TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 1

HOLY MARTYRS AND WONDERWORKERS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, UNMERCENARY HEALERS

SS PABIALI, CLEDWYN AND DINGAD

ST CEITHO

ST CADFAN

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 8

O holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers, visit our infirmities./ Freely you have received, freely give to us.

Troparion of Ss Pabiali, Cledwyn and Dingad Tone 4

Treasures of the legacy of Brychan,/ noble ascetics and teachers of the Orthodox Faith,/ O pious Pabiali, Cledwyn and Dingad,/ who make this day illustrious with your memory:/ cease not in your intercessions before the Throne of Grace/ that Christ our God will be gracious to us/ and show us great mercy.

Troparion of St Ceitho Tone 8

As God's earthly house is the very Gate of Heaven/ O holy Ceitho, in thy foundation thou didst open to men the way of salvation./ Wherefore, O Saint, pray that we, entering this holy temple,/ may worthily stand before God and implore Him to grant mercy to our souls.

Troparion of St Cadfan Tone 8

Leaving thy native Brittany for the love of Christ, O Father Cadfan,/ thou dost teach us not to love places or things more than Him./ Wherefore, O holy one, intercede for us/ that we may be faithful to our calling and found worthy of great mercy.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 2

You have received the grace of healing:/ give health and strength to the needy,/ O glorious and wonderworking physicians./ Through your care for us subdue our enemies/ and heal the world through your wonderworking.

NOVEMBER 2

HOLY MARTYRS ACINDYNUS, PEGASIUS, APHTHONIUS, ELPIDEPHORUS AND ANEMPODISTUS OF PERSIA

ST ERC

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 2

Blessed is the earth which drank your blood/ holy the abode which received your spirits./ You conquered the enemy in the stadium and preached Christ with boldness./ Beseech Him to save our souls,/ for He is good, O victorious Martyrs.

Troparion of St Erc Tone 1

Even in the darkness of heathendom/ thou didst recognize the God-given authority of Ireland's Enlightener, O Hierarch Erc,/ and wast baptized at his hands./ Wherefore we beseech thee, pray to Christ our God/ that being blessed with the virtue of humility/ we may be found worthy of eternal salvation.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 4

Thou didst receive the God-bearing Martyrs Acindynus,/ Pegasius, Anempodistus, Aphthonius and Elpidephorus,/ into the enjoyment of Thy goodness and repose,/ for they abandoned all things on earth for Thee,/ O only Good One.

NOVEMBER 3

HOLY MARTYRS AKEPSIMUS, BISHOP; JOSEPH, PRIEST; AND AETHALAS, DEACON, OF PERSIA

ST WINEFRED

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 3

O servants of godliness/ you were pillars of the Church/ and humbled the proud fire-worshipers./ O much-afflicted Hierarch Akepsimus, Joseph and Aethalas,/ pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Winefred Tone 8

Caradog's anger struck off thy head, O pious Winefred/ but by the prayers of the Wonderworker Beuno thy mutilated form was miraculously made whole and restored to life./ As thou didst dedicate thy life to God's service in thanksgiving for His abundant mercy,/ pray that we, never forgetting His mercy towards us,/ may live only for Him that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 2

Thou didst serve the Divine Mysteries blamelessly/ and was thyself an acceptable sacrifice,/ for thou didst drink Christ's chalice./ O Akepsimus, together with thy fellow martyrs,/ pray unceasingly for us all.

NOVEMBER 4

ST JOANNICIUS THE GREAT OF OLYMPUS

HOLY HIEROMARTYR NICANDER, BISHOP OF MYRA AND HERMEUS THE PRESBYTER

Troparion of St Joannicius the Great Tone 5

Thou didst abandon earthly glory/ and wast illumined by the light of God's inspiration./ Wherefore thou didst shine on earth like a fadeless star./ For thou wast found worthy to hear the divine voice like Moses/ and wast also like the Angels and a treasury of grace,/ O holy Father Joannicius.

Troparion of Ss Nicander and Hermeus Tone 3

Thou didst bear the fruit of knowledge/ and wast like the Apostles, O Nicander, and a faithful priest./ Together with Hermeus thy companion in contest/ intercede with the Lord Who has glorified thee/ to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St Joannicius the Great Tone 4

We have come together today to honour thy memory,/ and implore thee to obtain mercy for us from the Lord,/ O holy Father Joannicius.

Kontakion of Ss Nicander and Hermeus Tone 3

With the spiritual plough you cultivated souls/ by the preaching of the Word./ You have offered to Christ the sheaves of your contests,/ O Martyrs Nicander and Hermeus./ You were instructed by Titus and became divine tablets of doctrine.

NOVEMBER 5

HOLY MARTYRS GALACTION AND HIS BRIDE EPISTEMA

ST CUBY

ST KEA

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 1

Let us the faithful honour these two betrothed athletes, Galaction and modest Epistema./ Their ascetic labours blossomed in martyrdom: therefore we cry to them:/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened you; glory to Him Who has crowned you;/ glory to Him Who through you works healings for all.

