



# THE FATHERS OF THE MONASTERY OF SAINT SABBA WHO WERE KILLED BY THE SARACENS

March 20

Apolytikion

Second Mode

Intonation: #4

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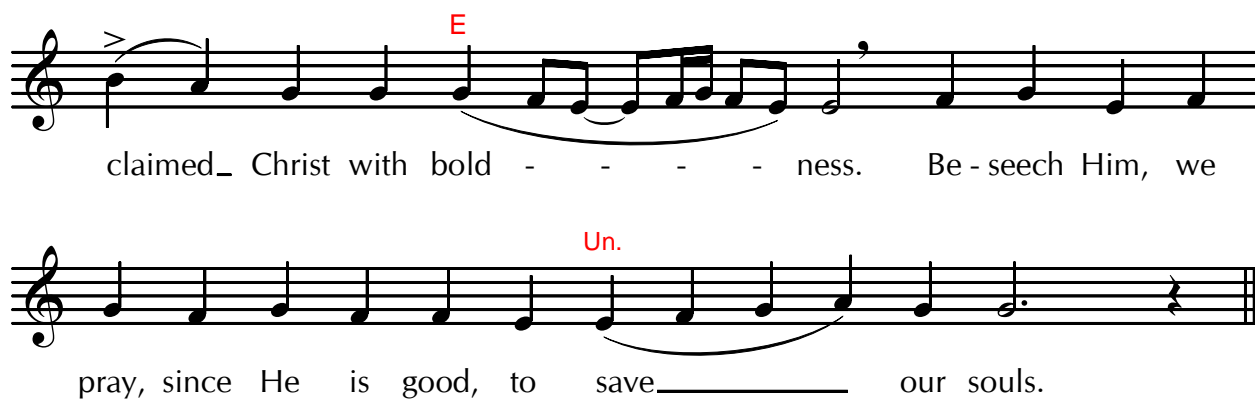
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claimed\_ Christ with bold - - - - ness. Be - seech Him, we  
 pray, since He is good, to save\_\_\_\_\_ our souls.

What state can be more blessed  
 than to imitate on earth the choirs of angels?  
 to begin the day with prayer, and honor our Maker with  
 hymns and songs? As the day brightens, to betake ourselves, with  
 prayer attending on it throughout, to our labors, and to  
 season our work with hymns, as food with salt?  
 The consolation from hymns produces a  
 state of soul that is cheerful  
 and free of sorrow.

- St. Basil the Great