

December 10: Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes and EUGRAPHUS Stichera of "Lord I have cried"

Tone 1, Special Melody "O all-praised martyrs..." - Optina Hermitage

O all - praised mar - tyr Me - nas, when thou wast
smit - ten on thy heels, thine eyes put out,
and thy divinely elo-quent tongue re-moved, thou didst en-dure
stead - fast-ly, look - ing for di-vine re-wards. Where-fore, pray thou,
that God grant to our souls peace and great mer - - - cy.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are: "O all - praised mar - tyr Me - nas, when thou wast smit - ten on thy heels, thine eyes put out, and thy divinely elo-quent tongue re-moved, thou didst en-dure stead - fast-ly, look - ing for di-vine re-wards. Where-fore, pray thou, that God grant to our souls peace and great mer - - - cy."

The glo - ri - ous Her-mog - gen - es loved the sev - er - ing of _____

his _____ hands and the re-mov - al of _____ his _____ feet; and gazing at the fire

he showed forth a yet great - er ar - dor of heart,

cleav - ing un - to God. To Him doth he now pray, that He grant our souls

peace and great mer - - - - cy.

Your mem-bers bro-ken, O wise saints, ye were cast into the depths

of the sea; and by the hand of the Most High ye were

guided to the calm ha - ven of de-light, hav - ing drowned

the malice of the ser - pent. Where-fore, pray ye, that God grant our souls

peace and great mer - - - - cy.

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