November 11th
Martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent & Stephanie
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: With what fair crowns
Arranged by Basil Crow

1) With what fair speech shall we wisely sing thy praise, O Menas, thou Great Martyr? who hast freely borne every form of pain in thine astonishing martyrdom, while giving no thought unto thy body; the flesh that thou hadst refined upward—on the mount of prayer thou sawest fall to the ground in pieces ungrieved;
and thou hast valiantly crimsoned the grey hairs of

wisdom in thy voluntary contest,

wherein for confessing Christ, on

high thou by Christ art glorified.

2) With what sweet songs of praise shall

we laud the most noble and eloquent Vincent, that most faithful Deacon who o

-penly preached Christ as God, brav ing ty

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rants' threats, rejoicing in torments for

his Master; who boldly rebuked his torturers for laxity to rouse them
to greater fury and win greater crowns;

and riv ing open his body, they found Christ the Rock within, making Vincent invincible
to all kinds of bitter pain and

bold in his pleadings for us all.

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3) With what garlands of pure hymn—

no—dy shall we praise the August troph—y—bear—er? him that put to shame all his ene—mies and over—torn all impi—ety; who quelled the de—lu—sion of the i—dols; the won—drous and great amon—g ath—letes in mar—tyr—dom, who flashed forth up—on the world more bright—ly than the sun:

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Divine Menas the Great Martyr, the great boast of Christians, who doth grant unto the faithful forgiveness of sins freely and mercy from Christ, the God of all.

4) With what melodic songs shall we now sing the praise of the great trophy-bearers? Who greatly excelled on the earth below, and in the highest are glorious.

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- ri - fied; who dwell in the Kingdom of

the Heavens, par - tak - ing of grace di - vine as

the joint heirs of Christ, be - tow - ing di - vine and pre - cious gifts up on all men,

as they en - treat the Cre - a - tor: Great Mema - the

won - drous, with the ex - cel - lent Vin - cent, and

blest Vic - tor and Steph - a - nie, whom

Christ hath ex - alt - ed won - drous - ly.

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