

Aposticha - Seven Holy Martyrs - Maccabees

August 1

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 8

Obikhod

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God:
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the forefathers before the Law,
and their inheritance, the Maccabees, whom now we praise.
For these sons of Abraham followed Him in the faith with strength of soul,
wrestling even to death for the sake of godliness.
Raised in reverence and striving worthily, they reprov'd the godless Antiochus.

For the sake of eternal life they scorned the things of this world

and offered everything to God: their souls and tender bod - ies.

O holy mother, who brought forth for us these sev - en sons,

O Maccabees, and the wise priest El - e - a - zar, as ye stand before

Christ our God, for Whom ye la - bored, and as ye receive the fruits

of your re - ward, ever pray to Him for man - kind!

For, according to His will, He answers those who pray to Him in faith.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the bass line is on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a simple, homophonic style, typical of a hymn tune. The lyrics are: "For, according to His will, He answers those who pray to Him in faith."