

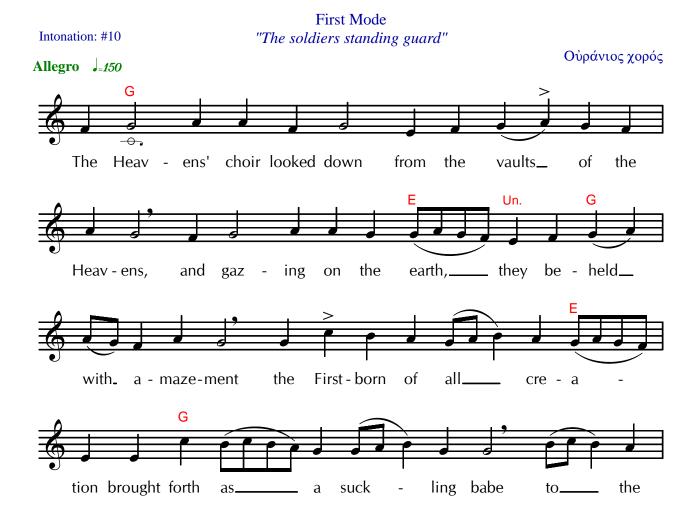


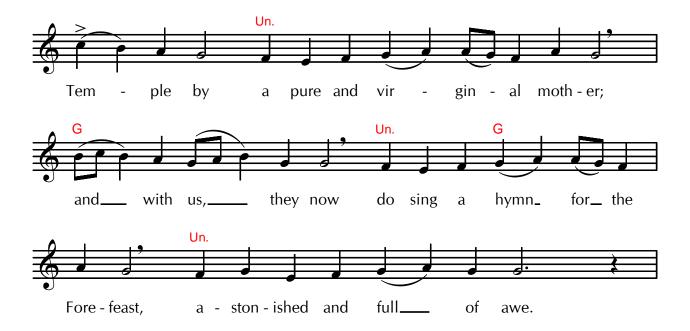




THE FOREFEAST OF THE MEETING IN THE TEMPLE

February 1





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.

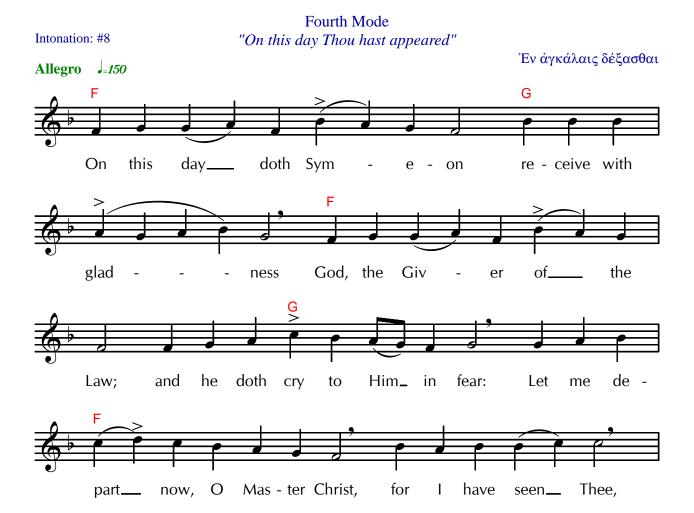
- St. Niceta of Remesiana



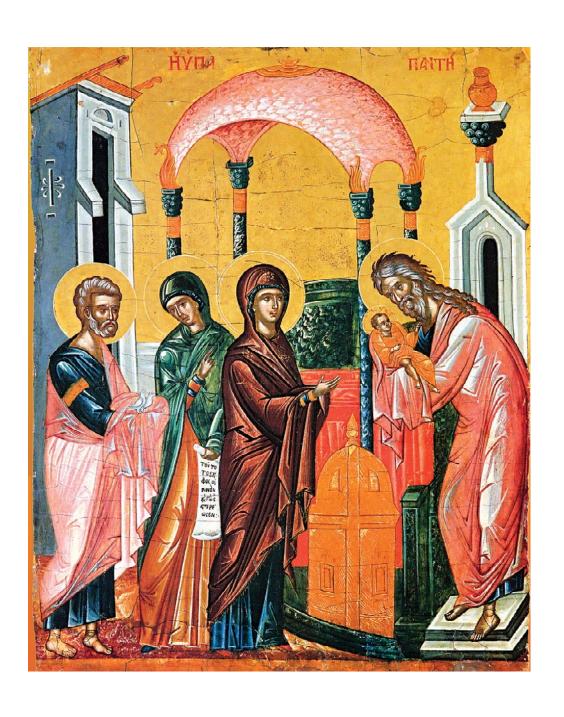
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February 1

Konatakion



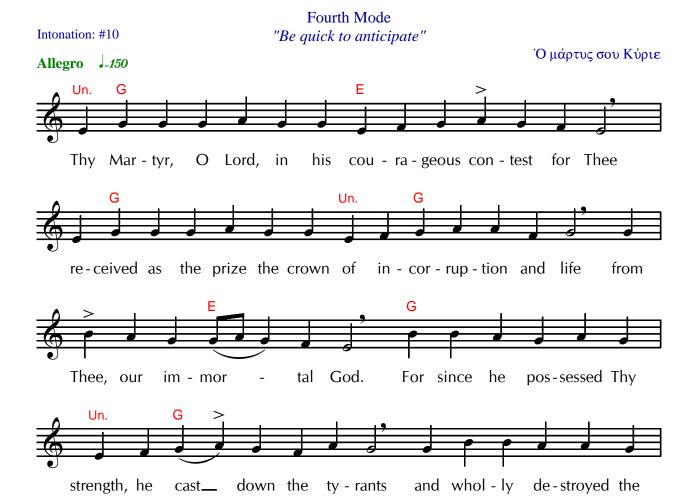


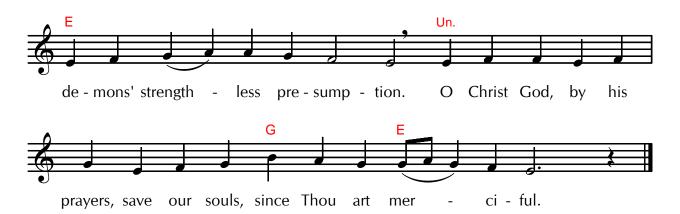




THE HOLY MARTYR TRYPHO

February 1





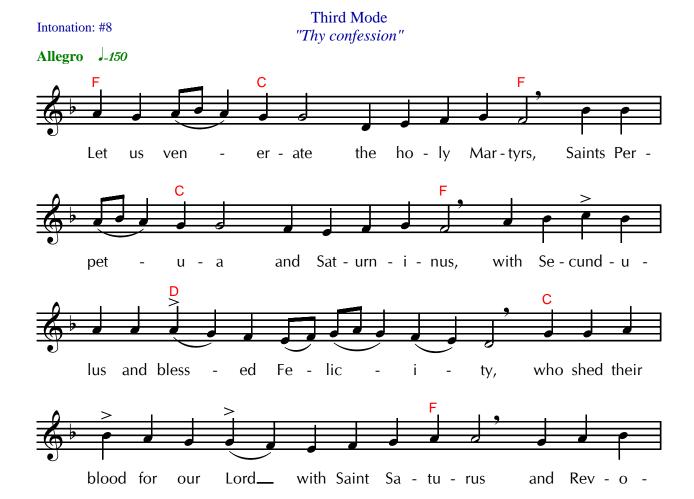


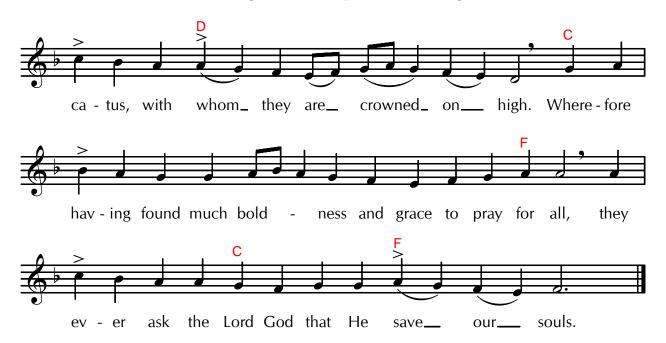
SAINT TRYPHO



THE HOLY MARTYRS PERPETUA AND FELICITY OF CARTHAGE AND THOSE WITH THEM

February 1









Saint Brigid of Kildare

February 1

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

Intonation: #10





Hav - ing learned of things di - vine by the words of Pat - rick,



thou hast pro-claimed in the West the good tid - ings of Christ.



Where-fore, we ven - er - ate thee, O Brig - id, and en - treat thee



to in - ter - cede with God that our souls be saved.

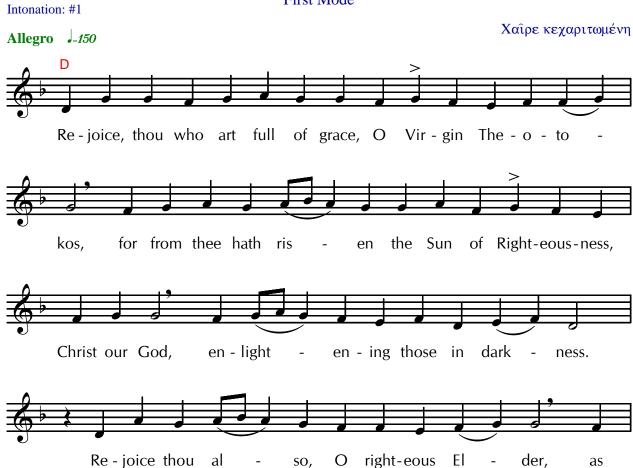


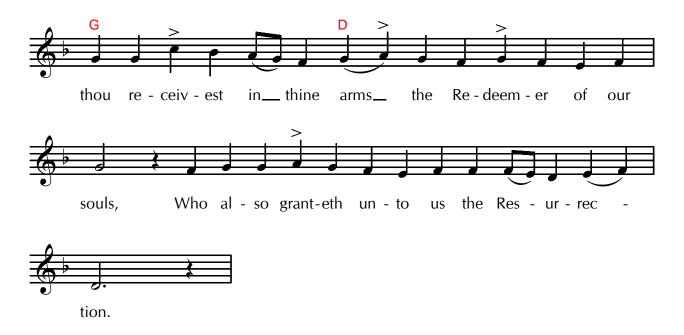
THE MEETING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

February 2

Apolytikion

First Mode





Final Cadence:



The psalms ought not to be sung one after the other in the assemblies, but a reading should be interpolated after each psalm.

