In confessing the Faith thou didst proclaim the doctrines of Orthodoxy/ and wast unjustly exiled for rebuking the wicked king./ O righteous and glorious Emilian/ who art the boast of Cyzicos,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they were capable,/ that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they might know that Thy suffering was voluntary/ and might proclaim to the world/ that Thou art indeed the reflection of the Father.

Kontakion of St Emilian Tone 3

The Church for which thou didst suffer, O Emilian,/ hymns and glorifies thee./ For thou wast a champion of the Trinity,/ and so we venerate thy memory./ Deliver thy servants from all assaults of the enemy.

AUGUST 9

HOLY APOSTLE MATTHIAS

ST PHELIM, HIERARCH

Troparion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,/ revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it./ Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners/ through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St Matthias Tone 3

Called by the Holy Spirit thou didst complement the twelve-fold choir of the Apostles./ Thou didst proclaim with them the condescension of God the Word,/ O wondrous and glorious Apostle Matthias./ Pray that all who praise thee/ may receive great mercy and the forgiveness of their sins.

Troparion of St Phelim Tone 4

Thou wast a jewel in the diadem of spiritual athletes/ as bestowed on the Bride of Christ by Iona's Monastery, O Hierarch Phelim,/ Wherefore we pray thee to intercede with Christ our God for us,/ lax and unworthy as we are,/ that we may be granted great mercy.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they were capable,/ that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they might know that Thy suffering was voluntary/ and might proclaim to the world/ that Thou art indeed the reflection of the Father.

Kontakion of St Matthias Tone 4

Thy message has gone out into all the earth like the sun with its rays of light./ By grace it enlightens the Church of the nations,/ O wonderworking Apostle Matthias.

AUGUST 10

HOLY MARTYR LAURENCE, ARCHDEACON OF ROME

ST GERAINT, CONFESSOR

ST BLANE, HIERARCH

Troparion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,/ revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it./ Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners/ through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St Laurence Tone 3

Aflame with the Spirit like a living coal/ thou didst burn up the thorns of error,/ O blessed trophy-bearer Laurence,/ archdeacon of Christ./ Like rational incense thou didst become a whole burnt offering/ to Him Who magnified thee./ Wherefore shelter from all assaults of the enemy those who glorify thee.

Troparion of St Geraint Tone 8

Thou wast a Confessor for the Faith, a friend and father of saints/ and a wise and pious king, O holy Geraint./ Even in the Age of Saints thy virtues shone forth, O righteous one,/ and as thou wast a shining beacon guiding thy subjects in Devon into the way of salvation,/ intercede we beseech thee, with Christ our God,/ for those who call upon thee, that He will save their souls.

Troparion of St Blane Tone 5

Drifting over the sea in a boat without oars/ thou wast directed by God to the Island of Bute, O Hierarch Blane,/ where thou didst devote thyself to apostolic labours./ O performer of miracles,/ thou art worthy to be praised as Equal to the Apostles./ Wherefore we beseech thee pray to Christ our God/ that He will raise up labourers to recultivate that northern part of His Vineyard,/ so long overgrown with the weeds of heresy and apostasy,/ which thou didst once tend with such care,/ that again many may be led into the way of salvation.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they were capable,/ that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they might know that Thy suffering was voluntary/ and might proclaim to the world/ that Thou art indeed the reflection of the Father.

Kontakion of St Laurence Tone 2

With divine fire thou didst kindle thy heart, O Laurence/ and reduce the fire of the passions to ashes./ O staff of athletes, Godbearing Martyr,/ thou didst cry with faith while contesting:/ No one will separate me from the love of Christ.

AUGUST 11

HOLY MARTYR EVPLOS THE DEACON

Troparion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,/ revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it./ Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners/ through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St Evplos Tone 4

As a holy deacon, a righteous minister of the Church of Christ,/ thou didst contend superbly./ Thou didst sail over the sea of many torments and afflictions,/ O all-blessed Evplos./ Guide us into the haven of heaven.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they were capable,/ that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they might know that Thy suffering was voluntary/ and might proclaim to the world/ that Thou art indeed the reflection of the Father.