Troparion of St Cuby Tone 1

By thy journeyings, O Hierarch Cuby,/ thou dost teach us the virtue of making pilgrimages./ Wherefore, O Prince of Ascetics and all-praised Wonderworker,/ we entreat thee to intercede for us/ that Christ our God will not find our lives to be utterly worthless/ and will show us great mercy.

Troparion of St Kea Tone 1

Thou wast unsparing in thy missionary labours/ in Brittany and Cornwall, O Hierarch Kea./ As thou didst make the flame of the Orthodox Faith/ burn brightly in the face of defiant paganism,/ pray to God for us, that we devote our lives to confronting the paganism of our times/ for the glory of Christ's Kingdom and the salvation of men's souls.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 2

You were numbered among the hosts of martyrs/ for you were illustrious in mighty contests,/ O Galaction with thy fellow sufferer Epistema./ Pray unceasingly to the One God for us all.

NOVEMBER 6

ST PAUL THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE

ST MELLION

Troparion of St Paul the Confessor Tone 3

Thou wast shown to the Church as another Paul/ and a zealot among priests by the confession of the Faith./ Abel and the blood of Zacharias cry with thee unto the Lord./ O righteous Father,/ entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Mellion Tone 8

Ending thy days in sackcloth and ashes, O Father Mellion,/ thou art a model of repentance and a teacher of humility./ Wherefore, O holy one, pray for us that we may follow thy example for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of St Paul the Confessor Tone 2

Thou didst shine on earth as a star from heaven, O Paul,/ and dost now enlighten the Church/ for which thou didst suffer and lay down thy life./ Thy innocent blood cries out to the Lord/ with that of Abel and Zacharias.

NOVEMBER 7

OUR HOLY FATHER AND WONDERWORKER LAZARUS THE STYLITE OF MOUNT GALESIUS

ST CONGAR

Troparion of St Lazarus of Mount Galesius Tone 8

Thou didst drench thy pillar with tears in thy vigils, and in labours bear fruit an hundredfold./ As a shepherd thou didst grant forgiveness to all who came to thee, Father Lazarus./ Intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St Congar Tone 8

In Congarsbury's monastery thou wast laid to rest, O Father Congar,/ Evangeliser of Somerset and teacher of monastics./ Pray to God for us, that we may worthily follow in thy footsteps/ bringing the light of the Faith to those who languish in the darkness of unbelief,/ making this a second Age of Saints, that thereby many souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Lazarus Tone 4

The Church is singing to thee in gladness/ since thou art a great light, O Lazarus./ Cease not to intercede with Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

NOVEMBER 8

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL AND GABRIEL AND ALL THE BODILESS POWERS

ST TYSILIO

Troparion of the Angels Tone 4

Supreme Leaders of the Heavenly Hosts,/ we implore you that by your prayers you will encircle us,/ unworthy as we are,/ with the protection of the wings of your immaterial glory/ and guard us who fall down before you and fervently cry:/ deliver us from dangers,/ for you are the commanders of the powers above.

Another Troparion of the Angels Tone 1

Let us praise Cherubim, Seraphim, Thrones, Powers, Authorities and Principalities,/ Dominions, Archangels and Angels,/ for they are the Bodiless ministers of the Unoriginate Trinity/ and revealers of incomprehensible mysteries./ Glory to Him Who has given you being; glory to Him Who has given you light;/ glory to Him Who is praised by you in thrice-holy hymns.

Troparion of St Tysilio Tone 8

Princely dignity was set at nought by thee, O Father Tysilio,/ for thou didst put aside the glory of this world, preferring to serve God in monastic poverty./ Wherefore we pray thee, intercede for us, that with courage we may renounce mammon/ and live only in Christ for the salvation of men's souls.

Kontakion of the Angels Tone 2

Supreme Leaders of God's armies and ministers of the divine glory,/ princes of the bodiless Angels and guides of men,/ ask what is good for us and great mercy,/ as Supreme Leaders of the Bodiless Hosts.

NOVEMBER 9

ST NEKTARIOS OF PENTAPOLIS

HOLY MARTYRS ONESIPHORUS AND PORPHYRIUS

ST BENEN

ST PABO

Troparion of St Nektarios Tone 1

Let us the faithful honour Nektarios,/ offspring of Silyvria and guardian of Aegina,/ who has appeared in latter years, a true friend of virtue, as a God-filled servant of Christ./ For he dispenses all manner of healing to those who with reverence cry out:/Glory to Christ Who has glorified thee; glory to Him Who has worked wonders in thee:/ glory to Him who through thee has wrought healing for all.

Troparion of Ss Onesiphorus and Porphyrius Tone 3

You sought the delights of heaven/ and became martyrs of the Lord,/ O renowned Onesiphorus and Porphyrius./ Wherefore you drove God's golden chariot on the heavenly course./ O divine Martyrs, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Benen Tone 1

O best loved disciple and successor of Ireland's Enlightener,/ thy God-blessed witness for our saving faith is sorely needed,/ most reverend Hierarch Benen. Entreat Christ our God that He will raise up new disciples/ to bring thy native land out of this present ''Dark Age''/ and restore it to the True Light of Orthodoxy/ for the salvation of men's souls.

