November 10: Holy Apostles Erastus & Company

Stichera on "Lord I have cried"
Tone 1*

On Lord I have cried (for Sunday): 10 stichera—7 of the Resurrection (Octoechos), and 3 of the Apostles (Menaion).

(3) Reader: In the 1st Tone, For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

O ye sacred preachers who like winged eagles /
most splendidly soared aloft over the fullness of the world: /
Those who were pursued by the evil-doer /
ye did lead to the unadulterated Faith. //
Wherefore, pray ye that our souls be given peace and great mercy.

* The Menaion specifies Tone 1, Special Melody "O all-praised martyrs..." The text here, however, is pointed for plain Kievan chant.
(2) Reader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

With sacred voices let us honor /
Tertius and Sosipater, Olympus and Rodion, /
and with them Erastus, the initiate of the mysteries, /
and the divine Quartus, who glorify Christ our God /
and beseech Him to grant our souls peace and great mercy.
On Sunday:

Glory… Both now… The Sunday Dogmatic Theotokion in the tone of the week.

At the Aposticha, the stichera of the resurrection, then Glory…, Both now…,
and the theotokion in the same tone.

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

And the truth of the Lord abideth for ever.

Ye led the gentiles unto Christ God, /

O blessed ones, /

delivered by the blood of Him Who was well pleased to be born on earth /
and Who willingly endured the Cross and death. /

Him do ye now entreat, O most wise ones. //

that He grant our souls peace and great mercy.

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