Kontakion of St Evplos Tone 1

Thou didst bear in thy hands the law of Christ/ and cry to thine enemies in the stadium:/ I am coming willingly to contest most steadfastly./ Then thou didst gladly finish thy course by bending thy neck to the sword.

AUGUST 12

HOLY MARTYRS PHOTIOS AND ANICETOS

Troparion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,/ revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it./ Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners/ through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 3

United in the Faith, your nearness of kinship/ was made radiant by your divine struggles,/ O blessed Martyr Anicetos and Photios servant of Light./ Pray that those who hymn your holy contest/ may be granted the forgiveness of their sins.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they were capable,/ that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they might know that Thy suffering was voluntary/ and might proclaim to the world/ that Thou art indeed the reflection of the Father.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 3

When godly Photios saw thee contesting in the stadium,/ O Athlete Anicetos,/ he joined thee in the struggle and victoriously suffered all the torments./ Together with him intercede with Christ our God/ that He deliver us from all dangers.

AUGUST 13

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

ST MAXIMOS THE CONFESSOR

ST TIKHON OF ZADONSK

Troparion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, O Christ God,/ revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it./ Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners/ through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St Maximos Tone 3

By an outpouring of the Holy Spirit/ thou didst pour forth Christ's sacred teachings./ Thou didst expound with divine authority the self-emptying of God the Word/ and wast radiant in thy confession of the True Faith./ Glorious Father Maximos, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Tikhon Tone 8

From thy youth thou didst love Christ, O blessed one/ and wast a model in word, life, love, spirit, faith and humility./ Now thou art dwelling in the heavenly mansions where thou dost stand before the throne of the Most Holy Trinity./ Holy Father Tikhon, pray that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God,/ and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they were capable,/ that when they should see Thee crucified,/ they might know that Thy suffering was voluntary/ and might proclaim to the world/ that Thou art indeed the reflection of the Father.

Kontakion of St Maximos Tone 2

O Maximos divinely inspired champion of the Church,/ sure and illumined exponent of Orthodoxy,/ thou harp and trumpet of godliness,/ divine and holy adornment of monks:/ cease not to intercede for us all.

Kontakion of St Tikhon Tone 8

O successor of the Apostles, adornment of Hierarchs and teacher of the Orthodox Church:/ pray to the Lord of all that He grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

AUGUST 14

FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE ALL-HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY PROPHET MICAH

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 4

O you people leap for joy and clap your hands,/ and lovingly cry out with radiant gladness./ For the Ever-Virgin Mary/ is about to rise gloriously from earth to heaven./ Let us ever glorify her as the Mother of God.

Troparion of the Prophet Micah Tone 4

In the Spirit thou didst foresee the Church of Christ/ as a lofty mountain, O inspired Prophet Micah./ As thou hast foretold, those who have found salvation therein/ are walking in the paths of the Lord,/ ever praising thy glorious memory.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 4

In thy memory the world is spiritually adorned with the immaterial Spirit/ and is gladly shouting to thee:/ Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians.

Kontakion of the Prophet Micah Tone 4

Illumined by the light of the Holy Spirit,/ thou didst foretell Christ's condescension/ whereby we who honour thee/ are redeemed from corruption,/ O God-inspired Prophet Micah.

AUGUST 15

DORMITION OF THE ALL-HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Troparion Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Kontakion Tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

AUGUST 16

TRANSLATION OF THE ICON NOT MADE WITH HANDS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST FROM EDESSA TO CONSTANTINOPLE

HOLY MARTYR DIOMEDES THE UNMERCINARY HEALER

Troparion of the Holy Icon Tone 2

We worship Thine immaculate image, O Good One,/ and ask the forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God;/ for of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh,/ to deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst created./ Therefore we thankfully cry to Thee:/ Thou hast filled all things with joy, O our Savior,/ by coming to save the world.