- Canon XVII of the Council of Laodicea

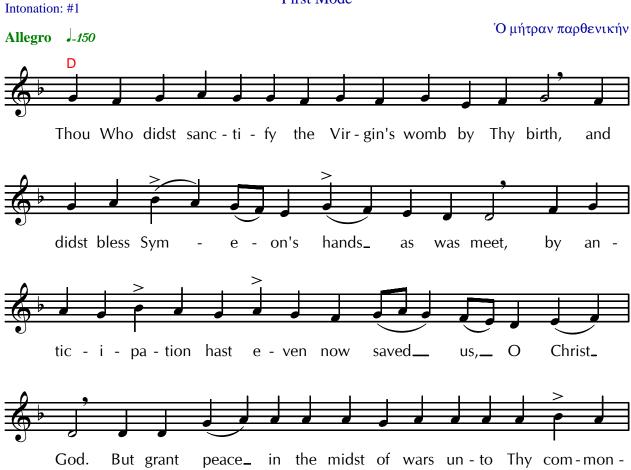


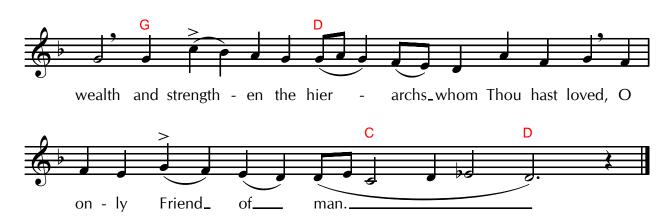
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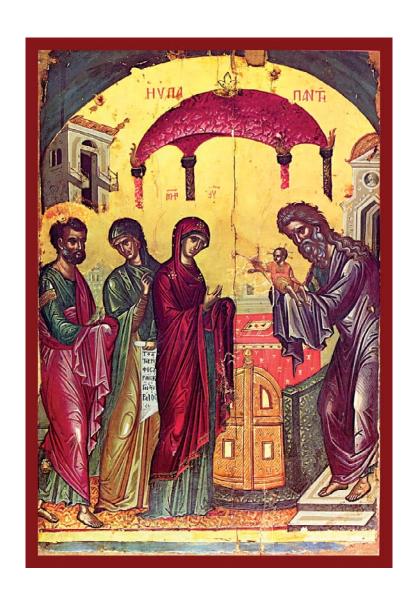
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First Mode



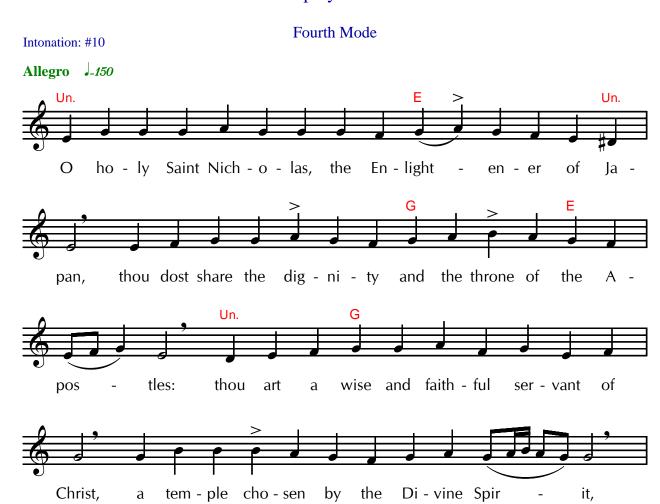


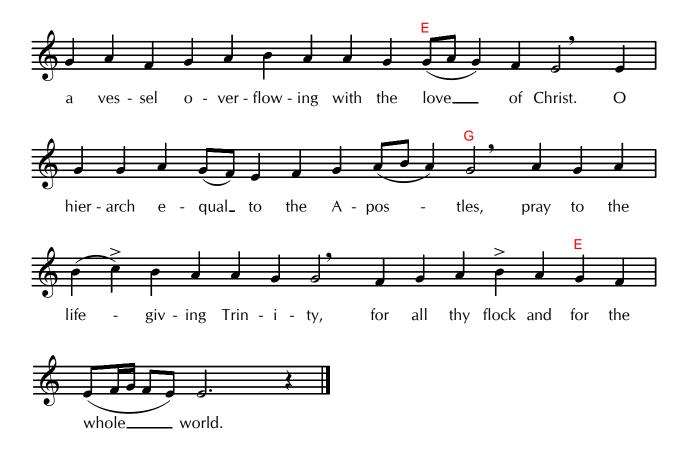




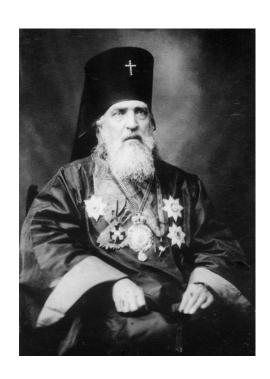
Saint Nicholas the Enlichtener of Japan

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SAINT NICHOLAS



OF Japan



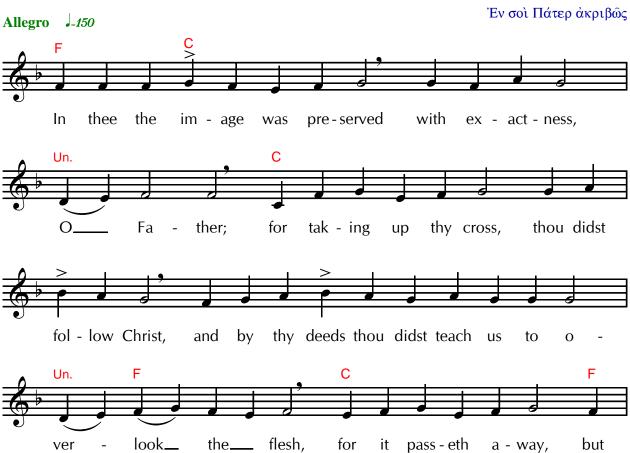
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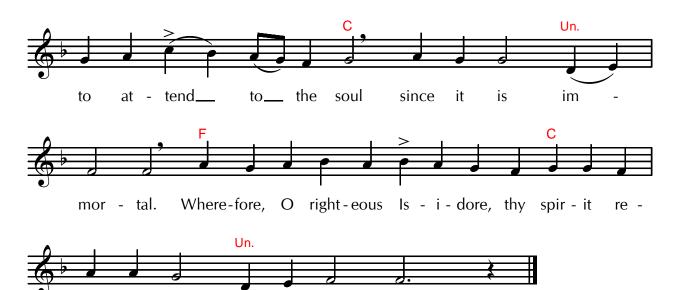
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Intonation: #25





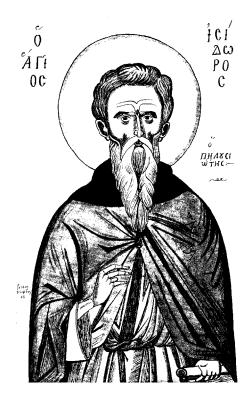


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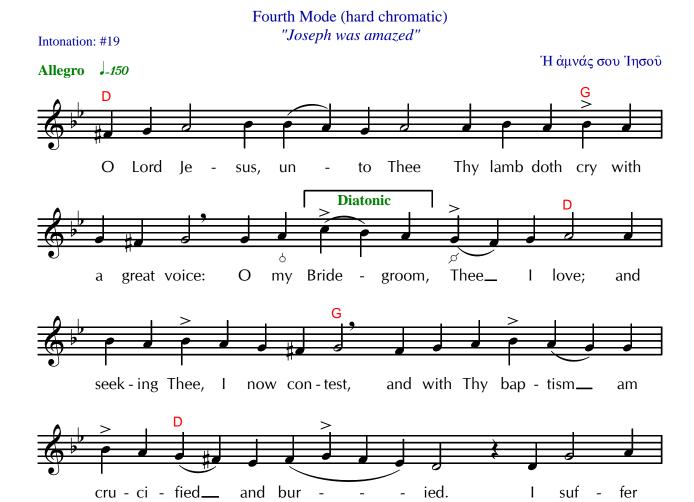


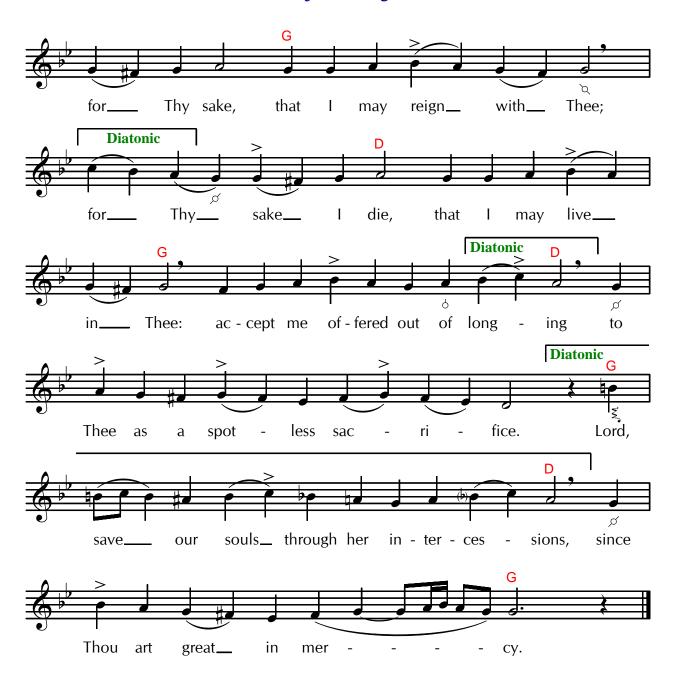
SAINT ISIDORE



THE HOLY MARTYR AGATHA

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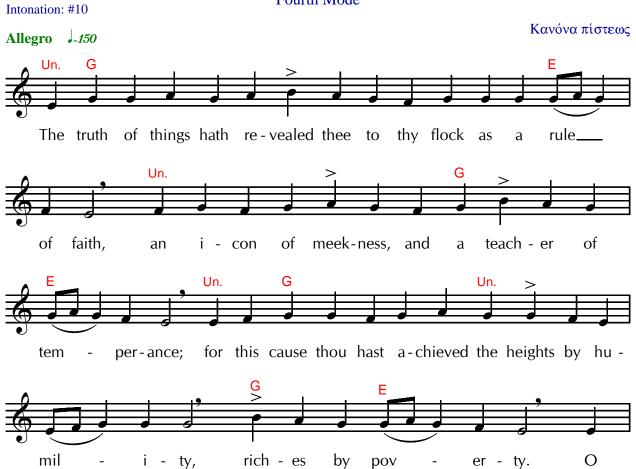