Troparion of St Pabo Tone 8

Revered "Pillar of Northern Britain" and Light of Monastics, O Father Pabo,/ leaving thy family and homeland, thou didst inspire us, O holy one,/ to respect the monastic virtues which attain to the salvation of souls.

Kontakion of St Nektarios Tone 8

Let us sing praises with gladness of heart to the newly shining star of Orthodoxy,/ to the newly-built bastion of the Church./ For being glorified by the power of the Spirit, he pours out the immortal grace of healing/ to those who cry out: Father Nektarios, rejoice!

Kontakion of Ss Onesiphorus and Porphyrius Tone 2

The glorious martyrs Onesiphorus and Porphyrius together contested valiantly./ They humbled the enemy's arrogance to the earth/ and shone with the grace of the uncreated Trinity./ Together with the Angels they now intercede for us all.

NOVEMBER 10

HOLY APOSTLES ERASTUS, OLYMPAS, HERODIAN, SOSIPATER, QUARTUS AND TERTIUS OF THE SEVENTY

ST ORESTES THE NEW MARTYR

ST ELEATH

ST AEDH MACBRICC

Troparion of the Holy Apostles Tone 5

Enriched with wisdom you were radiant lights of godliness/ and interpreters of the Word of God while preaching Christ./ O holy Apostles Quartus, Erastus, Tertius, Olympas, Sosipater and Herodian,/ you are guides of our hearts and souls.

Troparion of St Orestes the Martyr Tone 1

Thou didst confess Christ, O Trophy-bearer,/ and didst humble the idol-worshippers./ Thou didst become a partaker of glory by undergoing the martyr's contest./ We honour thee as a victor and cry to thee:/ 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 Eleath Tone 8

Thou didst exchange armed combat with the heathen for the spiritual warfare of the monastic life, O Father Eleath./ Look on those who now hymn thee, O thou who didst praise God with the poetic talents He gave thee,/ and intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St Aedh MacBricc Tone 1

Founder of churches, Wonderworker, Hierarch, and curer of headaches,/ thou art rightly praised for thy missionary labours, O Father Aedh MacBricc./ We celebrate thy memory, O Saint, praying that we may be given grace to emulate thee,/ for the re-establishment of Orthodoxy in these islands and for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Holy Apostles Tone 2

You wisely destroyed the works of idolatry,/ illumined by divine Light, O holy Apostles./ When you caught all the pagans you brought them to the Lord/ and taught them to glorify the Trinity.

Kontakion of St Orestes Tone 2

Thy victory in contest, O Martyr Orestes,/ was rewarded by Christ the Prize-bestower;/ He has granted thee the crown of life and divine power to work healings,/ for He is the Lover of mankind.

NOVEMBER 11

GREAT MARTYR MENAS

HOLY MARTYRS VICTOR, VINCENT THE DEACON AND STEPHANIE

ST THEODORE THE STUDITE

ST CYFRAN

Troparion of Great Martyr Menas Tone 5

O blessed Menas,/ thy struggles have proved thee a martyr of Christ./ Thou wast radiant with grace/ and didst shine forth with healings for all.

Troparion of the Holy Martyrs Victor, Vincent and Stephanie Tone 4

Together let us honour the Athletes of Christ,/ memorable Victor and noble Vincent/ and with them we praise divine Stephanie:/ by their contests they destroyed the enemy./ By their supplications, O Christ our God, have mercy on our souls.

Troparion of St Theodore the Studite Tone 3

As partaker of incorruptible gifts thou wast thyself the Church's gift, O Theodore:/ for in following sacred doctrines thou wast a light of true profession./ Pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Cyfran Tone 8

Today we rejoice, celebrating in thine honour, O Father Cyfran,/ and, as thou hast bestowed on countless generations the miracle of healing,/ intercede with Christ our God for the healing and salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Holy Martyrs Menas, Victor, Stephen and Stephanie Tone 4

Today the Church honours the Great Martyrs and Athletes,/ the struggles of Menas, Victor, Vincent and Stephanie./ She cries out and glorifies the Lover of mankind.

Kontakion of St Theodore the Studite Tone 2

Thy life was radiant with thine ascetical struggles,/ O Theodore blessed of God,/ and thou didst become a companion of the Angels./ Together with them intercede with Christ our God that He may save us all.

NOVEMBER 12

ST JOHN THE ALMSGIVER, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA

ST NILUS OF SINAI

ST MACHAR

Troparion of St John the Almsgiver Tone 8

In patience thou didst win thy reward, O righteous John./ Thou didst love the poor and provide for them bountifully./ Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Troparion of St Nilus of Sinai Tone 4

With live coals of wisdom thou didst purify thy mind;/ thou didst drink from the Fountain of Life/ and live as an Angel./ Hence thou dost ever pour forth springs that water the world divinely./ We praise thee, Father Nilus.

