

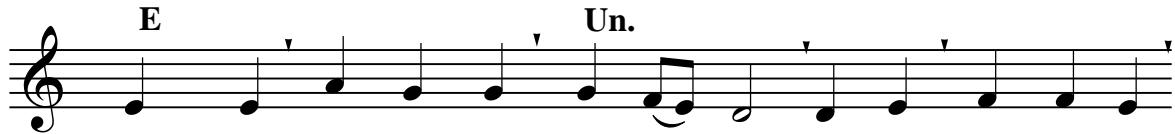
March 20th

The Holy Fathers Slain at the Monastery of Mar Sabbas

Stichera on Lord I have cried

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih



- 1) In your great and whole-heart-ed love for the high-est of
- 2) *E - ven when ye were struck with stones and were wound-ed with*
- 3) Choked with fumes in a nar-row cave and con-sumed in the



all de-sires, ye scorned all the pleas-ures of
blows of fists and were crushed with clubs, in no
kin-dled flame, ye gave up your souls as pure



life as dross and dregs, O right-eous Fa-thers; and
wise did ye al-low your bless-ed con-cord to
vic-tims free of spot in-to the hands of the



both in freez-ing cold and in burn-ing heat,
come un-done, O Mar-tyrs; for ye were bound
King of all, O Mar-tyrs most glo-ri-ous,

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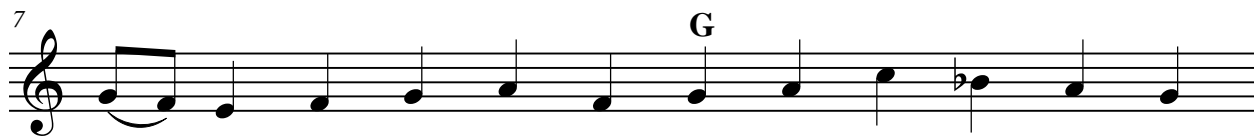
and in vig - i - lance and prayer, ye longed af - ter those
by *your warm fra - ter - nal love* and af - fec - tion; but
and were joined un - to the choirs of the hosts___ in - cor -

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things a - lone that a - bide on high; and ye dwell - ers in
be - ing slain as a u - ni - ty, ye were cut___ in - to
po - re - al, thus in - her - it - ing end - less glo - ry and

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caves were all shown forth as fel - low dwell - ers with th
piec - es, O prize - win - ners, and were of - fered on God's
bliss. Hence, pray un - ceas - ing - ly that they who sing your

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An - gels by the di - vine___ grace that dwelt in you.
al - tar a pure and un - blem - ished sac - ri - fice.
prais - es be made com - mu - ni - cants of the same.