

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;

II-chant melody

O Lord hear my voice. _____

I-descant

Great is the glory, 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 body and soul, /
 ye drive out evil spirits and bring healing to the sick. //
 Intercede before the Lord, that mercy may be given to our souls ~

(7) *Reader:* Let Thine ears be attentive

To the voice of my sup- pli - ca - tion. _____

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?

For with Thee there is for-give - ness.

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,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi - rit. _____

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.