July 1st

Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs in Rome

Stichera at the Praises

1) Gushing forth as rivers with the Spirit's mightily
flowing tides, pouring forth as a spreading sea, ye

water creation with wonders and divine signs;

with your cures, O God-bearers, which ye wondrously bestow,

ye dry up sufferings that undermine the soul; ye

heal our hard diseases and make unclean spirits to

flee in fear, O ye Unmercenary Saints,

who entreat in our souls' behalf.

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2) Since ye made the brut-ish passions subject unto the faculties of the soul, O ye saints-ly pair, ye grant unto man and beast ev-ry ben-e-fac-tion; for ye are made rich with the gracious gift of Christ our God to work all man-ner of heal-ings for the sick. For this cause, as we keep your sa-cred and most ra-di-ant fes-ti-val, we be-seech you that ye be-stow your en-light-en-ment on our souls.
3) Your divine and sacred temple, as a heaven, doth
shine with light, bright with heavenly radiance, possessing as blazing stars all your saving wonders;
in it the divine working which bestoweth every cure
is now its cheering and brightly beaming sun; O
Cosmas, who art truly blessed, and all laudable
Damian, faithful servants of Christ the Lord
and ambassadors for our souls.