

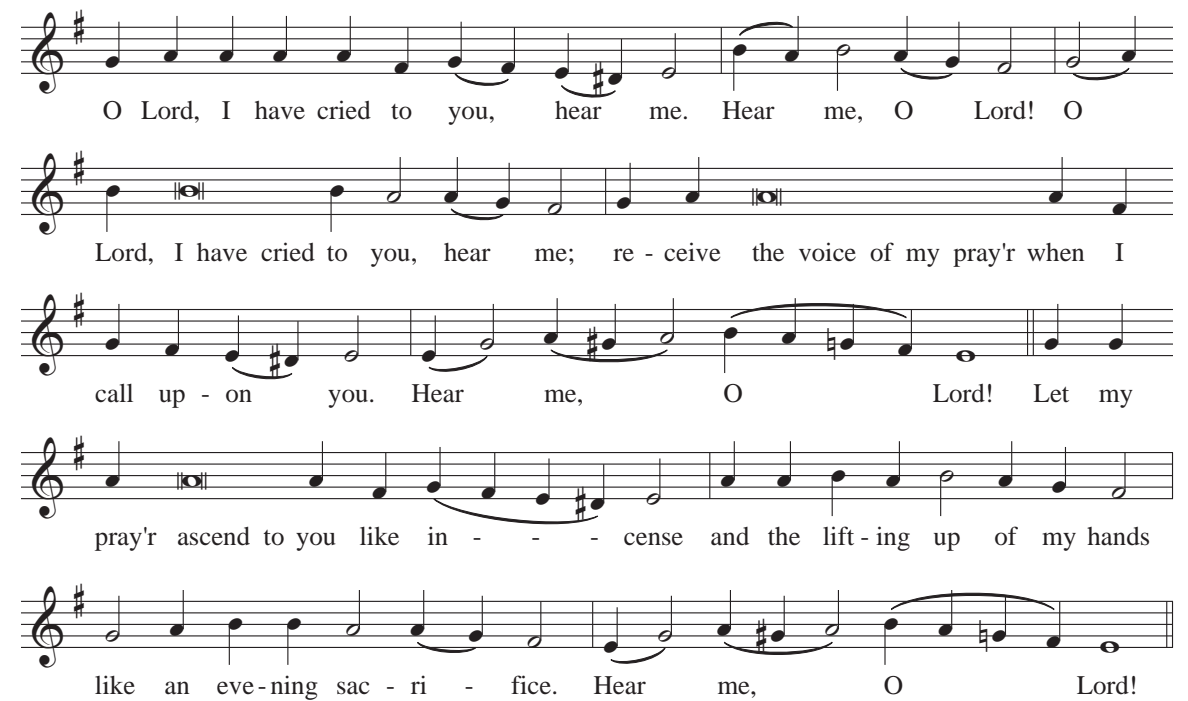
**Propers for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Wednesday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast
March 9, 2016**

The forty holy martyrs of Sebaste in Armenia. They were comrades, not in blood, but in faith and obedience to the will of their heavenly Father. At the time of the emperor Licinius, after binding and savage tortures, they were ordered to pass the night naked at the coldest time of winter in a swamp in the open air. They consummated their martyrdom by the breaking of their legs at crucifixion. (320)

Supplement for The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (2009). Page numbers refer to the people's book with complete music.

Antiphonal psalms for Wednesday, p. 8. Then the beginning of Psalm 140 is sung in Tone 8:

Psalm 140 - Tone 8 samohlasen



O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O
Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I
call up - on you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my
pray'r ascend to you like in - - - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands
like an eve - ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

Followed by the recited verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms, pp. 19-21.

