

Stichera to the Martyrs, Tone 2

on Friday evenings

Common chant

1. Not desiring earthly pleas - ures, the victorious martyrs were granted

heavenly bless - ings. They have be - come fellow - citizens with the an - gels.

Through their prayers, O Lord, have mercy on us and save _____ us.

2. Because the holy martyrs in - ter - cede for us and sing the prais - es of Christ,

all er - ror has come to an end, and man - kind is saved_ by faith.

3. The company of the mar - tyrs resisted tyrants, say - ing:

"We are sol - diers of the King of the heav - en - ly hosts.

Even if you give us up to tor - ment and fire, we will not deny

the power of the Trin - i - ty."

4. Great is the glo - ry that you obtained through faith, O saints,

for by your suf - fer - ings you triumphed over the en - e - my,

and after death you drive out demons and heal the sick. O physicians of soul

and bod - y, intercede before the Lord, that He may have mer - cy on our souls.

For the Departed, by St. John of Damascus

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

As a flower with - ers, as a dream pass - es a - way, so the flesh

of every one of us will be dis - solved at death. But when the trum - pet sounds,

all the dead will be raised a - gain as in a mighty wind to meet Thee, O

Christ our God. Then appoint a place in the abode of Thy saints, O Mas - ter,

for all Thy servants whom Thou hast tak - en from us.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Then the Dogmatikon in tone 2: "The shadow of the Law passed...")