Troparion of St Machar Tone 1

Thou didst bring many to the Faith,/ erect numerous churches, extinguish the worship of false gods and cast down idols,/ O Hierarch Machar, establishing thy cathedral at Old Aberdeen./ As thou wast fearless and tireless in thy labours for Christ,/ pray, O Saint, that we may be given strength to follow in thy footsteps/ and that thereby we may be found worthy of His abundant mercy.

Kontakion of St John the Almsgiver Tone 2

Thou didst dispense thy wealth to the poor/ and obtain wealth from heaven, O John./ Wherefore we acclaim thee and celebrate thy memory,/ O namesake of mercy .

Kontakion of St Nilus Tone 8

By thy vigilant prayer thou didst cut away the undergrowth of the body's insurgent passions./ Thou hast boldness with the Lord:/ free me from dangers that I may cry to thee: Rejoice, O Father Nilus.

NOVEMBER 13

OUR HOLY FATHER AMONG THE SAINTS JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE

ST DENICK

Troparion of St John Chrysostom Tone 8

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

Troparion of St Denick Tone 1

Inspired by the virtuous example/ of our Fathers Columba and Machar,/ O Hierarch Denick, thou didst preach among the heathens of Caithness/ enduring great hardships, despite old age and infirmity./ Wherefore, O Saint, pray that worthless and useless as we are,/ Christ our God will grant us great mercy.

Kontakion of St John Chrysostom Tone 2

Thou hast received divine grace from heaven,/ and with thy lips thou dost teach all men to adore the one God in Three Persons./ O John Chrysostom, most blessed Saint,/ we rightly praise thee;/ for thou art our teacher, revealing things divine.

NOVEMBER 14

THE HOLY AND ALL-FAMED APOSTLE PHILIP

ST GREGORY PALAMAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA

ST DYFRIG

ST MALO

Troparion of the Holy Apostle Philip Tone 3

Thou didst receive the enlightenment of the Comforter/ and rise on the world like a star;/ with divine Light thou didst dispel the darkness of ignorance,/ O Apostle Philip. We entreat thee,/ intercede with Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Gregory of Palamas Tone 8

Light of Orthodoxy, Pillar and Teacher of the Church,/ adornment of monks and champion of theologians,/O Gregory, wonderworker, boast of Thessalonica,/ preacher of grace, pray that our souls may be saved.

Troparion of St Dyfrig Tone 1

Thou art worthily honoured as the Father of Welsh Monasticism, O Hierarch Dyfrig,/ labouring to establish true asceticism with thy brother in the Faith, Samson of Dol,/ whom thou didst raise to the dignity of the episcopate./ In thy pastoral love, O Saint,/ pray for us that despite our unspiritual lives/ Christ our God will grant us great mercy.

Troparion of St Malo Tone 1

Thy life, O Father Malo, was resplendent with many virtues./ As thou wast unwavering in thy faith to thy last breath,/ O Saint, pray that we may emulate thy virtues/ and thereby be found worthy of eternal salvation.

Kontakion of the Holy Apostle Philip Tone 8

Thy disciple and friend and imitator of thy Passion, inspired Philip, preached Thee to the world./ Through the Mother of God, keep the Church from her enemies by his prayers, O most merciful Saviour.

Kontakion of St Gregory Palamas Tone 8

Organ of wisdom, clear trumpet of theology,/ Gregory of divine speech, we praise thee./ As thou dost stand before the Primordial Mind direct our minds to Him that we may cry:/ Rejoice, O Gregory, herald of grace!

NOVEMBER 15

HOLY MARTYRS OF EDESSA GURIA, SHAMUNA, AND HABIB THE DEACON

Troparion Tone 5

Wise Guria and Shamuna are praised today with Deacon Habib,/ they fill the faithful with joy and their contests are the boast of Edessa./ They trampled down error by their words,/ and by their deeds became martyrs and wonderworkers./ They pray for us to the Lover of mankind.

Kontakion Tone 2

You protect those in temptation with grace from on high, O holy Martyrs./ You saved a girl from bitter death/ and are the glory of Edessa and the joy of all the world.

NOVEMBER 16

HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST MATTHEW

ST AFAN

Troparion of St Matthew Tone 3

O Apostle Matthew, Thou didst hear the Voice of the Word/ and receive the light of faith./ Thou didst abandon the office of publican/ and proclaim Christ God's Self-emptying./ Ask that those who praise thee may receive forgiveness and great mercy.

Troparion of St Afan Tone l

Llanafan remembers thee, O Hierarch Afan,/ thou teacher of piety, pastor, guide and inspirer of men's hearts./ Wherefore, O holy one, entreat Christ our God/ that He will grant great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion of St Matthew Tone 4

When thou didst cast away the publican's balance/ thou didst take the yoke of righteousness/ and become a merchant rich in wisdom./ Thou didst preach the Word of truth/ and rouse the slothful by describing the Last Judgment.

NOVEMBER 17

ST GREGORY THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF NEOCAESAREA

ST NIKON, DISCIPLE OF ST SERGIUS OF RADONEZH

Troparion of St Gregory the Wonderworker Tone 8

Thou didst become worthy of thy name through thy way of life,/ through vigilant prayer and the working of miracles./ Pray to Christ our God to enlighten our souls/ lest we sleep in sin which leads to death, O Gregory our Father.

Troparion of St Nikon Tone 1

Thou wast zealous in obedience,/ O righteous Father Nikon./ In praise of thy Father thou didst erect a church of the Holy Trinity./ Wherefore we thy children lovingly cry:/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened thee; glory to Him Who has crowned thee;/ glory to Him Who through thee works healings for all.

Kontakion of St Gregory the Wonderworker Tone 2

Thou didst receive power to work many miracles,/ O wise Gregory./ Thou didst terrify demons with fearful signs/ and dispel diseases from men./ And having obtained thy name from thy works/ thou art called a wonderworker.

Kontakion of St Nikon Tone 4

Thou didst follow thy spiritual leader/ and labour, guided to Christ by him./ Thou wast a leader of monks/ and didst dwell with the righteous./ With them pray unceasingly to Christ our God for us all.

NOVEMBER 18

HOLY MARTYRS PLATO AND ROMANUS

ST MAWES

Troparion of Ss Plato and Romanus Tone 1

The renowned pair of prizewinners glorified the Trinity./ They both fought valiantly and destroyed the enemy./ Glorious Plato and godly Romanus, pray for us to the Lover of mankind.

Troparion of St Mawes Tone 8

Despite thy royal birth thou didst embrace the monastic life in infancy,/ O Father Mawes, boast of ascetics and banisher of snakes./ As we are blessed to have thy precious relics with us to this day,/ pray O Saint, that we may be worthy of Christ's mercy and that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Plato Tone 3

Thy holy memory gladdens the world/ and calls all to thy venerable church./ We are gathered there praising thy triumphs/ and cry out to thee with faith:/ Deliver thy flock, O Plato, from all evil.

Kontakion of St Romanus Tone 4

Romanus, thou art a radiant star/ and the Church is illumined by thy contests./ She glorifies thy memory.

NOVEMBER 19

HOLY PROPHET OBADIAH

HOLY MARTYR BARLAAM

Troparion of the Prophet Obadiah Tone 4

According to thy name thou wast a servant of God the Word./ Found worthy of the Light that passes understanding/ thou didst receive the illumination of prophecy./ For thou didst discern the immaterial Glory/ and become an instrument sounded by God,/ O Prophet Obadiah,/ and foretell things to come.

Troparion of St Barlaam Tone 4

Armed with youthful manliness,/ thou didst endure martyrdom in old age and glorify Christ./ Thou didst offer Him thy right hand as a whole burnt offering/ and thy holy soul as a blameless sacrifice./ Intercede that all may be granted forgiveness, O Great Martyr Barlaam.

Kontakion of the Prophet Obadiah Tone 8

Thou didst offer thy life as acceptable first-fruits to the Triune God, Obadiah;/ and having received the beauty of inspiration/ thou didst reveal things to come and so didst cry: Alleluia.

Kontakion of St Barlaam Tone 3

Though aged in body thou didst vanquish the evil one/ by thy mighty contest, O Barlaam./ Thou didst endure the rack like one without a body,/ and manfully bear the burning of thy hand./ Wherefore God the Word has crowned thee with a crown of glory.

NOVEMBER 20

FOREFEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE

HOLY FATHER GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS AND PROCLUS ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE, DISCIPLE AND SUCCESSOR OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Troparion of the Forefeast Tone 4

Today Anna betroths us to joy instead of grief,/ having blossomed forth a fruit, the only Ever-Virgin./ She brings her with gladness into the temple of the Lord/ in fulfillment of her vow./ She is the Mother and Temple of God the Word.

Troparion of Ss Gregory and Proclus Tone 4

The twofold lamps of divine gifts,/ Proclus shepherd of New Rome and Gregory scion of Decapolis,/ guide us by the light of grace as divinely-inspired fathers./ Let us draw near and eagerly beseech them,/ that we may receive forgiveness and the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Tone 4

Today the world is filled with gladness/ at the feast of the Mother of God,/ and cries out: She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Kontakion of St Gregory Tone 3

The Church knows thee as a sun enlightening all/ with virtue and rays of healing./ We celebrate thy memory/ and honour thy struggles,/ O blessed Father Gregory.

Kontakion of St Proclus Tone 4

Today the most honoured of cities/ celebrates thy holy departure to heaven,/ O blessed Father Proclus.

NOVEMBER 21

THE ENTRY INTO THE TEMPLE OR PRESENTATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY

ST COLUMBAN OF BOBBIO

ST DIGAIN

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's goodwill/ and the prophecy of the salvation of men./ The Virgin appears openly in the temple of God/ and foretells Christ to all./ So let us cry to her with loud voices:/ Rejoice, thou who art the fulfillment/ of the Creator's providence.

Troparion of St Columban of Bobbio Tone 8

Rome was shocked by the severity of thy Rule, O Father Columban,/ but never daunted thou didst not waver in thy condemnation of spiritual and moral laxity./ Standing firmly in the tradition of the fathers of the Thebaid, thou art a tower of strength to us sinners,/ wherefore O Saint, do thou entreat Christ our God that He will grant mercy to our souls.

