

# Stichera to the Martyrs, Tone 4

on Friday evenings

Common chant

1. Thou art glo - ri - fied in the remembrance of Thy saints, O Christ our God.

Through their in - ter - ces - sions, send down on us Thy great mer - cy.

2. Thou didst accept the patient sufferings of Thy holy mar - tyrs; accept also

this song of praise from us, O Lov - er of man - kind, and through

their in - ter - ces - sions grant us Thy great mer - cy.

3. Since you have boldness to approach the Sav - ior, pray without ceasing for

us sin - ners, O saints, ask - ing re - mis-sion of our trans-gres - sions

and great mer - cy for our souls.

4. O mar - tyrs of the Lord, living sacrifices, spiritual o - bla - tions,

per - fect vic - tims, sheep who know God and are known by Him,

whose fold no wolf can en - ter: Pray that we too may graze with you

be - side still wa - ters.

*For the Departed, by St. John of Damascus*

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

Where are all the at - trac - tions of this world? Where is the vain show

of pas - sing things? Where are the gold and sil - ver? Where are the crowds

of ser - vants and their noise? All are dust and ash - es, all a shad - ow.

Come, then, let us cry to the im - mor - tal King: "Count worthy of eternal

joy, O Lord, those whom Thou hast tak - en from us,

and give them rest in the bless-ed-ness that nev - er grows old."

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*(Then the Dogmatikon in tone 4: "The prophet David was a father of the Lord...")*