Holy Martyrs Akepsimus & Company

Stichera on "Lord I have cried..."
Tone 8, Special Melody "O most glorious wonder"
Optina Hermitage Melody

(6) Reader: In the 8th Tone, Special Melody "O most glorious wonder"
If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

O most glorious wonder! The comely Akepsimus,

the minister to the martyrs, is crowned today with a
wreath of hymns. He presenteth us with the suffering to which he wast subjected for his worship of God, and doth wound the incorporeal foe. O what liberal gifts of grace he hath received! Through his prayers, O Christ save thou our souls,
in that thou art compassionate.

(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

O most glorious wonder! Joseph hath shown forth from Persia like a star. Destroying the abomination of sorcery
by the Spirit, he hath extinguished the ungodly worship of fire with the streams of his blood. O the strength where-

with he cast down the demons! Through his prayers, O Christ

save thou our souls, in that thou art compassionate.
(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Israel hope in the Lord.

O most glorious wonder! The steadfast Aith alas,

the namesake of a champion of suffering, is shown to be an ever-

blossoming garden, which, cut down, doth bloom with wounds,
and when slain doth but begin to live. O the strength of nature which

he endured! Through his prayers, O Christ

save thou our souls, in that thou art compassion-ate.