Troparion of St Digain Tone 8

O son of Constantine and servant of God, Righteous Digain,/ thou dost teach us by thy example that no man is too mighty to humbly serve Christ and labour for His Holy Church./ Therefore, O holy one, pray to God for us that He will grant us the grace of humility,/ the joy of service and salvation for our souls.

Kontakion of the Mother of God Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Saviour,/ the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin,/ the sacred treasury of the glories of God,/ today enters into the house of the Lord,/ bringing with her the grace that is the Divine Spirit./ And the Angels of God sing of her:/ This is the heavenly tabernacle.

NOVEMBER 22

HOLY APOSTLES PHILEMON, APPHIA, ARCHIPPUS AND ONESIMUS OF THE SEVENTY

ST CECILIA AND THOSE WITH HER

ST DEINIOL THE YOUNGER

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's goodwill/ and the prophecy of the salvation of men./ The Virgin appears openly in the temple of God/ and foretells Christ to all./ So let us cry to her with loud voices:/ Rejoice, thou who art the fulfillment/ of the Creator's providence.

Troparion of the Holy Apostles Tone 4

The four Apostles of Christ who were chosen by God,/ Philemon and Archippus with Apphia and Onesimus,/ shone with the light of knowledge on those in darkness;/ they contested and destroyed error/ and now pray to the Lord for us all.

Troparion of St Cecilia and those with her Tone 3

By the radiance of thy holy life/ thou didst draw the two brothers united in spirit into the Eternal Light./ O Cecilia, as fellow-contestants,/ you were counted worthy of divine glory./ Ask that we who praise you may receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Troparion of St Deiniol the Younger Tone 8

Bring preserved from martyrdom at the hands of the warlike Ethelfrid,/ thou didst persevere in thy missionary labours, O Father Deiniol./ Wherefore we entreat thee to pray to God for us/ that, being firm in the faith, we may be found worthy of His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Saviour,/ the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin,/ the sacred treasury of the glories of God,/ today enters into the house of the Lord,/ bringing with her the grace that is the Divine Spirit./ And the Angels of God sing of her;/ This is the heavenly tabernacle.

Kontakion of the Holy Apostles Tone 2

We praise Philemon, Onesimus, Archippus and Apphius/ as bright stars illumining the world;/ and we cry: Pray unceasingly for us all.

Kontakion of St Cecilia and those with her Tone 4

Let the multitude of the faithful praise Cecilia/ who was wedded to Christ and adorned in heart with virtue./ For she put to shame the audacity of Almacius/ and shone forth as the sun on those who sought her./ Then to those on earth she was a divine support and she strengthened the faithful.

NOVEMBER 23

ST AMPHILOCHIUS, BISHOP OF ICONIUM, FRIEND OF ST BASIL THE GREAT

ST GREGORY, BISHOP OF AGRIGENTUM

ST METROPHAN, BISHOP OF VORONEZH

ST POLIN

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's goodwill/ and the prophecy of the salvation of men./ The Virgin appears openly in the temple of God/ and foretells Christ to all./ So let us cry to her with loud voices:/ Rejoice, thou who art the fulfillment/ of the Creator's providence.

Troparion of St Amphilochius Tone 4

In thy purity/ thou wast filled with the light of wisdom/ and didst illumine the world with Orthodox doctrine;/ for thou didst preach the consubstantial nature of the Trinity and refute heresy./ Wherefore Christ has glorified thee, O Hierarch Amphilochius.

Troparion of St Gregory of Agrigentum Tone 1

O Gregory, thou wast diligent in thy Master's commandments/ even from thy swaddling bands./ Thou wast filled with heavenly gifts/ and dost lead to verdant pastures those who cry to thee:/ Glory to Him Who has strengthened thee; glory to Him Who has crowned thee;/ glory to Him Who through thee grants healings to all.

Troparion of St Metrophan Tone 4

O humble Father Metrophan, thou wast a rule of faith/ and an icon of meekness in word and life for thy flock./ In sanctity thou didst shine more brilliantly than the sun/ and wast crowned with incorruption and glory./ Pray to Christ our God to preserve thy city and all Orthodox Christians.

Troparion of St Polin Tone 8

Thou wast a worthy shepherd of thy flock, O Father Polin,/ bringing many to Christ by thy preaching./ As from Whitland's monastery the pure light of thy piety shone forth,/ pray that we too may be true lights in a world of darkness/ and may thereby attain eternal salvation.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Saviour,/ the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin,/ the sacred treasury of the glories of God,/ today enters into the house of the Lord,/ bringing with her the grace that is the Divine Spirit./ And the Angels of God sing of her:/ This is the heavenly tabernacle.

Kontakion of St Amphilochius Tone 2

Holy thunder, spiritual trumpet/ nurse of the faithful and axe of heresy,/ Amphilochius servant of the Trinity,/ as thou dost stand with the Angels in God's presence/ pray unceasingly for us all.

Kontakion of St Gregory of Agrigentum Tone 4

With the brilliant rays of the Holy Spirit/ the Church enlightens the way of those who celebrate thy joyful repose,/ O righteous, blessed Father Gregory.

