March 15th
Holy Martyr Agapios and Those With Him
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih from various sources

1) O seven Martyrs of Christ our God, holding in utter contempt your oppressors' unbridled rage and a death by violence,
ye made haste with a ready mind to go to wranglings with manifold bravery;
now having put on the crown of victory,
ye have been numbered with all the righteous of all ages past; with whom we revere you evermore and call you blest in truth.

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2) Martyr and athlete Agapios, loving the source of all good and the summit of things desired, thou didst strive with zeal and faith, running forward to drink the cup of holy martyrdom, calling all the while on the divine Name of Christ, the Living God. O thy great manlieness! O thy stout endurance! whereby thou indeed wast found worthy of that glory and magnificence.
3) Adm'ra - ble Mar - tyrs most mar - vel - lous, will - ing - ly
giv - ing your - selves up to slaugh - ter by
vi - o - lence, ye have sanc - ti - fied thē earth
with your ho - ly and pre - cious Blood; and by your
pas - sage, ye made thē air to shine;
now as ye dwell in the Heav - ens with the Light
which hath no ē - ven - tide, ye en - treat the Lord for
us in ev - 'ry hour, O ye tru - ly God - like
and di - vine - ly come - ly Saints.