Stichera of the Martyrs for Friday Evening Vespers
Tone 6, Kievan

(8) Reader: In the 6th Tone— Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord;

![Musical notation]

O Lord hear my voice.

Thy martyrs, O Lord, denied Thee not / and forsook not Thy commandments: // at their intercessions have mercy on us.

(7) Reader: Let Thine ears be attentive

![Musical notation]

To the voice of my supplication.

Those who suffered martyrdom for Thee, O Christ, / and endured great torments: // at their prayers and intercessions, O Lord, preserve us all.

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

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Thy victorious martyrs, when they contended on this earth, /
endured great torments; /
but now they dwell in heaven and have received a perfect crown, //
that they may offer intercession for 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,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Thy Cross was for the martyrs an invincible weapon, O Lord. /
They saw death before them; /
but looking to the life that is to come, /
they were strengthened by their hope in Thee. //
at their intercessions have mercy on us.
Reader: Glory, in the Sixth Tone.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Thy creative ordinance was my beginning and foundation. /
For Thou hast willed to fashion me as a living creature /
from nature visible and invisible: /
Thou hast made my body from the earth, /
and given me a soul by thy divine and quickening breath. /
Therefore, O Saviour, //
grant rest to Thy servants in the land of the living, in the tabernacles of the righteous.
Reader: Both now, the Dogmatic Theotokion, in the same tone.

Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Who will not call thee blessed, O most holy Virgin? /
Who will not sing the praises of thy childbearing without the pangs of birth? /
For the only Son, eternally begotten by the Father, /
has now been born from thee, pure Lady, /
taking flesh in a way beyond our powers of speech. /
being God by nature, for our sake he became by nature man, /
not divided into a duality of persons /
but revealed to us without confusion in two natures. //
O honored and all-blessed, pray to Him that He may have mercy on our souls.