

FEB 9

LEAVETAKING OF THE MEETING; Martyr Nicephorus

If the Leavetaking:

TROPARION OF THE FEAST - Tone 1

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, full of grace! /

From thee hast risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, /

Who gives light to those in darkness. /

Rejoice, also, O righteous elder; /

Thou didst accept in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls ///

Who grants us the resurrection.

KONTAKION OF THE FEAST - Tone 1

By Thy Nativity, Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, /

And didst bless Simeon's hands, O Christ God. /

Now Thou hast come and saved us through love. ///

Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of mankind!

If for the Martyr (*on another day*):

TROPARION (St. Nicephorus) - Tone 1

Thy holy martyr Nicephorous, O Lord /

Through his sufferings received his incorruptible crown from

Thee, our God. /

For having Thy strength he laid low his enemies /

And shattered the powerless boldness of demons ///

Through his intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.

KONTAKION (St. Nicephorus) - Tone 3 (*Melody, "Today the Virgin..."*)

Soaring high, borne aloft on the wings of love for the Lord, /

And taking His glorious Cross upon thy shoulders, /  
Thou didst put the devil's torments to shame, /  
Suffering even unto death. /  
Thou didst reveal thyself as a warrior for the Truth, /  
And an intimate of the mysteries of divine Grace, ///  
Bearing a banner of victory.