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of St Diomedes Tone 1

O Diomedes, as a healer of bodily sickness,/ by the word of truth thou didst grant healing to souls./ Thou hast received this gift from God/ and dost ever help those suffering from various diseases./ Thou art radiant with the grace of martyrdom;/ wherefore thou savest those who cry to thee:/ Glory to Him Who has glorified thee; glory to Him Who has crowned thee;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Kontakion of the Holy Icon Tone 8

The uncircumscribable word of the Father/ was circumscribed when He took flesh of thee, O Mother of God;/ and when He had restored the defiled image to its pristine state He suffused it with divine beauty./ And as we proclaim our salvation we record it by word and deed.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion of St Diomedes Tone 6

Thou wast skilled in the science of healing/ and didst wisely choose the lot of holy athletes;/ thou didst openly preach Christ our God,/ O blessed Diomedes, thou adornment of unmercenary saints,/ the protector of those crying to thee:/ Become the physician of us thy servants, O wise one.

AUGUST 17

HOLY HIEROMARTYR MYRON

ST ALYPIOS THE ICONOGRAPHER

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of St Myron Tone 4

O holy Myron, thou wast an alabaster vessel of virtue,/ thou didst faithfully serve Christ's Church and contest as a martyr./ Wherefore by the fragrance of the gifts God has given thee,/ thou didst dispel the stench of our soul's passions,/ and by thy prayers thou dost obtain our forgiveness.

Troparion of St Alypios Tone 8

Thou didst portray the Saints' faces on panels of wood, O all-praised Alypios,/ as a skilled craftsman thou didst inscribe their good works on the tablets of thy heart./ Like an icon adorned in a God-like manner thou wast gilded with the grace of holiness/ by Christ our God the Savior of our souls.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion of St Myron Tone 2

Thou didst love Christ from thy childhood, O glorious Martyr,/ thou didst keep His commandments and run to Him wholeheartedly, O Myron./ Now thou art resting with the Angels/ and dost glorify Him and art asking forgiveness for us all.

Kontakion of St Alypios Tone 2

Divinely sealed, thou didst learn iconography from thy childhood/ and take thy part in adorning the church of the Mother of God./ Thou didst behold the illumination of the Holy Spirit/ and receive power from God to write miracleworking icons./ Wherefore we venerate thee, blessed Alypios.

AUGUST 18

HOLY MARTYRS FLOROS AND LAUROS

ST DAGA, HIERARCH

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 5

You were practiced in the ways of godliness/ and gladly ran your course of martyrdom,/ and as illustrious kinsmen you were glorified by Christ./ O Floros and Lauros,/ we praise you as noble athletes,/ and we cry to you: O Saints,/ deliver us from all necessities.

Troparion of St Dada Tone 6

O Daga, thou Hierarch beloved by thy flock,/ thou didst raise St Cairlon of Cashel to life,/ and thy piety enlightened Ireland./ Pray to Christ our God for us all.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 8

Today the universe honours glorious Floros and Lauros as wise, godly martyrs and champions of Christ.; By their prayers may we receive grace and mercy / and be delivered from evil and temptations,/ and from wrath and affliction on the Judgment Day.

AUGUST 19

HOLY GREAT MARTYR ANDREW THE COMMANDER AND THE 2593 MARTYRS WITH HIM

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of St Andrew the Commander Tone 3

Thou didst recruit a divinely chosen army for Christ the King/ by the power of the holy Faith,/ and as their commander and model thou didst excel with them in the warfare of martyrdom./ Wherefore together with them intercede with the Lord Who has glorified thee/ to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion of St Andrew Tone 4

O Andrew most excellent commander, thou didst lead an army of martyrs to Christ./ And with them, O Andrew, thou didst proclaim: / O Compassionate One, Thou art the martyrs' Crown.

AUGUST 20

HOLY PROPHET SAMUEL

ST OSWIN, KING AND MARTYR

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of the Prophet Samuel Tone 4

Thou didst blossom as a scion of righteousness from a barren mother, O great Prophet Samuel./ Thou didst reveal beforehand the blessings we should receive;/ from childhood thou didst serve the Lord in the priestly office./ As a prophet thou anointedst kings;/ ever remember those who acclaim thee.

Troparion of St Oswin Tone 1

Courtesy and humility shone from thee,/ O radiant Martyr Oswin./ Trained by St Aidan as a Christian ruler,/ thou didst illumine northern Britian./ 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 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion of the Prophet Samuel Tone 8

Thou wast a precious gift to God before thy conception;/ thou didst serve Him from infancy like an angel/ and wast granted to foretell future events, wherefore we cry to thee: / Rejoice, O Samuel, thou Prophet of God and great high priest.

