April
Saint Mary of Egypt

April 1

Apolytikion

In thee the image was preserved with exactness,

O Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to other

never look the flesh, for it passeth away, but

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to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Mary, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.
Saint Titus

April 2

Apolytikion

Plagal Fourth Mode

Intonation: #25

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundred-fold in labours; and thou becamest a luminar-
y, shining with miracles upon the world,

O Titus our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.
Saint Nicetas
Abbot of the Monastery
of Medicium

April 3

Apolytikion

Intonation: #25
Plagal Fourth Mode

In thee the image was preserved with exactness,

O Father; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to other

never look the flesh, for it passeth away, but
to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Therefore, O righteous Nicetas, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.
With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness
of the desert; and by thy sighings
from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundred-fold in labours; and thou becamest a luminary.

Saint Joseph
the Hymnographer

April 3

Apolytikion

Intonation: #25
Plagal Fourth Mode
y, shining with miracles upon the world,

O Joseph our righteous Father. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.
Saint George of Mount Maleon

April 4

Apolytikion

Intonation: #25
Plagal Fourth Mode

With the streams of thy tears, thou didst cultivate the barrenness of the desert; and by thy sighings from the depths, thou didst bear fruit a hundred-fold in labours; and thou becamest a luminar -

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My lips shall rejoice when I chant unto Thee,
yea, even my soul which Thou hast redeemed.

Psalm 70: 23
The Holy Martyrs
Claudius, Diodore, Victor, Victorinus, Pappias, Serapion, and Nicephorus

April 5

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the
demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.
The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty. O
Fa- ther and Hier- arch Eu- tych - i- us, in- ter- cede_ with

Christ___ God that our souls_ be saved.
The Holy Martyr 
Calliopius

April 7

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crown of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the
de-mons' strength-less pre-sump-tion. O Christ God, by his
prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer-ci-ful.
As a garden planted by the Spirit, thou didst yield as fruit the soul's salvation, teaching men the ineffable mysteries of Him that fell as a grain of wheat in the earth and by His
He who is not alone, but is with others,
cannot derive so much benefit from psalmody
as from internal prayer; for the confusion of voices
renders the psalms indistinct.

- St. John of the Ladder
The Holy Apostles of the Seventy
Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncritus, Phlegon, and Hermes

April 8

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8
Third Mode

Apostoloi agioi

O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.
The Holy Martyr
Eupsychius of Caesarea

April 9

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crown of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the
de-mons' strength-less pre-sump-tion. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer-ci-ful.

SAINT EUSYCHIUS
Saint Gregory the Fifth
Patriarch of Constantinople

April 10

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

As hier-arch, thou right-eously didst serve the Sav-iour of all;

in con-test, thou brought-est thy-self un-to Christ as a pure and

well-pleas-ing sac-rifice. On a bish-op's throne thou

wast ex-alt-ed by wis-dom; by the hang-man's noose thou
E
\textbf{wast raised up} to the \textbf{Heav-ens, where thou dost pray for all, O \textbf{di-vine Patri-arch Gregory.}}
All the powers of Heaven were awe-struck and amazed at the achievement and deeds of the holy Martyrs of Christ; for contending well in mortal bodies clothed with flesh, they overcame the flesh-less foe by the
Psalmody—bringing about choral singing, a bond, as it were, toward unity, and joining people into a harmonious union of one choir—produces also the greatest of blessings: love.

- St. Basil the Great
Saint Antipas
Bishop of Pergamum

April 11

Apolytikion

First Mode
"While Gabriel was saying"

Intonation: #1

Alegro 150

The celebrated hierarch and Pergamum's first Prelate, the fellow-contestant of Martyrs and most divine myrrh-streamer, ye faithful, come let us honour now wise Antipas, who truly is a great
and swift healer of severely afflicted teeth,
and cry to him with our whole soul: Glory to Him that hath glorified thee. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee.
worketh healings for all through thee.

April 11 - St. Antipas
Saint Basil the Confessor
Bishop of Patrium

April 12

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10

The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock as a rule of faith, an icon of meekness, and a teacher of temperance; for this cause thou hast achieved the heights by humility, riches by poverty.

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Fa- ther and Hier - arch Bas - il, in - ter - cede_ with

Christ____ God that our souls____ be saved.

