Stichera of the Martyrs for Friday Evening Vespers
Tone 4, Kievan

(8) Reader: In the 4th Tone— Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

Thou art glorified in the memorials of Thy saints, /
O Christ our God; //

at their intercessions send down upon us Thy great mercy.

(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive

Thou hast accepted the patient suffering of the holy martyrs; /
in Thy love accept our hymns of praise, //

and at their intercessions grant us Thy great mercy.

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

Since, O saints, ye have boldness in the presence of the Saviour, /
pray without ceasing for us sinners, //
asking that remission of offenses and great mercy may be granted to our souls.

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

O martyrs of the Lord, living oblations, /
spiritual burnt offerings, /
perfect victims sacrificed to God /
sheep that know God and are known by Him, /
whose fold no wolf can enter: //
pray that we be led with you to feed beside the waters of repose.