AUGUST 21

HOLY APOSTLE THADDEUS

HOLY MARTYR VASSA AND HER THREE SONS

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of the Apostle Thaddeus Tone 4

O holy disciple and witness to God/ who appeared in the flesh for our sakes,/ thou didst bring the light of saving grace to those in darkness,/ thou wast revealed as an excellent physician to the people of Edessa./ Wherefore shelter those who fervently seek thee.

Troparion of St Vassa Tone 1

Thou wast a mother of fair children, O trophy-bearer Vassa;/ thou didst bring to the Trinity the fruits of thy womb:/ at thy word Theognios, Pistos and Agapios bravely contested and with thee partake of glory./ Save those who cry to thee;/ Glory to Him Who has crowned thee; glory to Him Who has glorified thee;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion of the Apostle Thaddeus Tone 4

The Church has acquired thee as a star, O Thaddeus, / and is ever enlightened by thy miracles. / Save those who faithfully venerate thy memory.

Kontakion of St Vassa Tone 8

Thou didst follow in the footsteps of Solomone, mother of the Maccabee children,/ and didst encourage thy three sons to endure the martyrs' contest./ Now thou hast passed beyond the afflictions of this life:/ deliver us from temptations for we cry to thee:/ Rejoice, O much-suffering Martyr Vassa.

AUGUST 22

SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD OF PRUSA

HOLY MARTYR AGATHONICOS AND HIS COMPANIONS

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 1

By thine icon of Prusa thou art protectress of the land of Greece/ and a worker of wondrous signs, O Immaculate Virgin Mary./ For thou dost grant sight to the blind, thou dost cast out demons and strengthen paralytics, O good one./ And thou dost save from dangers all who hasten to thee./ Glory to thy seedless childbirth; glory to Him Who has made thee wonderful;/ glory to Him Who works such wonders through thee.

Troparion of St Agathonicos Tone 3

Thou hast raised up a victorious trophy over error, O Agathonicus/ and wast found worthy of incorruptible riches./ Thou didst emulate the death of the Master/ and become a partaker of immortal life./ O glorious Martyr, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion of the Mother of God Tone 3

We lovingly celebrate the joyful feast of thine icon,/ O Virgin Mother of God,/ for we have thee as our protection/ and have found thee to be our helper in all our distress./ Wherefore with faith we praise thy glorious deeds, O Mother of the God of all.

Kontakion of St Agathonicos Tone 1

O glorious Agathonicos, thou namesake of goodness,/ thou art a godly martyr/ who didst turn from the shrines of evil men,/ not fearing their tortures./ Wherefore thou didst inherit blessings and worthily receive the crown of incorruption/ with thy fellow martyrs.

AUGUST 23

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

ST EOGAN, FIRST BISHOP OF ARDSTRAWST

ST LUPOS THE SLAVE

Troparion of the Feast Tone 1

In giving birth thou didst preserve thy virginity;/ in falling asleep thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos./ Thou wast translated to life, O Mother of Life,/ and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Troparion of St Lupos Tone 3

Thou wast armed with the invincible power of God the Word,/ O prizewinning Martyr Lupos./ Thou didst war against the prince of evil and shine resplendently in contest,/ and receive the prize of victory./ Pray for us fervently that we may be granted the forgiveness of our sins.

Troparion of St Eogan Tone 4

O great traveler Eogan who didst traverse Christian Europe in thy zeal for Christ,/ trained by St Ninian thou wast a wise teacher of the Faith./ Glory to God Who has glorified thee.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 2

Neither the tomb nor death could hold the Theotokos,/ who is sleepless in her intercessions and an unchanging hope in her mediations./ For as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life/ by Him Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Kontakion of St Lupos Tone 2

In thy contest thou didst vanquish the enemy array/ as the Lord's steadfast warrior, O Lupos./ For strengthened by divine love thou didst prevail with great struggles/ surpassing the strength of man./ Thou art interceding with Christ our God for us all.