Kontakion of St Metrophan Tone 8

Thou didst subject thy body to thy spirit by fasting and didst make thy soul equal to the Angels./ The episcopacy crowned thy priesthood and now thou dost stand before the Master of all./ Blessed Metrophan, pray to Him to grant us peace and to save our souls.

NOVEMBER 24

HOLY HIEROMARTYRS CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME AND PETER, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA

ST KENAN

ST COLMAN OF CLOYNE

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's goodwill/ and the prophecy of the salvation of men./ The Virgin appears openly in the temple of God/ and foretells Christ to all./ So let us cry to her with loud voices:/ Rejoice, thou who art the fulfillment/ of the Creator's providence.

Troparion of the Hieromartyrs Tone 3

You were shown forth as trumpeters of divine knowledge/ and revealers of the ordinances of the Faith,/ Clement thou fruitful vine of life /and Peter firm rock of the faithful./ Since you are seers of ineffable mysteries deliver us from every harm.

Troparion of St Kenan Tone 1

As a witness to the steadfastness of the Faith of Christ,/ thou didst erect to His glory/ Ireland's first cathedral of stone, O Hierarch Kenan,/ where thou didst labour for the salvation of men's souls./ Wherefore, O Saint, pray that our labours may be blessed and bear fruit/ that many may be led into the Way of Salvation.

Troparion of St Colman of Cloyne Tone 8

Leaving thy post as bard of Cashel and embracing the monastic life, O Father Colman,/ thou didst employ thy God-given poetic talents teaching our holy and saving faith./ Therefore O Saint, pray to God that He would bestow again the gift of words/ that the Faith may be taught in these islands for the salvation of many souls.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Saviour,/ the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin,/ the sacred treasury of the glories of God,/ today enters into the house of the Lord,/ bringing with her the grace that is the Divine Spirit./ And the Angels of God sing of her:/ This is the heavenly tabernacle.

Kontakion of the Hieromartyrs Tone 4

Unshakable divine towers of the Church,/ God-inspired and mighty pillars of piety:/ we praise you, Clement and Peter, guard us all by your intercessions.

NOVEMBER 25

LEAVETAKING OF THE FEAST OF THE ENTRY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD INTO THE TEMPLE

GREAT MARTYR KATHERINE

GREAT MARTYR MERCURIUS

Troparion of the Mother of God Tone 4

Today is the prelude of God's goodwill/ and the prophecy of the salvation of men./ The Virgin appears openly in the temple of God/ and foretells Christ to all./ So let us cry to her with loud voices:/ Rejoice, thou who art the fulfillment/ of the Creator's providence.

Troparion of Great Martyr Katherine Tone 5

Let us praise Katherine, protectress of Sinai,/ Bride of Christ and our helper./ With the sword of the Spirit she silenced the wisdom of the wicked./ She is crowned as a martyr and asks mercy for us all.

Troparion of Great Martyr Mercurius Tone 4

Partaker of heavenly light,/ an Angel was thy guide to manifest glory./ Thou didst contest as a warrior for the Immortal King:/ O blessed Mercurius,/ save those who come to thee.

Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4

The most pure Temple of the Saviour,/ the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin,/ the sacred treasury of the glories of God,/ today enters into the house of the Lord,/ bringing with her the grace that is the Divine Spirit./ And the Angels of God sing of her:/ This is the heavenly tabernacle.

Kontakion of Great Martyr Katherine Tone 2

You lovers of martyrs raise a chorus now/ in honour of wise Katherine./ She preached Christ in the stadium/ and spat on the knowledge of philosophers.

Kontakion of Great Martyr Mercurius Tone 4

Putting on Christ's might as a holy breastplate/ thou didst excel as an Athlete and dost enlighten those who cry:/ Rejoice, O Mercurius: thou art the glory of the martyrs.

NOVEMBER 26

ST STYLIAN OF PAPHLAGONIA

ST NIKON, PREACHER OF REPENTANCE

Troparion of St Stylian Tone 3

Holy Stylian, thou wast a tower of abstinence/ and an unshaken pillar of the Church./ Dedicated to God from thy youth,/ thou didst become a dwelling-place of the Spirit./ O righteous Father, intercede with Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of St Nikon Tone 3

Sparta rejoices in holding the shrine of thy relics,/ a source of healing for those who run to thee./ Holy Nikon, intercede with Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Kontakion of St Stylian Tone 4

Sanctified from the womb like another Samuel,/ thou didst glorify God by thy labours./ Thou didst become a healer/ and protector of Christ's babes and sucklings./ He has glorified thee, O Stylian.

Kontakion of St Nikon Tone 6

Thou didst despise the world's delights,/ thou didst show us the path of repentance, emulating the Angelic life./ O Nikon, we praise thee and celebrate thy memory;/ thou art a fountain of healing.

