

AUG 4      Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus (Seven Sleepers)

TROPAR - Tone 4

O great miracle of faith, /  
The seven holy youths remained in a cave /  
As if in a royal palace /  
And died without corruption. /  
After a long time they arose as from sleep, /  
Confirming the resurrection of all men. ///  
Through their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.

KONTAKION - Tone 4

Spurning the corruption of this world /  
And accepting the gifts of incorruption, /  
Though the seven youths died they were not touched by corruption; /  
And they arose after many years thus burying the unbelief of  
the wicked. ///  
Therefore, let us the faithful praise them as we glorify Christ.