AUGUST 24

HOLY HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHES, DISCIPLE OF THE APOSTLE ST JOHN

ST YCHARD

Troparion of St Eutyches Tone 4

O disciple of the holy Apostles, thou wast a teacher of godliness/ and didst openly proclaim the incarnation of the Word./ Thou didst suffer as a martyr and confirm the word of Faith by thy miracles./ O Hieromartyr and Father Eutyches/ pray to Christ our God for our souls.

Troparion of St Ychard Tone 1

Ordained by St Ternan, with him thou didst labour/ and preach the Gospel to the heathen Picts./ Pray for the faithful who celebrate thy memory and cry:/ Rejoice, O Father Ychard.

Kontakion of St Eutyches Tone 3

Thou wast a successor of the Apostles and an example to bishops/ O Eutyches who didst die as a martyr./ Thou didst shine like the sun and illuminate all,/ dispelling the darkness of godlessness./ Wherefore we venerate thee as Christ's divine servant.

AUGUST 25

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST BARTHOLOMEW

HOLY APOSTLE TITUS, FIRST BISHOP

Troparion of St Bartholomew Tone 5

O wise Bartholomew,/ thy holy relics appeared like the dawn/ shining in the East and coming to the West./ They shine with the gifts/ of the Daystar of life/ and dispel the darkness of diseases/ from those who approach them with faith and hope.

Troparion of St Titus Tone 5

Thou didst receive thy call from heaven,/ to learn about sacred things/ and of thy Master's coming to earth in the flesh./ Thou didst witness His deeds and wast filled with the light of grace./ As companion of Paul and preacher of the Faith/ thou didst enlighten Crete with the word of Godliness,/ O blessed Apostle Titus.

Kontakion of St Bartholomew Tone 4

Thou didst appear as a great sun to the world/ with miracles and rays of teachings./ Thou dost guide to the light/ all who venerate thee,/ O Bartholomew, Apostle of the Lord.

Kontakion of St Titus Tone 2

Thou wast a companion of Paul, O Apostle Titus,/ and with him thou didst preach the word of grace and reveal glorious mysteries./ Wherefore we cry to thee:/ Unceasingly pray for us all.

AUGUST 26

ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD OF VLADIMIR

HOLY MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIE

Troparion of the Icon Tone 4

Today the city of Moscow is radiant/ for it receives the sunbeam of thy wonderworking icon, O Lady./ As we greet it we pray to thee and cry:/ O wonderful Mother of God,/ pray to Christ our God Who was incarnate of thee/ that this city and all cities and countries be kept safe from all enemy assaults/ and that our souls may be saved, for He is merciful .

Troparion of Ss Adrian and Natalie Tone 3

Thou didst value the Faith as imperishable wealth, O thrice-blessed one,/ and didst abandon thy father's ungodliness./ Accepting thy spouse's word, thou wast made radiant in contest./ O glorious Adrian, pray to Christ our God for us,/ together with godly-minded Natalie.

Kontakion of the Icon Tone 8

Queen of the heavenly hosts, defender of our souls,/ we joyfully celebrate the festival of thy meeting, O holy Mother of God;/ for by the coming of thy precious icon thou hast delivered us from harm,/ and as is meet we cry to thee: Rejoice, unwedded Bride.

Kontakion of Ss Adrian and Natalie Tone 4

Thou didst lay to heart the words of thy godly-minded spouse,/ O Adrian martyr of Christ./ Eagerly didst thou run to the tortures, and with thy wife receive a crown.

Another Kontakion of Ss Adrian and Natalie Tone 4

The memory of the martyrs has dawned,/ and all the ends of the world are radiant./ They cry out with gladness; O Christ, Thou art the joy of the martyrs.

AUGUST 27

HOLY MARTYR PHANURIOS

OUR HOLY FATHER PIMEN THE ANCHORITE

Troparion of St Phanurios Tone 4

From earth a heavenly song is sung:/ in heaven the Angels celebrate an earthly festival./ From on high they chant the praise of thy contests:/ from below the Church proclaims thy heavenly glory/ which flows from thy struggles, O Phanurios .