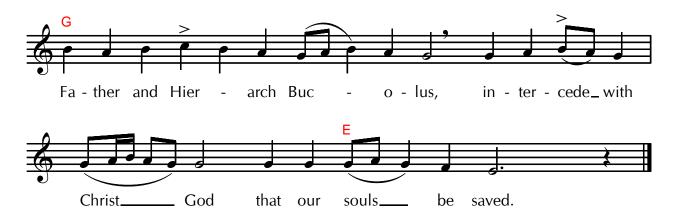
SAINT BUCOLUS BISHOP OF SMYRNA

February 6

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode





One who jubilates [iubilat] 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.



Saints Barsanuphius and John of Gaza

February 6

Apolytikion

First Mode
"While Gabriel was saying"

Intonation: #1





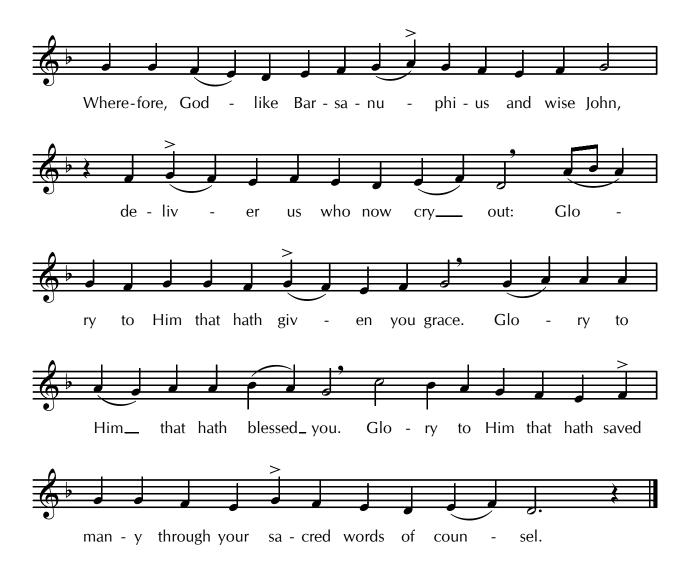
Di - vine and tune - ful harps of the Ho - ly Spir - it's mys -



t'ries, sound-ing forth sweet hymns of dis-cern - ment which soothe all





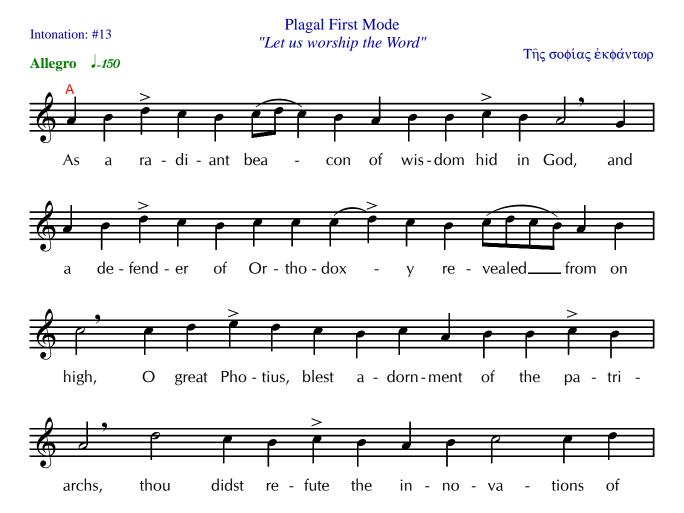


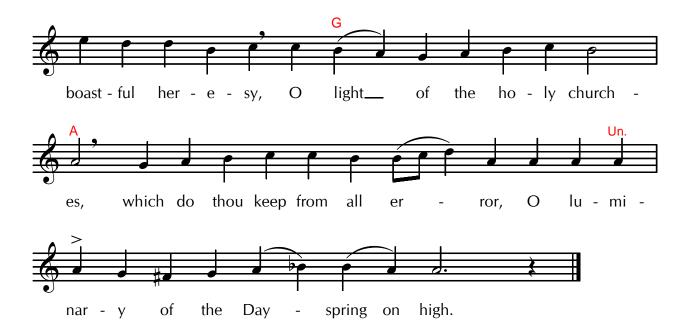


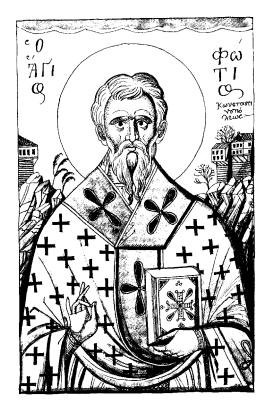


Saint Photius the Great Patriarch of Constantinople

February 6







SAINT PHOTIUS THE GREAT



Saints Parthenius Bishop of Lampsacus and Luke of Mount Stirion

February 7

Apolytikion

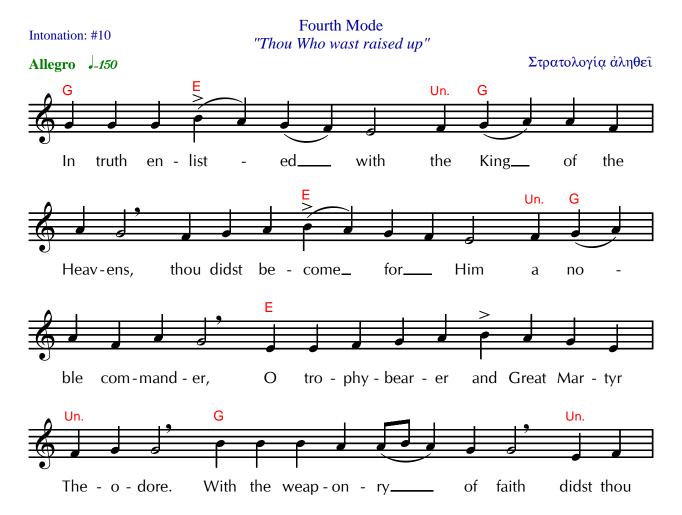
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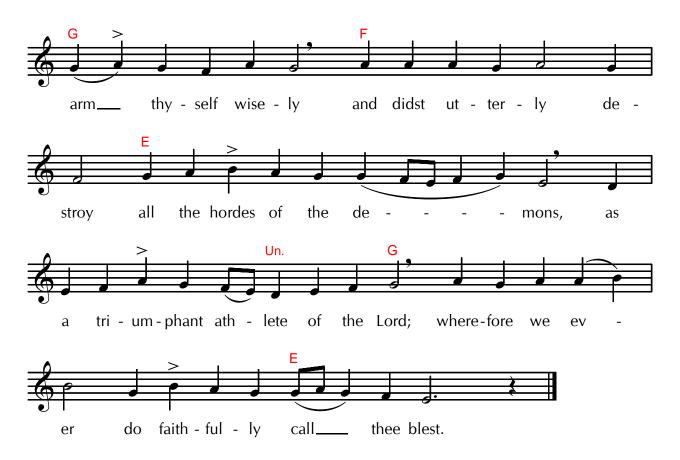




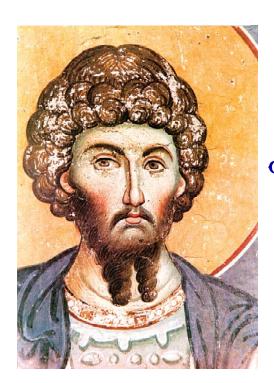
THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR THEODORE THE COMMANDER

February 8









THE COMMANDER

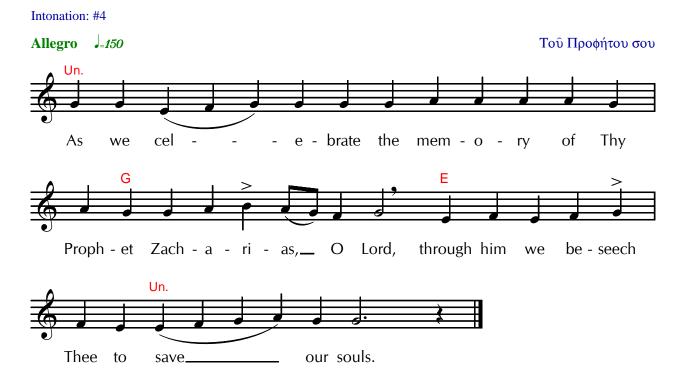


THE HOLY PROPHET ZACHARIAS

February 8

Apolytikion

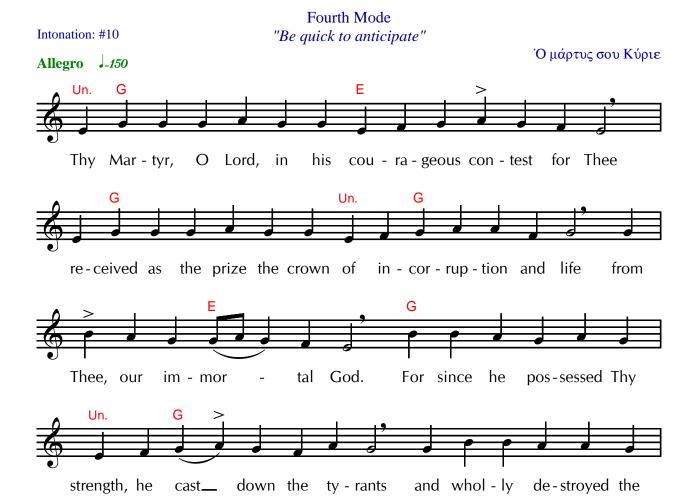
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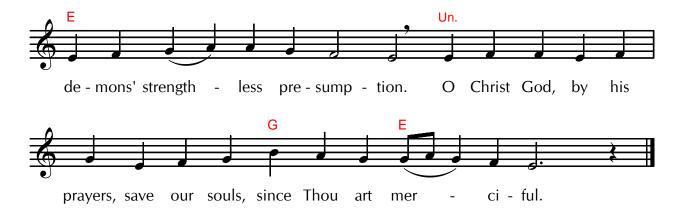