A psalm
is a city of refuge
from the demons; a means
of inducing help from the angels,
a weapon in fears by night, a rest from
the toils of the day, a safeguard for infants,
an adornment for those at the height of their vigor,
a consolation for the elders, a most fitting ornament for women.

It peoples the solitudes; it rids the market places of excesses; it is the
elementary exposition of beginners, the improvement of those advancing,
the solid support of the perfect, the voice of the Church. It brightens
feast day; it creates a sorrow which is in accordance with God.

For, a psalm calls forth a tear even from a heart of stone.

A psalm is the work of angels, a heavenly
institution, the spiritual incense.

- St. Basil the Great
Saint Martin the Confessor
Pope of Rome

April 13

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

Allegro

O God of our Fathers, ever dealing with us according
to Thy gentleness: take not Thy mercy from us,
but by their entreaties guide our life in peace.

O Θεός τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν

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The Holy Apostles of the Seventy
Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus

April 14

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8
Third Mode

C F D

O ho - ly A - pos - tles, in - ter - cede with the

mer - ci - ous God that He grant un - to our souls for -

give - ness of of - fenc - es.
Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crown of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the
O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.
The Holy Virgin Martyrs
Agape, Irene, and Chionia
the Sisters

April 16

Apolytikion

Intonation: #13
Plagal First Mode

Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heaven, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox
The Apostle admonishes women to be silent in church, yet they do well to join in a psalm; this is gratifying for all ages and fitting for both sexes. Old men ignore the stiffness of age to sing [a psalm], and melancholy veterans echo it in the joy of their hearts; young men sing one without the bane of lust, as do adolescents without threat from their insecure age or the temptation of sensual pleasure; even young women sing psalms with no loss of wifely decency, and girls sing a hymn to God with sweet and supple voice while maintaining decorum and suffering no lapse of modesty. Youth is eager to understand [a psalm], and the child who refuses to learn other things takes pleasure in contemplating it; it is a kind of play, productive of more learning than that which is dispensed with stern discipline.

- St. Ambrose
All the powers of Heaven were awe-struck and amazed at the achievement and deeds of the holy Martyrs of Christ; for contending well in mortal bodies clothed with flesh, they overcame the fleshless foe by the
A psalm consoles the sad, restrains the joyful, tempers the angry, refreshes the poor and chides the rich man to know himself. To absolutely all who take it, the psalm offers an appropriate medicine; nor does it despise the sinner, but presses upon him the wholesome remedy of penitential tears.

- St. Niceta of Remesiana
Saint Macarius
Archbishop of Corinth

April 17

Apolytikion

First Mode
“While Gabriel was saying”

Intonation: #1

Apolytikion of first mode

Ye faithful, let us praise the divine shepherd of Corinth, whom God's wondrous providence made the adornment of all Chios, who shone forth in words and deeds and prayers, Macarius most blessed in all truth,
who received from God the grace to heal every ill

and cast out the unclean spirits. Glory to God the Father, Who foreordained him.

Glory to God the Son, Who hath exalted him.

Glory to God the Holy Spirit, Who worketh healings for all through him.
In thee the image was preserved with exactness,

O Father; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to other

ver - look the flesh, for it pass - eth a-way, but
to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous John thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.
As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly di-
vid-ed the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the

Faith-even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Paphnutius. Intercede with Christ our God that our

souls be saved.
In thee the image was preserved with exactness,

O Father; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to other

never look the flesh, for it passeth away, but
to attend to the soul since it is immortal. Therefore, O righteous Theodore, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.
The Holy Apostle
Zacchaeus

April 20

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8
Third Mode
"Thy confession"

Allegro \( \frac{1}{150} \)

Having justly hated unjust riches, thou didst lay up treasures of salvation; for, receiving the Saviour within thy house, thou, O Zacchaeus, wast truly made marvelous with all the
fruits of repentance thou broughtest forth: deeds of mercy, the correction of wrongs, and godly life, because of which we honour thee and call thee blest.

Sing to God,
not with the voice,
but with the heart; not,
after the fashion of tragedians,
in smearing the throat with a sweet
drug, so that theatrical melodies and songs
are heard in the church, but in fear, in work, and
in knowledge of the Scriptures. And although a man be
cacophonous, if he have good works, he is a sweet singer before God.

