

Stichera to the Martyrs, Tone 7

on Friday evenings

Common chant

1.

2.

3.

pro - claim - ing Christ in the a - re - na, you re - ceived from Him the

just reward for all your suf - fer - ings; and now, since you have

boldness to ap - proach Him, we be - seech you to entreat Him as al - migh - ty God

to preserve the souls of us who take re - fuge in you.

4.

O mar - tyrs, wor - thy of ev - 'ry praise, liv - ing of - fer - ings and

spir - i - tual sheep, ac - cep - ta - ble sacrifices well-pleas - ing to God:

the earth did not cov - er you, but heaven re - ceived you. You be - came com -

panions of the an - gels. We en - treat you to pray with them to God our Sav - ior

to grant peace to the world and sal - va - tion to our souls.

For the Departed, by St. John of Damascus

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

In the be - gin - ning Thou didst create man in Thine own image and like - ness.

Thou didst set him in Par - a - dise to rule over Thy cre - a - tion. But he, de - ceived

through the envy of the dev - il, tasted of the fruit, transgressing Thy

com - mand - ments. For this, O Lord, Thou hast con - demned him to re - turn again

unto the earth from which he was tak - en, and to en - treat re - pose.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(Then the Dogmatikon in tone 7: "No tongue can speak...")