

June 1st

The Holy Martyr Justin the Philosopher and Those with Him

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2

Special Melody: *When he took thee*

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1) When the chill of ig - no - rance held sway o - ver all cre -
- a - tion be - cause of the wan - ton spite of the foe,
and the hordes of de - mons were a - dored and
served as gods, then with will - ing and ea - ger heart,
O glo - ri - ous Mar - tyrs, ye made chill de -
- cep - tion cease through the most fer - vent heat
of your burn - ing zeal and di - vine faith,
when ye poured your blood out in long - ing
for Him that poured out His Blood up - on the Cross.

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2) God - ly Jus - tin, great be - fore the Lord, Pe - on the brave
ath - lete, Va - le - ri - an, and Char - i - ton the wise,
Char - i - to, Ev - el - pis - tus, and Hier - ax
great of fame now have dyed in their ver - y blood
a bright and di - vine robe for the Sov - 'reign
Lord of all; and be - ing clad there with,
they all stand to - geth - er re - joic - ing
with thē An - gels' hosts in the Heav - ens
at the throne of Christ, the might - y King of all.

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3) When, by the di - vine be - hest of God, ye set out for
con - flicts and strug - gles a - bove the na - ture of man,
ye de - nied the bod - y, as it is cor -
- rup - ti - ble; and made pow - er - ful with the strength
of God the Al - might - y, ye feared not the
fire nor yet the cut - ting of the sword,
but ye bowed your necks un - to Christ God
and re - ceived a most bless - ed end - ing
with ex - ceed - ing glad - ness and ex - ult - ant hearts.