1st Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints
Great Vespers

Stichera on "Lord I have cried"

(We sing 6 Stichera of the Resurrection, and 4 of All Saints.)

(4) Reader: In the 6th Tone, Special Melody, "Having set all your hope..."
From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch,

I-descant
II-chant melody

The spiritual rhetors, disciples of the Savior,

who became instruments through faith, were scattered to the ends of the earth,
sowing the honored preaching

Melody Pattern (with 12 phrases): A B [: C D E :) F
in Orthodox manner; through them, by divine cultivation and grace, didst the armies of the martyrs spring forth, who depicted an image of the honored Passion when they were subjected to multifarious wounds and fire; and they pray with boldness in behalf of our souls.
(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Con-sumed with the fire of the love of the Lord,

the hon-ored mar-tyrs de-spised the fire, and as divine coals

light-ed by Christ, they consumed the insolence of falsehood like
tin - der. With their hon - or - a - ble in - vo - ca - tion

they shut the mouths of wild beasts; beheaded, they felled all

the regiments of the e - ne - my; and pour - ing forth tor - rents

of blood in their en - dur - ance, they have

filled the Church, which is en - light - ened by their faith.
(2) Reader: O praise the Lord all ye nations,
Praise Him all___ ye peo - _ _ ples.

Cast to the wild___ beasts, re-ceiv-ing the strokes___ of the sword,

their nails___ torn___ out, their hands sev - _ _ ered,

consumed without pity with ma-ter - i - al fire, their limbs___

broken
bro-ken, dis-mem-bered, the steadfast martyrs

brave-ly en-dured, and looked for-ward to fu-ture rest,

im-per-ish-a-ble crowns, and the glo-ry of Christ,

to Whom they pray with boldness in be-half of our souls.
(1) Reader: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a-bideth for ever.

As is meet, let us with sacred hymns praise the apostles, and the martyrs who faithfully suffered in all the ends of the earth,
the di-vine-ly wise priests, and the sanc-tified company of honored

wo-men, for they united those of heaven with those on earth,

and by their suf-fer-ings re-ceived dis-pas-sion

through the grace of Christ. And illumining us now like

ra-di-ant stars, they pray with boldness in be-half of our souls.

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