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-hearted love for the highest of
2) Even when ye were struck with stones and were wounded with
3) Choked with fumes in a narrow cave and consumed in the

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2) all desires, ye scorned all the pleasures of
blows of fists and were crushed with clubs, in no
kindled flame, ye gave up your souls as pure

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3) life as dross and dregs, O righteous Fathers; and
wise did ye allow your blessed concord to
victims free of spot into the hands of the

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4) both in freezing cold and in burning heat,
come undone, O Martyrs; for ye were bound
King of all, O Martyrs most glorious,

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and in vigilance and prayer, ye longed after those by your warm fraternal love and affection; but and were joined unto the choirs of the hosts incor-

things alone that abide on high; and ye dwellers in being slain as a unity, ye were cut into po- real, thus inheriting endless glory and
caves were all shown forth as fellow dwellers with the piec-es, O prize-win-ners, and were of-fered on God's bliss. Hence, pray unceasingly that they who sing your

An-gels by the divine grace that dwelt in you. al-tar a pure and unblemished sacri-fice. prais-es be made com-mu-ni-cants of the same.