

SUNDAY, MARCH 9
First Sunday of Great Lent
Sunday of Orthodoxy
The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

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Tone 4 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is
overthrown! Christ God is risen,//
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 2 Troparion *(Sunday of Orthodoxy)*

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One;
and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God.
Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver
Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy.
Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee:
“Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,// by coming to save the world.”

Tone 1 Troparion *(Holy 40 Martyrs)*

Through the sufferings which Thy holy Forty Martyrs endured for Thy sake, O
Lord, we beseech Thee, O Lover of ^mankind:// “Heal all of our infirmities!”

*Troparion You were bound for good deeds, O martyr of Christ: George; by
faith you conquered the torturer’s godlessness. You were offered as a
sacrifice pleasing to God; thus, you received the crown of victory. Through
your intercessions, forgiveness of sins is granted to all.*

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He
has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Holy 40 Martyrs)*

You have abandoned all earthly armies,
cleaving to the heavenly Master, O Forty Martyrs of the Lord.
Having passed through fire and water, O blessed ones,//

you have fittingly received heavenly glory and many crowns.

Tone 8 Kontakion *(Sunday of Orthodoxy)*

No one could describe the Word of the Father;
but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described,
and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty.//
We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Kontakion God raised younow and ever

Konaton Tone 6 Steadfast protectors of Christians, Constant Advocate Before
The creator; despise Not the Entreating cries of sinners, but in your Goodness
Come Speedily to Help us Who Call on You in Faith. Hasten to Hear Our
petition, And to Intercede For us, O Theotokos, For You Always protect Those
Who honor you

Tone 4 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Fathers)*

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy
Name forever! *(Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)*

V. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us! (v. 4)

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Holy 40 Martyrs)*

Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

Epistle

(329-ctr) Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2

(331) Hebrews 12:1-10 *(Holy 40 Martyrs)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who
called on His Name. (Ps. 98:6)*

V. They called to the Lord and He answered them. (Ps. 98:7a)

Tone 4

V. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give to Him glorious praise! (Ps. 65:1)

Gospel

(5) John 1:43-51

(80) Matthew 20:1-16 (*Holy 40 Martyrs*)

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing the following)

Hymn to the Theotokos

All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace:

the assembly of angels and the race of men.

O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise,

the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child: our God before the ages.

He made thy body into a throne, and thy womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in thee, O Full of Grace.// Glory to thee!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (*Ps. 32:1*)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Church announcements

Orthodox Study and Vespers on Saturdays at 5pm with Father Alin

March 15, 2025 Divine Liturgy and Memorial Saturday if anyone wants anyone to be remembered please have your list ready for Father Alin

Starting March 7 2025

Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts On Friday at 6pm Refrain from eating after 12pm to receive Communion

If anyone needs to get a hold of Father Anderson

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