

October 10: Holy Elders of Optina Troparion, Tone 1

Abbreviated Greek Chant

Sopr.
Alto
Tenor
Bass

A - bi - - - ding in un - ceas - ing prayer,

and embracing the wicked as well as the good with love,

O ven - erable elders of Optina, ye served both God and your neigh-bors,

and through vigils, tears and fasting received the gift of divers mir - a - cles.

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Glo - ry to Him Who hath given us such med - i - a - tors!

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes.

Glo - ry to Him Who hath glo - ri - fied you!

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It maintains the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Glory to God Who is won - drous in His saints!

The third system of music concludes the hymn. It features a final cadence with a fermata over the final chord in the treble staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

October 10: Holy Elders of Optina Kontakion, Tone 8

Hav - ing with - drawn from this vain world and discovered a treasure

through your pure life, ye have not ceased your care for sin-ners in this world;

14
but, as guides for the lost, de-liver us from the van - i - ty of this world,

18
that we may cry: Re - joice, O divinely wise eld - ers!

Translation of Isaac E. Lambertsen, "The Menaion of the Orthodox Church", Vol. II,
St. John of Kronstadt Press, 1999, The complete service is available from: sjkp.org

October 10: Holy Elders of Optina Prokeimenon, Tone 7

Pre-cious in the sight of the Lord; is the death of His saints.

Stichos: What shall I render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto me?

Alleluia, Tone 6

Stichos: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight.