The Synaxis of the Fathers of the Far Caves in Kiev

August 28

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

Allegro

Together with the whole assembly of the monastic Saints, we honour today the noetic sun and brilliant moon of the founding Fathers of the Kiev Caves. For these illumine the firmament of the Church and en-
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