THE HOLY MARTYR NICEPHORUS

February 9





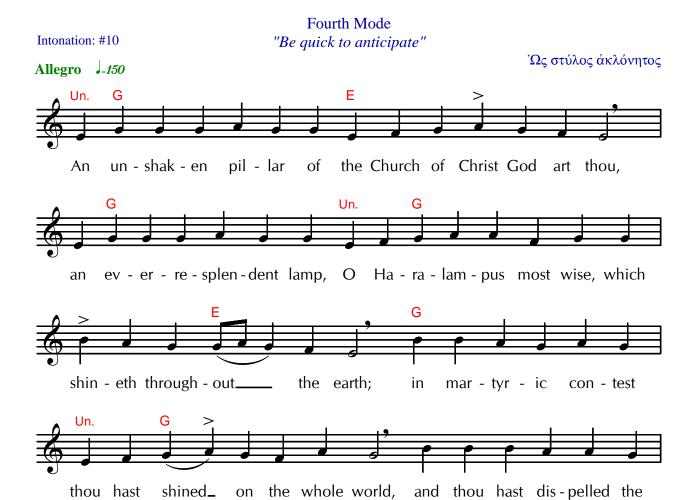
We must think of what we sing rather than allow our mind, seized by extraneous thoughts as is often the case, to lose the fruit of our labor. One must sing with a manner and melody befitting holy religion; it must not proclaim theatrical distress but rather exhibit Christian simplicity in its very musical movement; it must not remind one of anything theatrical, but rather create compunction in the listeners.

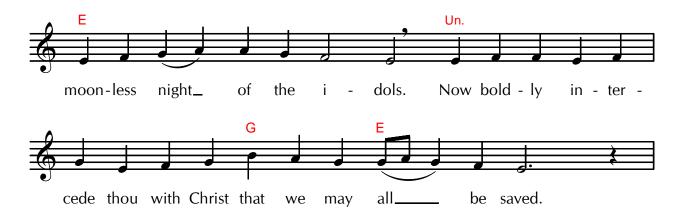
- St. Niceta of Remesiana



THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR HARALAMPUS

February 10





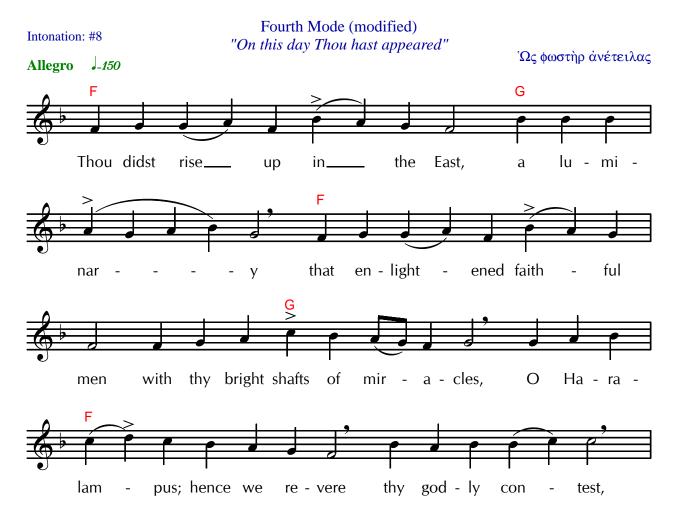




THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR HARALAMPUS

February 10

Kontakion





The virtue of silence, especially in church, is very great. . .

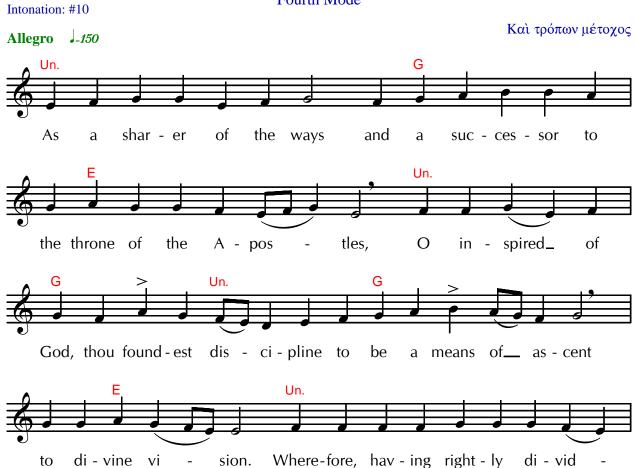
Is anything more unbecoming than the divine words should be so drowned by talking, as not to be heard, believed, or made known, that the sacraments should be indistinctly heard through the sound of voices, that prayer should be hindered when offered for the salvation of all?...

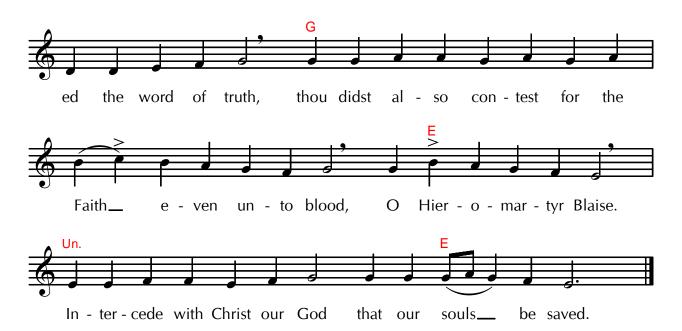


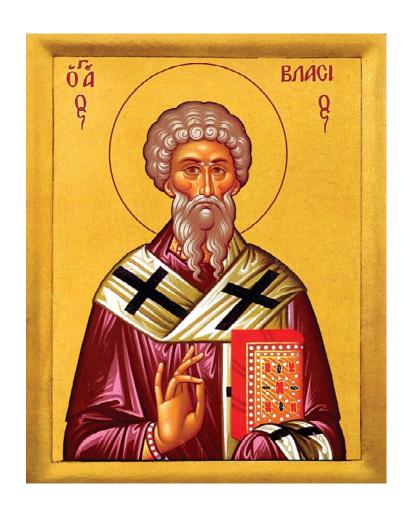
THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR BLAISE

