January 18th

Our Fathers Among the Saints Athanasius & Cyril, Patriarchs of Alexandria

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Rejoice, O pair of hierarchs of Christ, pillars of piety, foundation of faithful men,
ye towers of lofty greatness staunchly defending the Church,
downfall and destruction of the heretics.

Ye far-sounding heralds of grace divine, who have shepherded Christ’s halloved people with divine doctrines valiantly and who brought them up with fair virtues of every kind;
ye that established laws for all the plenitude named for Christ;

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ye guides who lead up to Heaven, and gates that bring into Paradise. Entreat Christ the Savior to send down abundant peace and great mercy for our souls.

2) Rejoice, O pair of hierarchs of Christ;

Angels that walked in Heaven while living on the earth;

the joy of all men, the teachers of the inhabited earth,

the divine salvation of the world entire;

ye champions of the Word, and physicians who healed with skill both the diseases of the body and of the soul;
ever-flowing streams of the Spirit of God Most High,

who by your words have watered all the face of the earth below;

ye theologians, foundations, and rhetoricians inspired of God. Entreat Christ the Savior
to send down abundant peace and great mercy for our souls.

3) Rejoice, sacred and sanctified pair,

re-splendent sun of the terrestrial firmament,

ye rays and bright guiding lamps of the holy Light of Three Suns;

through you, those in darkness find their sight again.
ye fragrant and beautiful and sweet flowers of Paradise;

the Spirit's tablets: Athanasius the truly great

and exceeding wise, with divine Cyril blest of God;

volumes divinely written, and ye breasts richly gushing forth

the sacred milk of salvation; ye both are

wisdom's fair ornament. Entreat Christ the Savior

to send down abundant peace and great mercy for our souls.

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