- St. Jerome
The Holy Hieromartyr Januarius
and Those With Him

April 21

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having rightly di-
vid-ed the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the

Faith-even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Januarius.

Intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.
Saint Theodore of Sykeon

April 22

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10

Allegro \( \frac{\text{G}}{} \)

Since thou hadst been known from thyswaddling bands to be sanctified, and hadst been shown to be filled with graces,

thou didst illuminate the world with miracles, and didst

drive off the swarms of demons, O sacred minister Theo-
dore; wherefore do thou beseech the Lord in our behalf.
The Holy and Glorious Great Martyr
George the Trophy-bearer

April 23

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
Fourth Mode

Allegro 150

Øς τῶν σιχμαλώτων

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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The Holy and Glorious Great Martyr
George the Trophy-bearer

April 23

Kontakion

Fourth Mode
"Thou Who wast raised up"

Intonation: #10

The Holy and Glorious Great Martyr George the Trophy-bearer

Having been cultivated well by the Lord God, as the most honoured cultivator of piety thou hast now gathered sheaves of virtues for thyself; for, as thou didst sow with tears, thou dost

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reap with rejoicing; with thy blood didst thou contest
and thou now hast received Christ. And
by thine intercessions, O Saint George, thou grantest all
the forgiveness of trespasses.
In thee the image was preserved with exactness,

O ___ Mother; for taking up thy cross, thou didst follow Christ, and by thy deeds thou didst teach us to other

ver - look _ the _ flesh, for it pass - eth a - way, but
to attend the soul since it is immortal. Wherefore, O righteous Elizabeth, thy spirit rejoiceth with the Angels.
The Holy Apostle
and Evangelist Mark

April 25

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8
Third Mode

Allegro ♩=150

"Απόστολε ἁγιε

O holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark,

intercede with the merciful God that He
grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.
The Holy Hieromartyr Basileus  
Bishop of Amasia

April 26

Apolytikion  
Fourth Mode

As a sharer of the ways and a successor to  
the throne of the Apostles, O inspired of  
God, thou foundest discipline to be a means of ascent to divine vision. Wherefore, having right-ly di-
vid-ed the word of truth, thou didst also contest for the

Faith-even unto blood, O Hieromartyr Basileus. Intercede with Christ our God that our

souls be saved.
The Holy Hieromartyr Symeon
Kinsman of the Lord

April 27

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
"The soldiers standing guard"

We sac - cred - ly ac - claim thee as Je - sus Christ's
kins-man, and as His stead-fast Mar - tyr, O all -
laud-ed Hier-arch. For brave-ly hast thou de - stroyed__

all de - cep - tion and kept____ the Faith. Hence, O
Un. Sym - e - on, we keep thy ho - ly re - mem-brance

G on this fes - tive day; and by thy prayers, we are

Un. grant - ed the par - don of griev - ous sins.
The Holy Nine Martyrs
of Cyzicus

April 28

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee

received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from

Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy

strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the

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One who jubilates does not speak words, but it is rather a sort of sound of joy without words, since it is the voice of a soul poured out in joy and expressing, as best it can, the feeling, though not grasping the sense. A man delighting in his joy, from some words which cannot be spoken or understood, bursts forth in a certain voice of exultation without words, so that it seems he does indeed rejoice with his own voice, but as if, because filled with too much joy, he cannot explain in words what it is in which he delights. You observe this even in those who sing improperly. Now our jubilation will not be such as theirs, for we ought to jubilate in justification, while they jubilate in iniquity; we, then, in confession, they in confusion. Yet that you might understand what I say, call to mind what you well know, that it is especially those who perform some task in the fields who jubilate. Mowers and vintagers and those who gather other products, happy in the abundance of harvest and gladdened by the very richness and fecundity of the earth, sing in joy. And between the songs which they express in words, they insert certain sounds without words in the elevation of an exultant spirit, and this is called jubilation.

- Blessed Augustine
The Holy Apostles
Jason and Sosipater

April 29

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8

Third Mode

O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offenses.
The Holy Apostle James
Brother of John the Theologian

April 30

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8
Third Mode

'Απόστολε ἁγίε

O ho - ly A - pos - tle James, in - ter - cede_ with the_
mer - ci - ful God that He grant un - to our souls for -
give - ness of of - fenc - es._

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