Cantor: *(on 4)*

Let the watchman count on day-break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

Sticheron of Wednesday in the Fifth Week of the Great Fast - Tone 8 samohlasen

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I fell in with thiev-ing e - vil thoughts; they stripped my wretched mind and beat me
 ter - ri - bly. My soul is to - tal - ly wound-ed, and I lay stripped of virtue
 on the road of life. A priest saw me suffering from in - cur - a - ble wounds
 but passed by with-out a se - cond glance. Next, a Le - vite came and saw, but
 he a - void - ed me, re - pulsed by the painful pol-lu - tion of my soul.
 But you who chose to take flesh, O Christ our God, not from Sa-ma - ri - a,
 but from Ma - - - ry, grant me heal-ing in your love, pour-ing out
 on me your great mer - cy.

Communion Hymns:

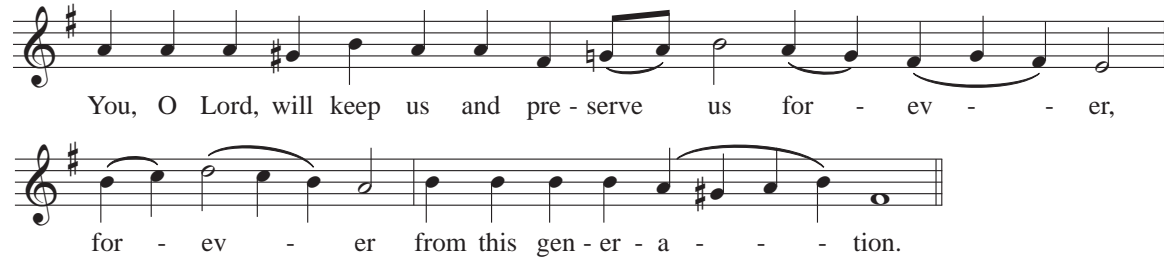
For the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Ps. 33:9; music on p. 43):
 Taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for the Forty Martyrs (Ps. 32:1):

Re-joyce in the Lord you right - - - eous ones; praise from
 the up-right is fit - - - ting. *Refrain:* Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - - - le - lu - ia!

After the Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, there are readings in honor of the Forty Martyrs.

Prokeimenon for the Forty Holy Martyrs - Tone 5 (Psalm 11:8,2)



You, O Lord, will keep us and pre-serve us for - ev - - er,
for - ev - - er from this gen - er - a - - - tion.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the righteous have vanished.

Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-10 (*Epistle book, p. 233*)

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 64:1-2,10)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; sing praise to his name, give to him glorious praise.

Verse: For you, O God, have tested us, you have tried us as silver is tried.

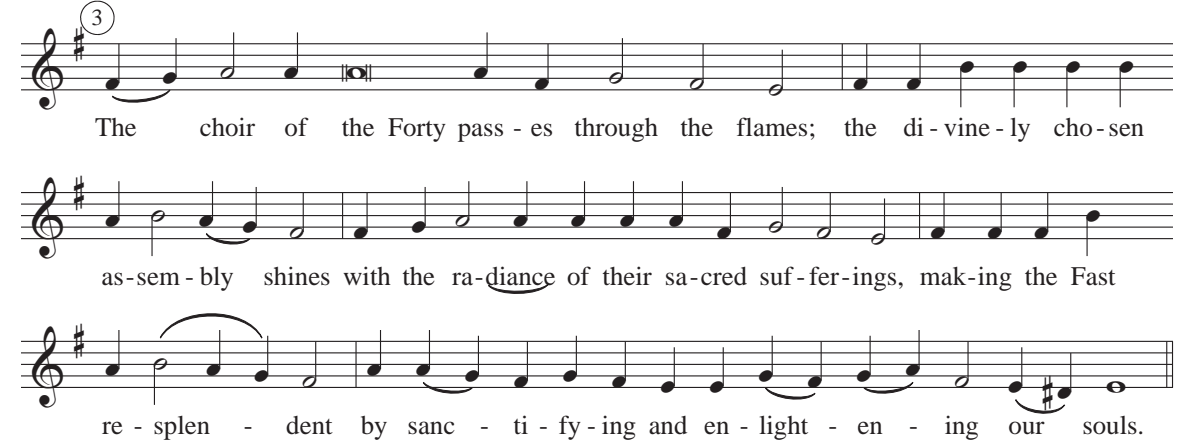
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Cantor: ^(on 3)