February 11

Apolytikion



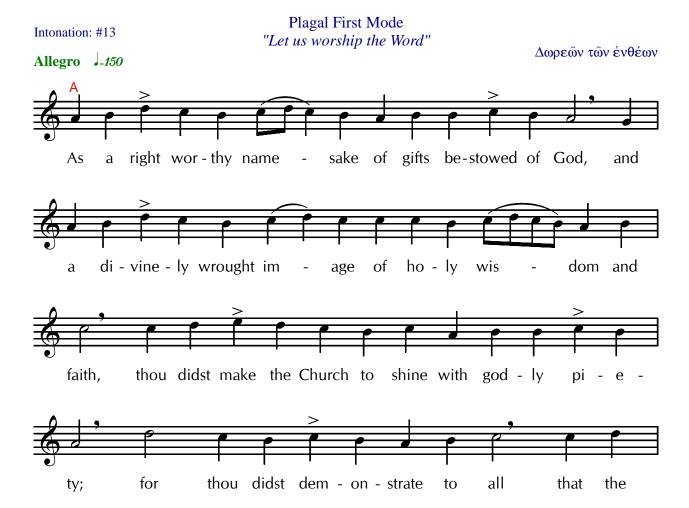


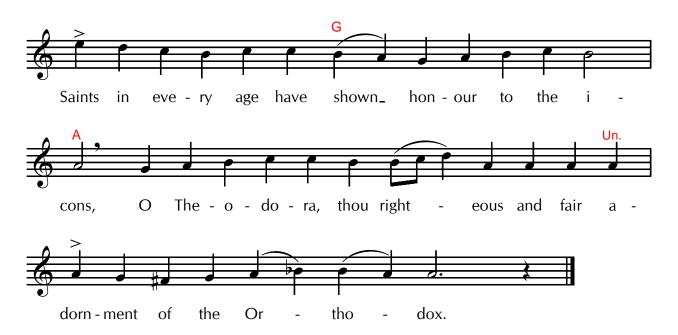


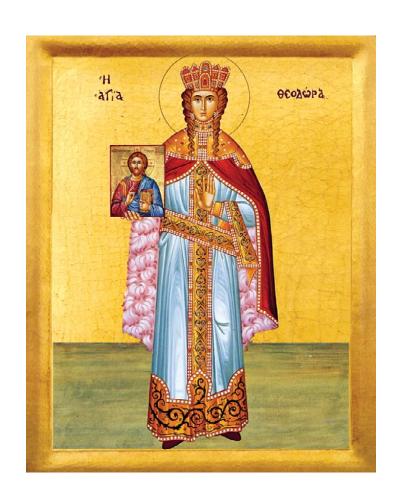


Saint Theodora the Empress

February 11





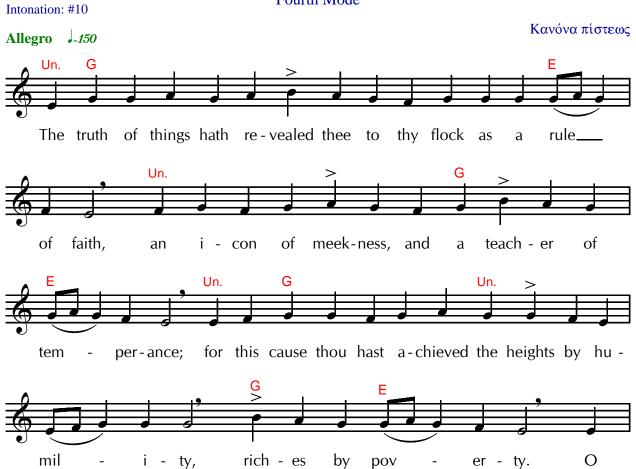


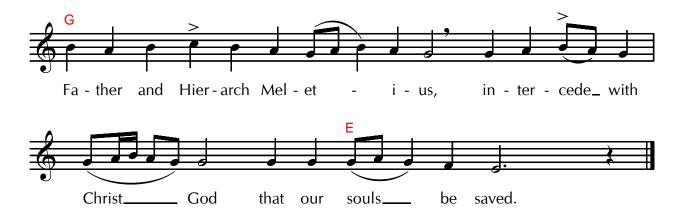


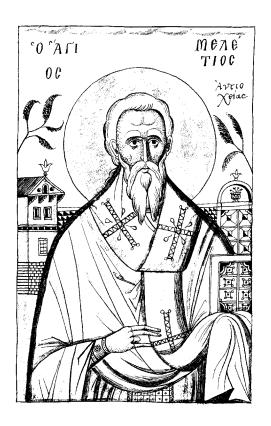
SAINT MELETIUS ARCHBISHOP OF ANTIOCH THE GREAT

February 12

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SAINT MELETIUS OF ANTIOCH



Saint Martinian of Palestine

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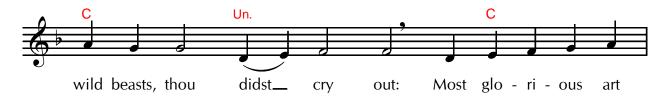
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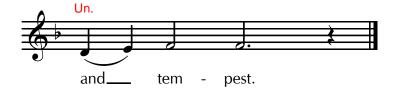


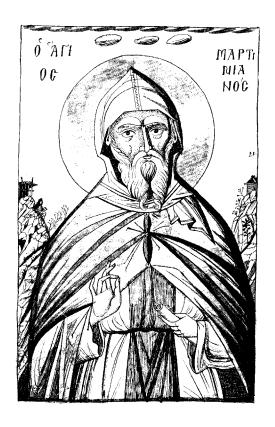


hav - ing checked the waves of the sea and the at - tacks of

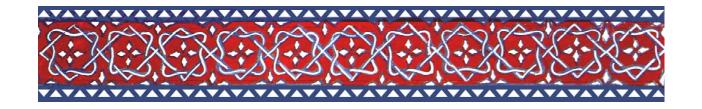






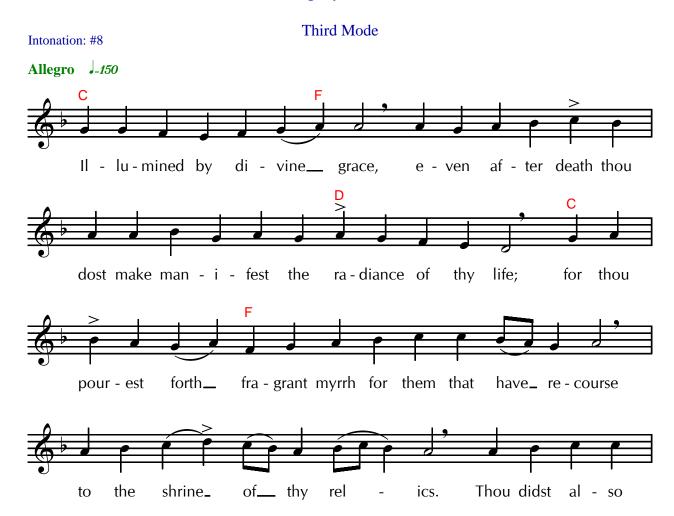


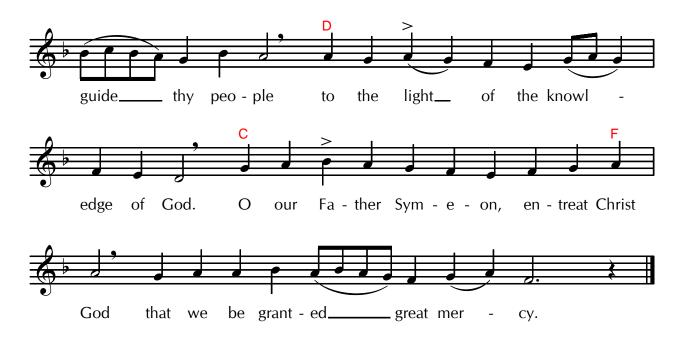
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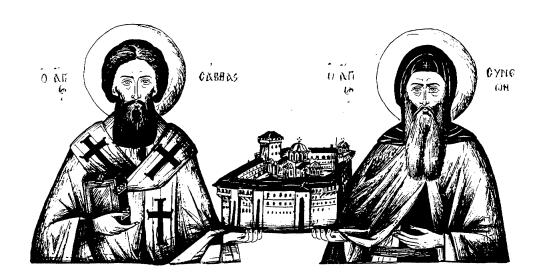


SAINT SYMEON THE MYRRH-STREAMER

February 13







SAINTS SABBAS AND SYMEON OF SERBIA

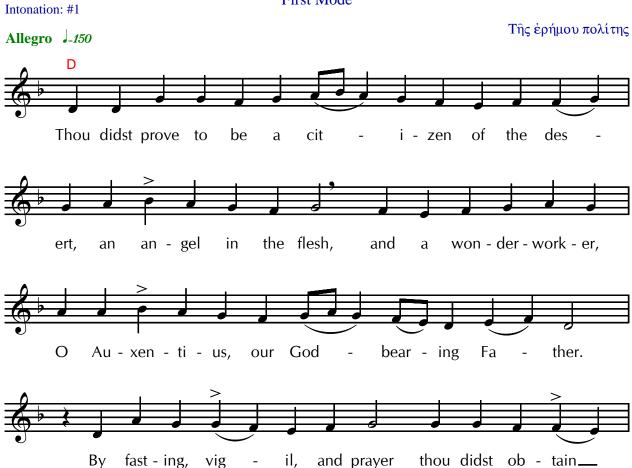


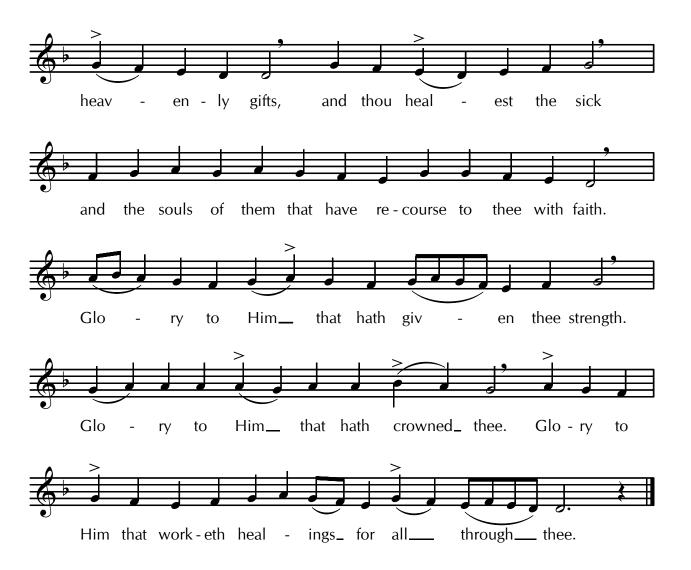
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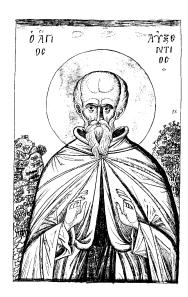
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First Mode





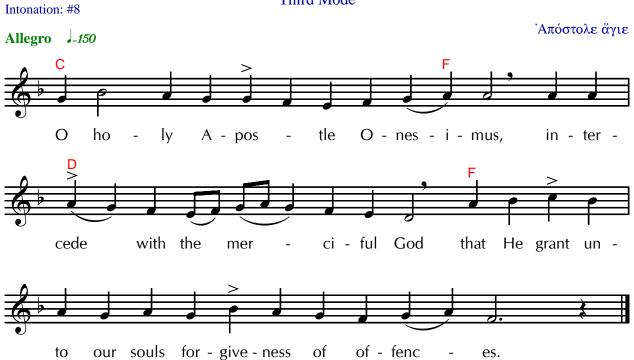




THE HOLY APOSTLE ONESIMUS

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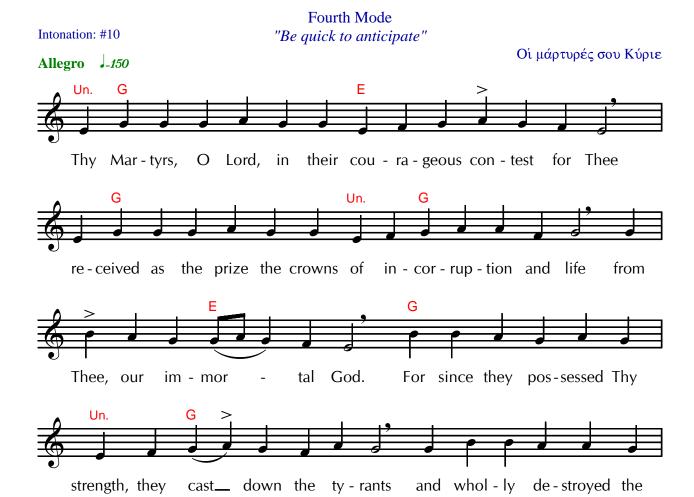