Troparion of St Pimen Tone 3

Thy mind was illumined with the light of divine works/ and thou wast an unfading lamp of discernment;/ for thou didst dispel the darkness of passions and illuminate our minds./ O righteous Pimen,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St Phanurios Tone 3

Thou didst save the priests from ungodly captivity/ and by divine power break their bonds./ Thou didst bravely shame the boldness of tyrants/ and gladden the hosts of Angels./ Wherefore we honour thee, O glorious Martyr Phanurios.

Kontakion of St Pimen Tone 4

The memory of thine illustrious contests/ delights the souls of the godly today,/ O divinely wise Pimen, our holy Father.

AUGUST 28

OUR HOLY FATHER MOSES THE ETHIOPIAN

Troparion Tone 5

Thou didst abandon the Egypt of passions/ and fervently ascend the mount of virtues,/ and didst take Christ's Cross on thy shoulders./ Thou wast glorified in thy works/ and wast a model for monks,/ O Moses summit of the Fathers./ With them pray unceasingly that we may obtain great mercy.

Kontakion Tone 3

Thou wast enriched with divine illumination, O Moses,/ and didst dispel the darkness of passions./ Thou didst quench the pride of the flesh by thy vigils and prayers/ and didst go forth to the heavenly citadel./ O holy Father, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

AUGUST 29

BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

ST THEODORA OF THESSALONICA

Troparion of St John the Baptist 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 Theodora Tone 4

Thou didst deny thyself, O Theodora, and take up thy cross as an ascetic./ Wherefore thou didst find rest in the light and joy of heaven./ Pray to Christ our God for those who honour thee.

Kontakion of St John the Baptist Tone 5

The beheading of the glorious Forerunner/ was a divine dispensation/ that the coming of the Savior might be preached to those in hell./ Lament then, Herodias,/ that thou didst demand a murder/ despising the law of God and eternal life.

Kontakion of St Theodora Tone 8

Fragrant myrrh streams from thy relics like the river of Eden;/ it sanctifies thy city and all the world, O Theodora./ Wherefore the faithful cry to thee: Rejoice.

AUGUST 30

OUR FATHERS AMONG THE SAINTS ALEXANDER, JOHN AND PAUL, PATRIARCHS OF CONSTANTINOPLE

ST ALEXANDER OF THE RIVER SVIR

Troparion of Ss Alexander, John and Paul Tone 3

Initiates of heaven and teachers of divine Truth,/ you faithfully tended Christ's Church,/ holy Alexander champion of the Trinity,/ John son of grace and Paul the crown of bishops./ Together we all praise you.

Troparion of St Alexander of the River Svir Tone 4

Thou didst settle in the wilderness from thy youth/ eager to follow Christ's footsteps, O Alexander./ The Angels were amazed when they beheld thee struggling in the flesh and conquering onslaughts of passions./ Dwelling on earth thou wast equal to the Angels./ Pray to Christ out God to save our souls.

Kontakion of Ss Alexander, John and Paul Tone 8

Divinely wise Alexander, wondrous John and glorious Paul,/ aflame with Christ's love you took up His Cross and followed His life./ You now share His glory and stand before His throne:/ beseech Him to save our souls.

Kontakion of St Alexander of the River Svir Tone 8

Thou didst settle in the wilderness and shine over Russia like a star./ Thou didst take up Christ's Cross and subdue thy body by asceticism./ Wherefore we implore thee to save thy flock, O wise one,/ that we may cry to thee: O venerable Father Alexander, rejoice.

AUGUST 31

PLACING OF THE PRECIOUS GIRDLE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN CHALCOPRATEIA

Troparion Tone 8

O Ever-Virgin Mother of God, shelter of mankind,/ thou hast given a powerful legacy to thy people,/ thine immaculate body's tunic and girdle which remain incorrupt through thy pure childbirth./ For in thee time and nature are renewed,/ and we implore thee to obtain peace for the world and great mercy for our souls.

Kontakion Tone 2

Thy precious girdle, O Mother of God,/ which encircled the womb that held God/ is an invincible strength for thy flock/ and an unfailing treasury of grace,/ O Ever-Virgin Mother.