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,
Is - ra - el indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Forty Holy Martyrs of Sebaste - Tone 1 samohlasen

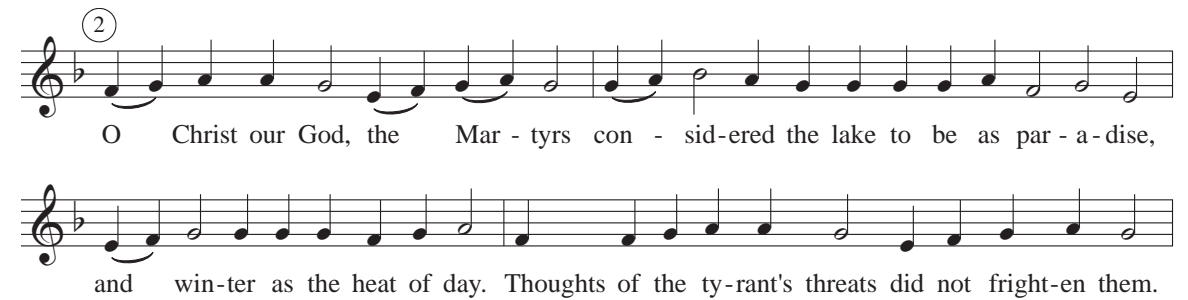


The choir of the Forty pass - es through the flames; the di - vine - ly cho - sen
as - sem - bly shines with the ra - diance of their sa - cred suf - fer - ings, mak - ing the Fast
re - splen - dent by sanc - ti - fy - ing and en - light - en - ing our souls.

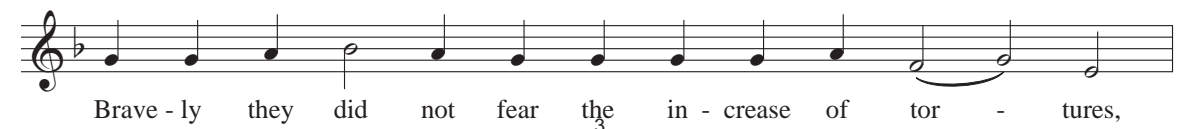
Cantor:



Praise the Lord, all you na - tions; ac - claim him all you peo - ples!



O Christ our God, the Mar - tyrs con - sid - ered the lake to be as par - a - dise,
and win - ter as the heat of day. Thoughts of the ty - rant's threats did not fright - en them.



Brave - ly they did not fear the in - crease of tor - tures,

for they ac-quired the Cross as a weap-on, and with it they van-quished the foe in might,
for which they re - ceived crowns of grace.

Cantor:

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

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Who does not re - mem - ber in hymns the choir of For - ty Mar - tyrs?

They bold - ly went into the wa-ters of the lake. Held fast by the ice,

they sang to the Lord: Re - ceive us in the rivers, O Lov - er of us all!

We have borne the burden of the winter and the bitter-ness of the cold:

our feet are dyed in our own blood! O God, lead us to your e-ter-nal man - sions

to be warmed in the bos-om of the Pa - tri - arch A - bra - ham.

Cantor:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,

now and ever and for - ev - er. A - men.

Dogmatikon - *Tone 2 samohlasen*

The shad - ow of the Law passed a - way when grace ar - rived; for, like

the bush which burned but was not con - sumed, you gave birth as a virgin, and a

vir - gin you re-mained. In - stead of a pil - lar of fire, the Sun

of Jus - tice dawned; in - stead of Mo - ses, Christ, the sal - va - tion of our souls.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light," on page 22.

Prokeimena (p. 98) and readings (p. 24) for Wednesday in the fifth week of the Great Fast.