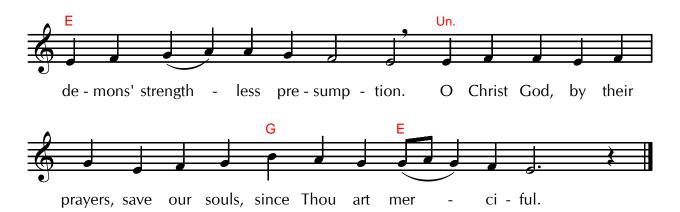


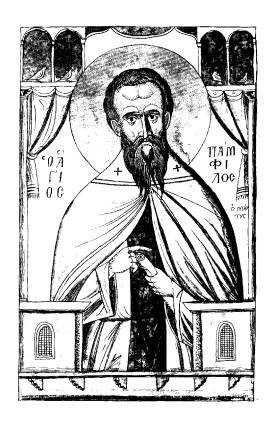


THE HOLY MARTYR PAMPHILUS AND THOSE WITH HIM

February 16







SAINT PAMPHILUS

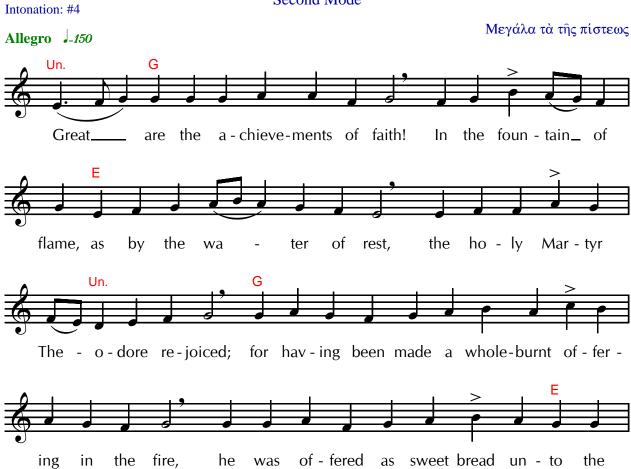


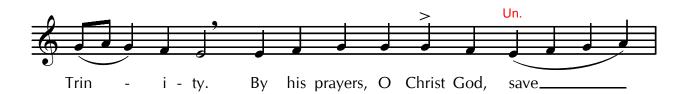
THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR THEODORE THE TYRO

February 17

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Second Mode







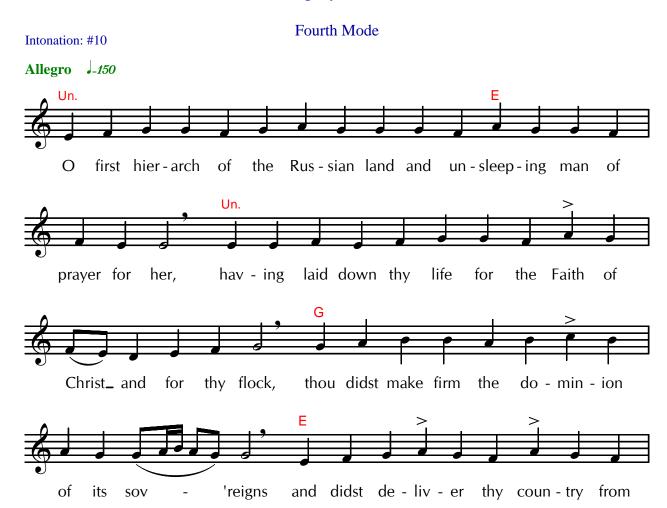


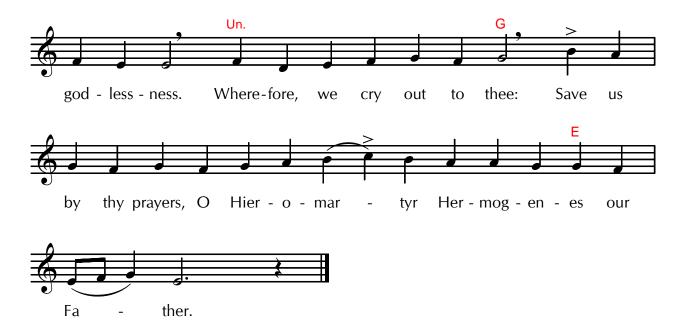
THE TWO SAINT THEODORES



Saint Hermogenes Patriarch of Moscow

February 17





Many times, as I offer praise,

I am found committing sin; for with my tongue

I pronounce songs of praise, yet in my soul I think unseemly things;

but do Thou correct them both through repentance,

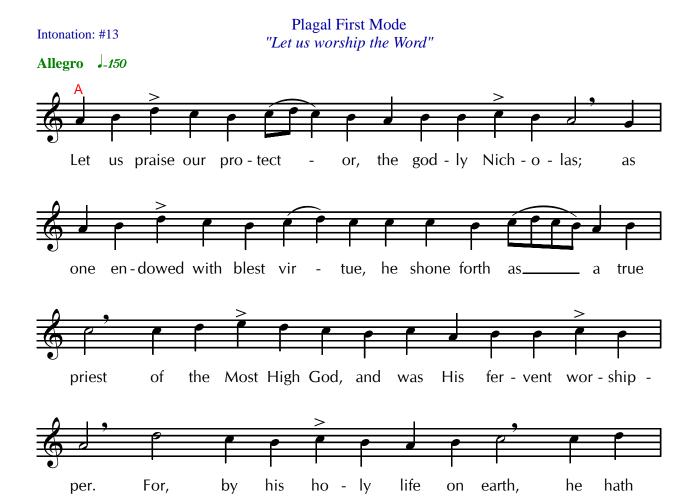
O Christ God, and save me.

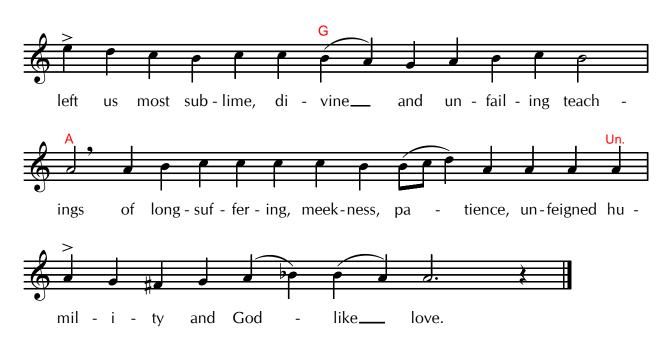
- Aposticha of the Praises Third Mode, Monday morning



Saint Nicholas Planas of Athens

February 17





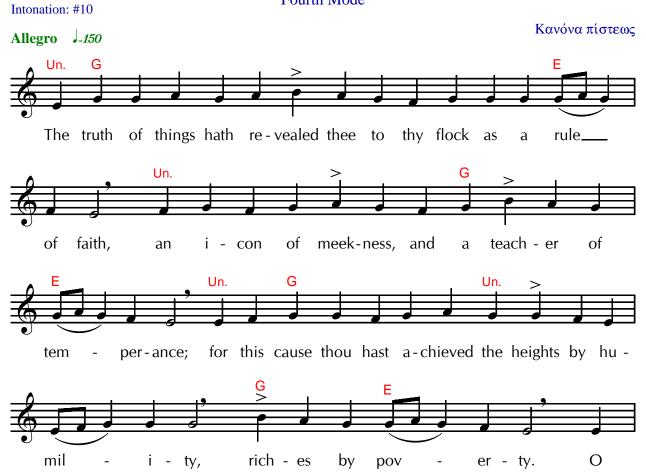


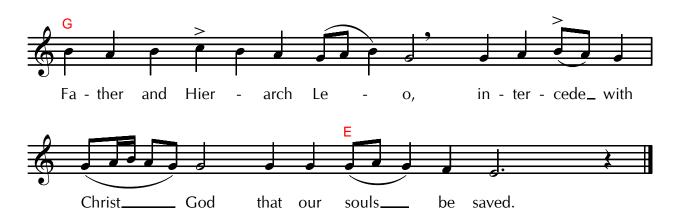


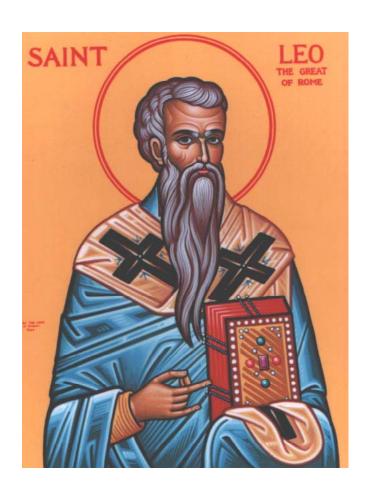
Saint Leo the Great Pope of Rome

February 18

Apolytikion





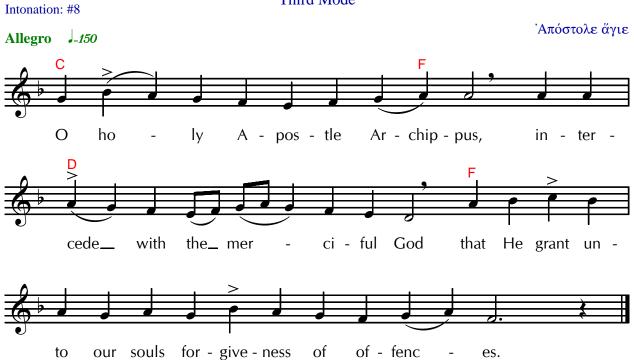




THE HOLY APOSTLE ARCHIPPUS

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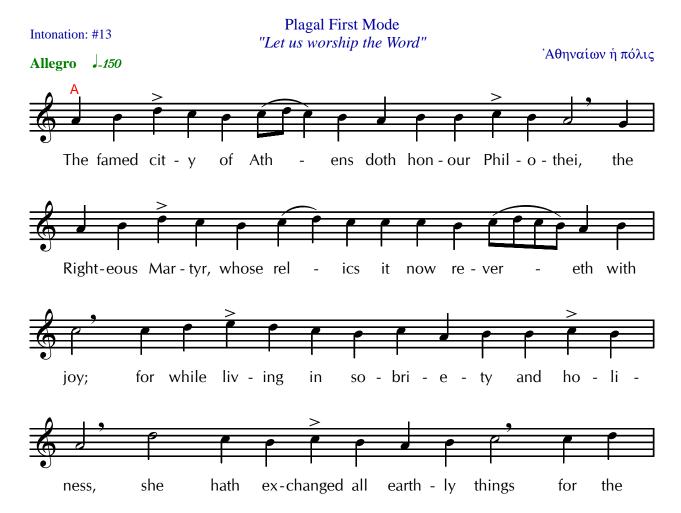


