

## Holy Martyrs Aicepsimus & Company Dedication of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George

### *Stichera to the Martyrs*

(6) *Reader: In the 8th Tone\**

If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

̄O most glorious wonder! / *(uh - kep' - see - mus)*

The comely Āicepsimus, the minister to the m̄artyrs, /  
is crowned today with a w̄reath of hymns. /

He presenteth us with the s̄uffering /  
to which he was subjected for his w̄orship of God, /  
and doth w̄ound the incorp̄oreal foe. /

O, what liberal gifts of grace he h̄ath received! /

Through his prayers, O Christ, s̄ave Thou our souls, //  
in that Thou art comp̄assionate.

*\* music for the appointed special melody is available separately.*

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(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 shone 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 wherewith 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 glorious wonder! /

The steadfast Aithalas, //

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 compassionate.

*Stichera to St. George*

(3) *Reader: In the 4th Tone\**— For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his in - iq - - - ui - ties.

O passion-bearer George, converser with the angels, /  
 dweller with the martyrs, /  
 who art ever the refuge of the sorrowful: /  
 Be thou a haven of tranquility for me who sail through life, /  
 and direct my life, I implore thee, /  
 that with unwavering faith I may bless thy supernatural struggles.

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(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him, all ye peo - - - - - ples.

Preserve me as I sail upon the sea, /  
 as I set out upon the way, and as I sleep at night; /  
 and when I am awake illumine my mind, O George, /  
 and teach me to do the will of the Lord, /  
that on the day of Judgment /  
 I may find remission of the sins I have committed in my life, //  
 by fleeing to thy protection, O glorious one.

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a - bi - deth for - ev - - - er.

Arrayed in the breastplate of faith, /  
 armed with the shield of grace and the spear of the Cross, /  
 thou wast invincible to the adversary, O George. /  
 And, having conquered legions of demons as a divine warrior, /  
 thou dost hold chorus with the angels; /  
 and, entreated by the faithful, //  
 thou dost sanctify and save them, preserving them.

*Reader: Glory, in the 6th Tone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

Thou didst live in accordance with the meaning of thy name, /  
as is meet, O warrior George; /  
for, taking the Cross of Christ upon thy shoulders, /  
thou didst till well the ground which had been made barren /  
by the deceit of the devil; /  
and, having uprooted the thorns of idolatrous worship, /  
thou didst plant the vine of the Orthodox Faith. /  
Wherefore, thou dost pour forth healings /  
upon the faithful throughout all the world, /  
and hast been shown to be a righteous laborer of the Trinity. /  
Pray thou, we entreat thee, //  
for peace for the world and the salvation of our souls.

*Reader: Glory, in the 6th Tone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.

The three children who were preserved unconsumed by the fire in Persia /  
 were mystically a foreshadowing  
 of your thrice-radiant oneness of mind /  
 and your martyrdom in Christ, /  
 O athletes of the ineffable Trinity and the supernatural Unity; /  
 for as they braved the flame and did not rail against God, /  
 so ye also did not refuse to die, /  
 for the love of Christ not sparing your lives. /  
 But, as in their midst there appeared a Fourth Who bedewed them, /  
 so also Christ, Who is One of the Trinity, /  
 hath received them in a place of coolness. /  
 O Akepsimus, Joseph and Aithalas, elect of God, pray ye for our souls.

*And the appointed Theotokion.*

*(On Sunday: Both now of the Resurrection in the same tone.)*