Stichera of the Martyrs for Friday Evening Vespers Tone 2, Kievan

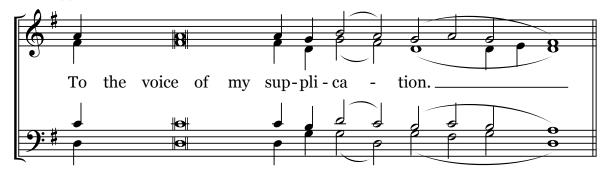
(8) Reader: In the 2nd tone — Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;



Great is the glory, \overline{O} ye saints, /
that ye have gained through your faith. /
For by your sufferings ye were victorious over the enemy; /
and after death as physicians of \overline{body} and soul, /
ye drive out evil spirits and bring \overline{heal} ing to the sick. //

Intercede before the Lord, that mercy may be given to our souls

(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive



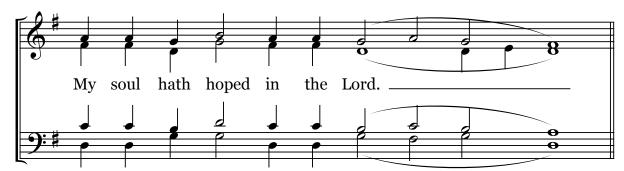
Not desiring earthly pleasure, /
the victorious martyrs were granted heavenly blessings, /
and they have become fellow-citizens with the angels. //
At their prayers, O Lord, have mercy on us and save us.

(6) Reader: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?



Because the holy martyrs intercede for us /
and sing in praise of Christ, /
all error is destroyed //
and mankind is saved by faith.

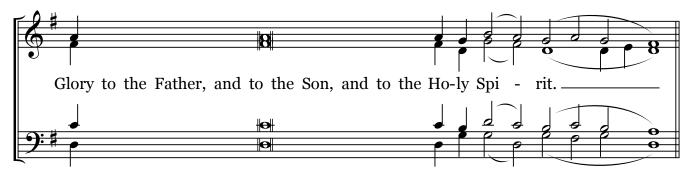
(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,



The company of martyrs resisted tyrants, saying: /
'We are soldiers of the Ruler of the powers on high; /
though ye give us up to fire and torment, //
we shall not deny the power of the Trinity.'

And 4 stichera of the saint of the day from the Menaion.

Reader: Glory... in the 2nd Tone.



As a flower withers and a dream passes away, /
so is each man's flesh dissolved at death. /
But at the sound of the trump all the dead as in an earthquake /
shall rise up again to meet Thee, Christ our God. /
Then, Master, grant to all Thy servants whom Thou hast taken from us, //
That they may dwell for ever in the tabernacles of Thy saints.

Both now... the Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the week.