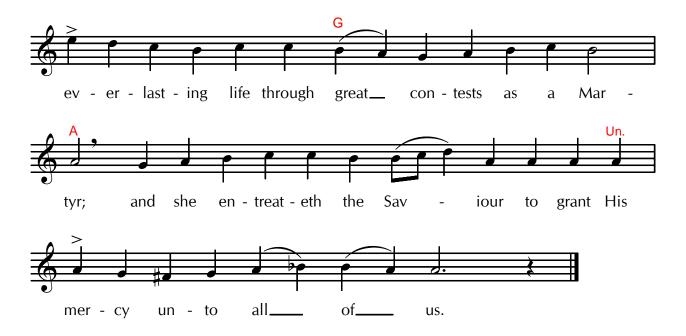




Saint Philothei of Athens

February 19







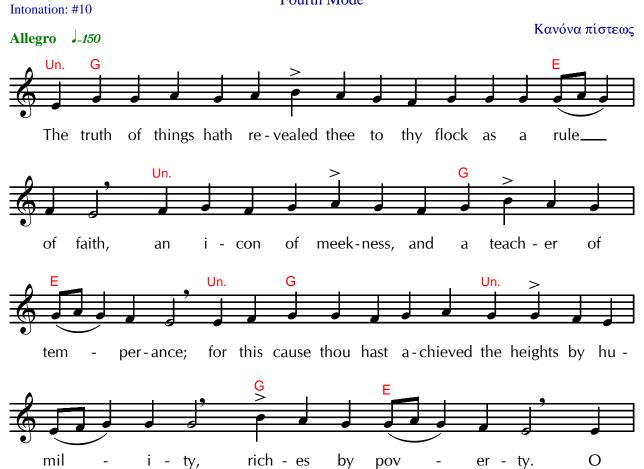
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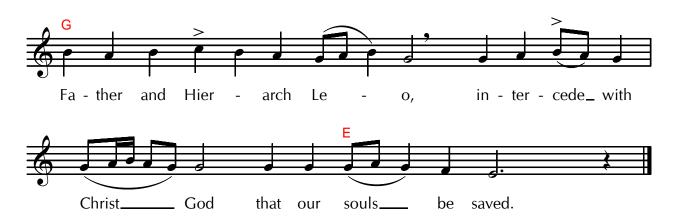


SAINT LEO BISHOP OF CATANIA IN SICILY

February 20

Apolytikion





O the wise invention of the teacher who contrives that in our singing we learn what is profitable, and that thereby doctrine is somehow more deeply impressed upon our souls! What is learned under duress tends not to be retained, but what suavely ingratieates itself somehow adibes within our souls more steadfastly.



Saints Timothy of Symbola and EUSTATHIUS BISHOP OF ANTIOCH THE GREAT

February 21



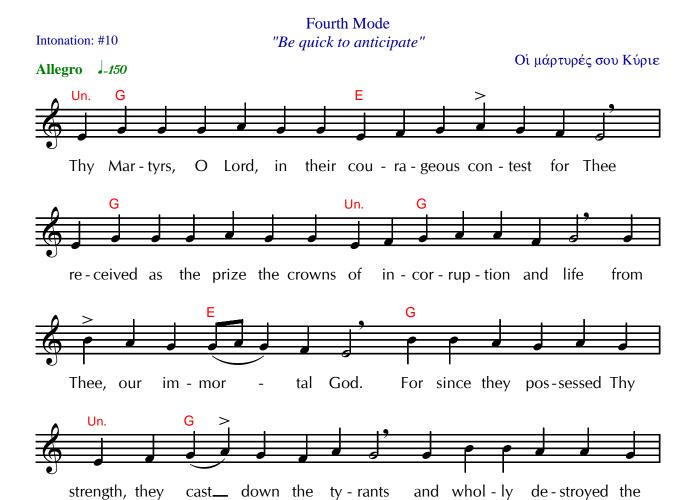


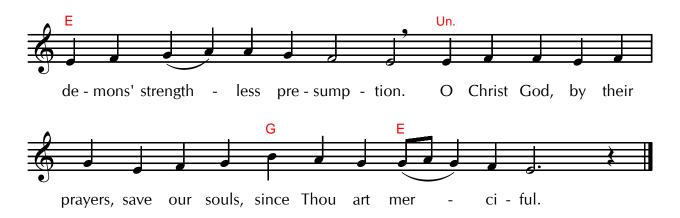




THE FINDING OF THE PRECIOUS RELICS OF THE HOLY MARTYRS IN THE QUARTER OF EUGENIUS

February 22





To recite the psalms with melody is not done from a desire for pleasing sound, but it is a manifestation of harmony among the thoughts of the soul.

And melodious reading is a sign of the well-ordered and tranquil condition of the mind.

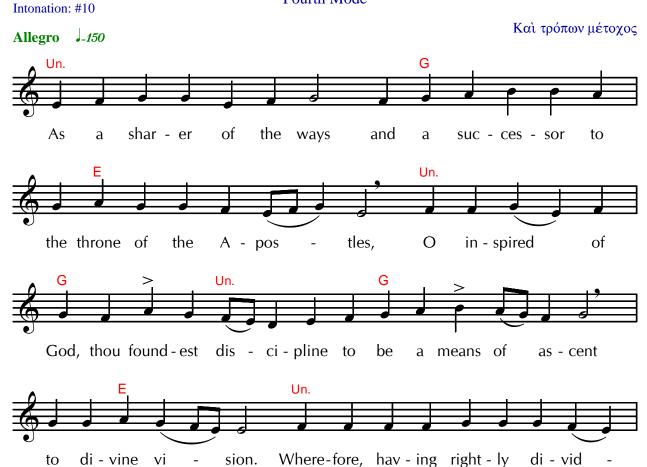
- St. Athansius the Great

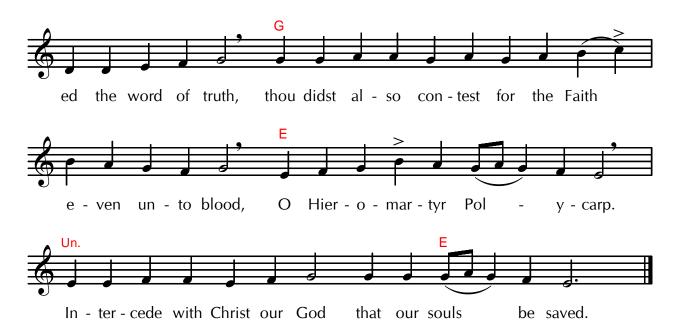


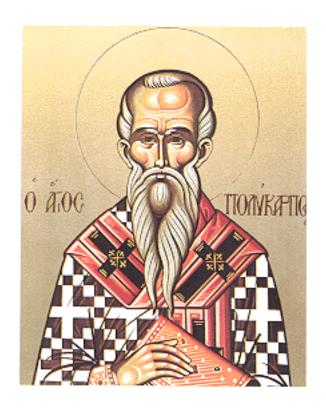
THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR POLYCARP BISHOP OF SMYRNA

February 23

Apolytikion







SAINT POLYCARP



THE FIRST AND SECOND FINDING OF THE VENERABLE HEAD OF THE FORERUNNER

February 24

Apolytikion



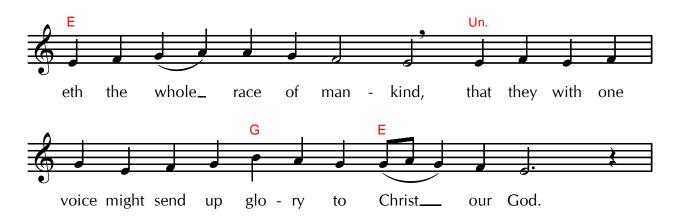
The Fore-run-ner's sa-cred head, hav-ing dawned forth from the earth,



