

December 23rd

# The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete Apolytikion

Byzantine Tone 3  
Special Melody: *Awed by the beauty*

Adapted by Fr. John El Massih

*F* Let us now hon - or Crete, *C* that land most mar - vel - ous,

*F* which sprout - ed forth *C* the ten flow - ers re - vered by all,

*F* those good - ly pearls of Christ our God, *D* those ver - dant boughs of the Mar - tyrs;

*Un.* *F* for al - though they were but ten, *C* the most bless - ed men put to shame

*F* the ten thou - sand ar - mored host *D* of the wick - ed de -

*C* - mon - ic ranks. *F* And hence, they have re - ceived crowns of glo - ry

as stout - heart - ed Mar - tyrs of Christ Sav - ior.