1) O chief foundation of Christ's divine Apostles,

having left all things behind to follow after Him,

unto thy Teacher didst thou cry out: I shall die with Thee,

so that I also may live the blessed life.

Now, O Peter, as the teacher of the world entire,

the steadfast preacher, the rock of faith, the boast and glory

and the unshakable tower of the Church,

against which Hades' gates cannot prevail,

even as Christ our God had foretold to thee,
do thou fervently pray Him
to enlighten and to save our souls.

2) Thou who while yet in thy mother's womb wast chosen,
having fled the burden of all things material,
and given wings by thy great desire, thou truly flewest
to the divine height of fervent love for God,

where is the supremely bright darkness of light divine;
and having entered therein, O Paul, as though without flesh,
thou wast instructed in words unspeakable,
and thou was sent forth to those in the dark

and didst show them the Light, Jesus Christ our God.

Do thou therefore entreat Him
to enlighten and to save our souls.

3) Thou Who art Light that existed ere all ages,

when Thou didst vouchsafe to come to me, the lowly man,

through Thine ineffable love for man, and to become flesh

in Thy great goodness, O Savior of the world,

Thine Apostles and disciples didst Thou then reveal
as second lights brightly glittering with the resplendence

and the dread lightning that flasheth forth from Thee;

and being sent forth, they illuminated all

of creation with Thy light divine, O Lord.

And they ever beseech Thee

to enlighten and to save our souls.

4) O sacred Peter and Paul, the Word's chief plowmen;

Andrew, James, and John most wise; august Bartholomew;

Philip and Thomas, called Didymus; O Jude and Simon;
and thou, divine James, with Matthew great of fame:

O ye universal Twelve Disciples all revered,

who preached the Holy Trinity throughout the whole world,

that He by nature is everlasting God;

ye truly un hewn towers of the Church

and unshakeable pillars of towering height

intercede with the Master

of all things that we might all be saved.