doth send in - cor - rup-tion's rays un - to the faith - ful, where-by they







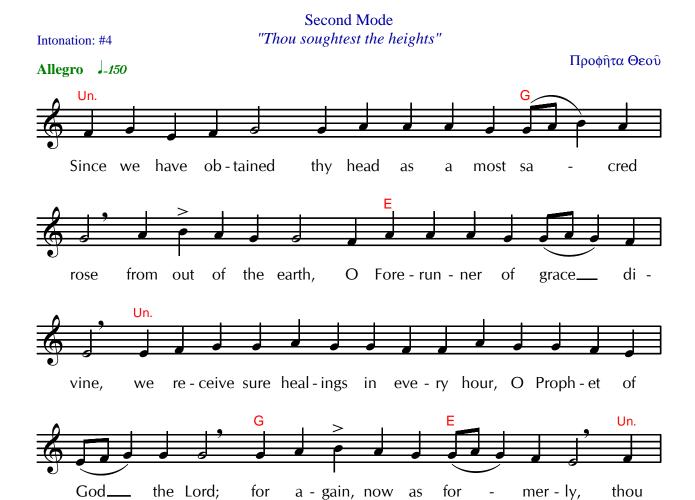




THE FIRST AND SECOND FINDING OF THE VENERABLE HEAD OF THE FORERUNNER

February 24

Kontakion







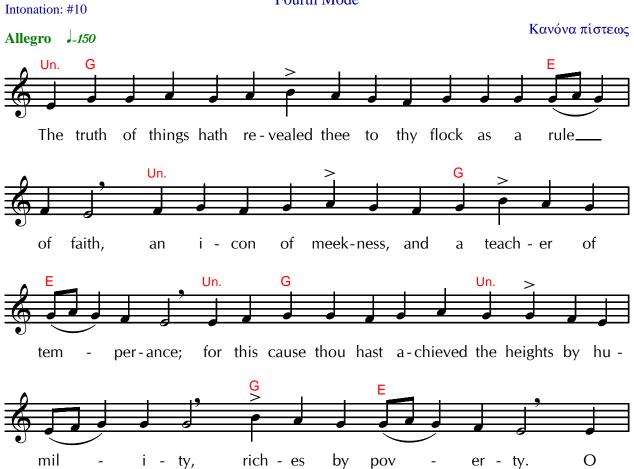


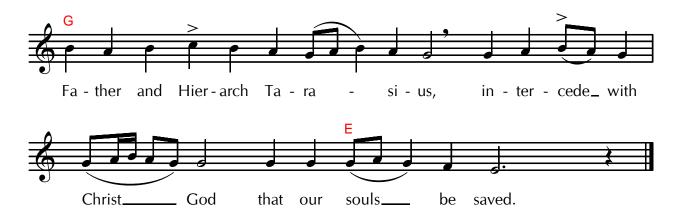
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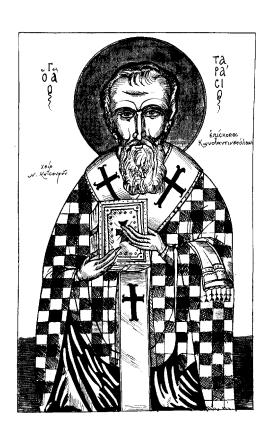
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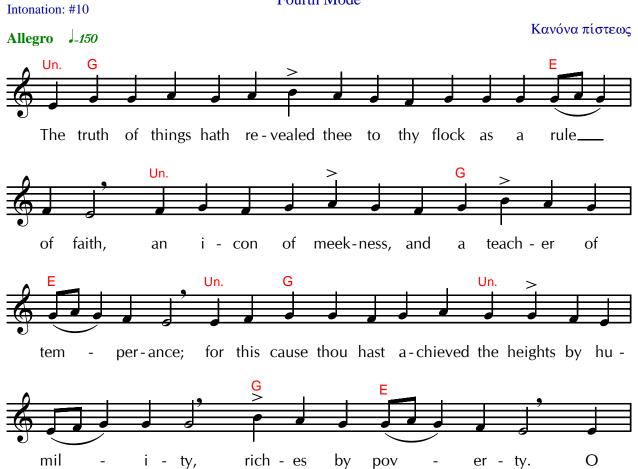


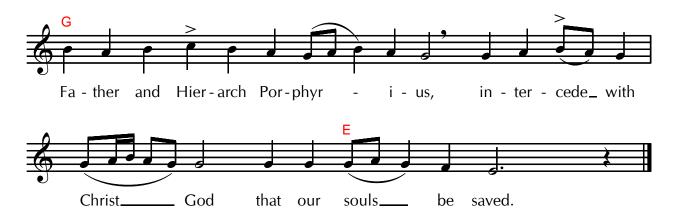
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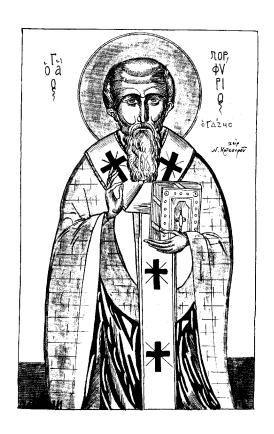
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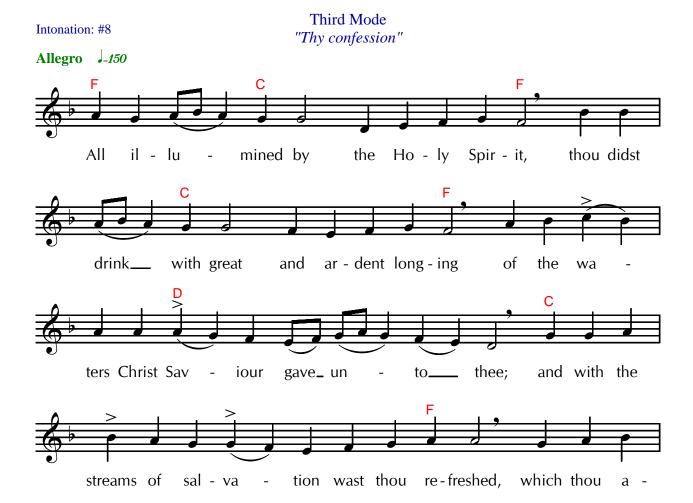


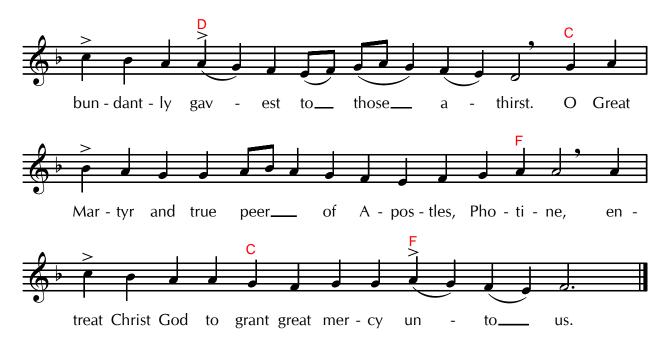
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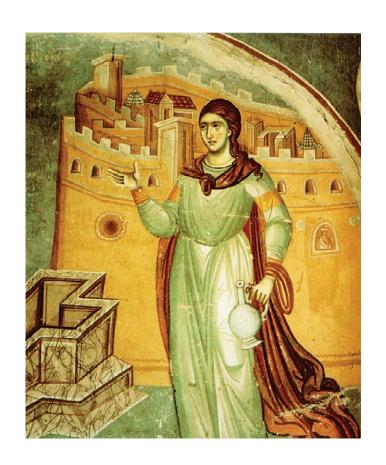


Saint Photine the Samartian Woman

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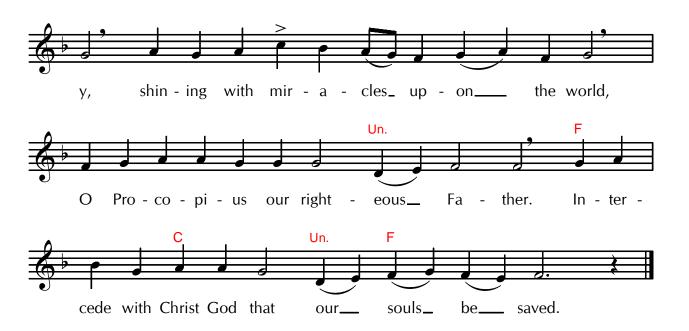


SAINT PROCOPIUS OF DECAPOLIS THE CONFESSOR

February 27







O sleepless nights, with the singing of psalms, and with standing which lasts from one day to the next!

O David, only for these faithful souls [the nuns], have you not sung too long!

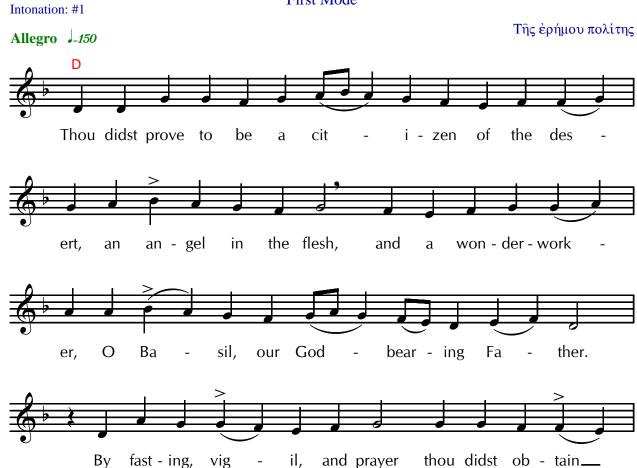
-St. Gregory of Nazianzus



SAINT BASIL FELLOW ASCETIC OF ST. PROCOPIUS

February 28





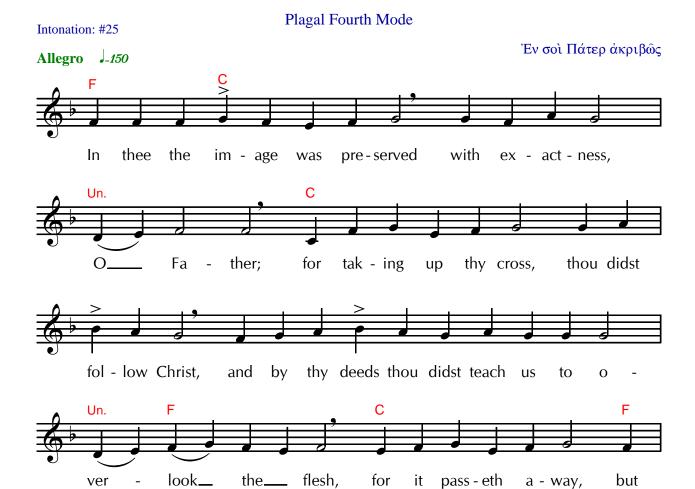


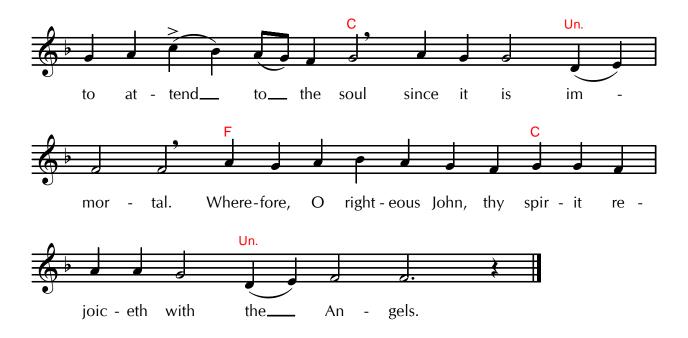




Saint John Cassian

February 29





When, therefore, they [the monks of Egypt]

come together to conduct the aforementioned services,

which they call *synaxes*, all maintain such silence that even though

so great a number of brethren assemble, one would believe

no man to be present except he who rises

in their midst to sing the psalm.