1) Un-to con-tests of bit-ter pains, to en-tang-ling and
cun-ning snares, un-to fear-ful wres-tlings, O

Cres-cens, wise in God, thou went-est forth most cou-
-ra-geous-ly, not spar-ing thy ver- y flesh,

but thou didst e-lect to die, in thy long-ing and
god-ly love; all the Church of Christ there-fore call-eth thee

bless-ed, O all-glo-ri-ous Great Mar-tyr, as she

keep-eth thine ev-er-bless-ed me-mo-rial.
2) As they scraped thee most savagely, as they furrowed thy sides with wounds, as with many scourgings they wasted all thy strength, thou didst in no wise renounce the great and venerable Name of Christ;

hence we honor thee with hymns, keeping feast on thy sanctified memory today and revering thy relics, blessed Crescens, thou adornment of prize-wonners and shining majesty of the Church.
3) Being sacredly set a-flame with the love of thy
Fashioner, thou didst stand un-burnt in the
midst of raging fire; and on committing thy
blessed spirit into the hands of God,
thou hast worthily received the fair crowns of thy
victory, and thou dost entreat that forgiveness of
sins be given unto them that honor thee with
longing, O all-wise Crescens acclaimed of all.

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