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 was 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.

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

O most glorious wonder! Joseph hath shown forth from Persia like a star. De-stroying 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 Is-ra-el hope in the Lord.

O most glo-ri-ous won-der! The stead-fast Aith-a-las, the namesake of a champion of suf-fer-ing, is shown to be an ever-

blos-som-ing gar-den, 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.

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