NOVEMBER 27

ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD OF KURSK (MOTHER OF GOD OF THE SIGN)

GREAT MARTYR JAMES OF PERSIA

ST JAMES, BISHOP OF ROSTOV

ST SEACHNALL

Troparion of the Mother of God of Kursk Tone 4

Thou art an impregnable wall and a source of miracles/ enabling us to subdue enemy attacks, O Mother of God./ Wherefore we pray thee, grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Troparion of Great Martyr James of Persia Tone 4

James the Martyr and scion of Persia/ drowned the dragon in his blood by his contest:/ he was dismembered for the Faith/ and became the Saviour's trophy-bearer./ He intercedes unceasingly for our souls.

Troparion of St James, Bishop of Rostov Tone 4

Thou wast chosen of God from thy youth,/ and didst become a Hierarch shepherding God's people./ Wherefore after thy decease/ thou didst receive the gift of wonderworking to heal infirmities./ O Hierarch James, pray that we may magnify thee unceasingly.

Troparion of St Seachnall Tone 1

Today we hymn thee, O Hierarch Seachnall,/ for as thou in thy piety didst compose the praises of our Father Patrick,/ pray to God for us that we may, with true piety, honour our saints./ And in praising this glorious company may we be worthy of their prayers and the great mercy of Christ our God.

Kontakion of the Mother of God of Kursk Tone 8

We celebrate the venerable Icon of the Sign, most holy Mother of God,/ whereby thou didst grant thy city a wonderful victory over its enemies./ Wherefore we cry to thee with faith: Rejoice, O Virgin, thou boast of Christians.

Kontakion of Great Martyr James of Persia Tone 2

Thou didst listen to thy wife and consider the judgment/ O courageous James./ Thou didst spurn the threats and commands of the Persians/ and thy body was pruned like a vine./ We praise thee; O noble Martyr.

Kontakion of St James, Bishop of Rostov Tone 8

Thou wast a champion among bishops and of one rank with the Hierarchs, O holy James./ Preserve thy city, thy fatherland and people who honour thee and venerate thy sacred relics,/ that with one accord we may cry to thee: Rejoice, O Hierarch James.

NOVEMBER 28

ST STEPHEN THE NEW

HOLY MARTYR IRENARCHUS

Troparion of St Stephen the New Tone 3

Thou didst live a holy and ascetic life/ and didst become a vessel of prayer./ Through thy reverence for the Icon of Christ/ thou wast found worthy of the joy of martyrs./ O holy Stephen, pray to Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

Troparion of Holy Martyr Irenarchus Tone 4

Thou didst confess the Prince of Peace with faith/ and abandon the lord of error and turmoil, O wise Irenarchus./ Thou didst pass through fire and water/ and emerge as a trophy-bearer./ Pray that peace and salvation may be granted unto all.

Kontakion of St Stephen the New Tone 8

Come all you faithful who rejoice to celebrate:/ let us praise Stephen the lover of the Trinity/ who honoured the Icon of Christ and His Mother./ Let us all cry out to him rejoicing:/ Renowned Father Stephen, joy to thee.

Kontakion of the Holy Martyr Irenarchus Tone 8

O soldier and martyr of the Prince of Peace,/ thou didst destroy the prince of darkness by thy brave resistance./ Thou dost ever preserve in peace, O Irenarchus, those who honour thy achievements with faith.

NOVEMBER 29

HOLY MARTYRS PARAMONUS AND PHILUMENUS

ST BRENDAN OF BIRR

ST SADWEN

Troparion of the Martyrs Tone 4

Let us acclaim Paramonus and Philumenus as divine servants/ and illustrious athletes of Christ our God,/ for out of love for Him/ they defeated the lawless by their contest and they pray for us:/ that forgiveness may be granted to all.

Troparion of St Brendan of Birr Tone 8

Most glorious ascetic and chief of Ireland's Prophets, O Father Brendan,/ thou wast a bright beacon in the western isle guiding many to salvation./ At thy heavenly birthday the Angels rejoiced and miraculously announced their joy to our Father Columba./ The prayers of the righteous avail much for us sinners./ Wherefore O Saint, pray to God for us that He will find us a place in the Mansions of the Blest.

Troparion of St Sadwen Tone 8

The remoteness of the Welsh mountains was thy desert, O Father Sadwen,/ where thou didst serve God in fasting and humility./ May thy continual intercession avail for us sinners that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of the Martyrs Tone 2

As martyrs enlisted by Christ through faith/ you cut down the ranks of the enemy./ And when you received the crown of victory/ you became equal in honour to the Angels,/ O blessed Paramonus and wise Philumenus.

NOVEMBER 30

HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED

ST TUDWAL

Troparion of St Andrew Tone 4

As the first-called Apostle and brother of their leader/ entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, O Andrew,/ and great mercy to our souls.

Troparion of St Tudwal Tone 1

Having left thy native Wales, thou didst serve God in Brittany, O Father Tudwal,/ and both by thy zealous preaching and thy piety thou didst win souls for Christ./ Wherefore we hasten to thee, O radiant hierarch,/ that thou wouldst intercede for us that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion of St Andrew Tone 2

Let us praise the divine leader and namesake of courage,/ first-called disciple and Peter's kinsman./ For as of old Christ called to him so he now calls to us:/ Come, we have found the Desired One.