

'Lord I Call' - Seven Holy Martyrs - Maccabees

August 1

Reader (3): For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

Tone 1

Obikhod

Per - se - cu - tion did not shake the roof of the Law,
firmly upheld by seven pil - - lars. For they
brave - ly endured the senseless fury of their tor - men - tor,
giving their bod - ies to the ex - e - cu - tion - ers. These noble young
men and brothers were the faithful guardians of the oracles of Mos - es.

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Reader (2): Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Tone 1

Obikhod

Rais - ing their minds a - bove vis - i - ble things, their bodily limbs cut down,
the brave and righteous youths, with their divinely - wise moth - er,
were strengthened by the great hopes that have been ful - filled,
as they now rest in the bosom of their forefather A - bra - ham.

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Reader (1): For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

Tone 1

Obikhod

Most ho - ly Eleazar, the young men, and their divinely - wise moth - er,
arming themselves firmly with youthful bold - ness of soul,
gath - er - ing strength from zeal, steadfastly attacked the adversary
for the sake of pi - e - ty to preserve the Law of their fa - thers.