

June 17th

Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael of Persia

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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E Un.

1) Like ex - ceed - ing - ly bril - liant stars, O prize - win - ners ex -
- tolled of all, ye light up thē ut - ter - most
re - gions of thē earth with your di - vine rays of
splen - dor, and ye drive off the moon - less night
of de - struc - tive suf - fer - ings, of all dan - ger and
jeop - ard - y, and of de - mon hosts. Hence to - day we have
gath - ered to ob - serve your bright, light - giv - ing, ho - ly
feast - day, ye tru - ly glo - ri - ous Saints of God.

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2) Let the mar - vel - ous Man - u - el, bless - ed Sa - bel, and

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tru - ly wise Ish - ma - el be hon - ored with

sa - cred songs of praise; for in the face of their

en - e - mies, they sa - cred - ly preached the One

Un - cre - at - ed Trin - i - ty; with thē out - pour - ings

of their blood they com - plete - ly quenched all thē er - ror of

G

po - ly - the - ist wor - ship; and they wor - thi - ly were

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giv - en ē - ter - nal glo - ry that fad - eth not.



E **Un.**

3) The trans-gres-sing king law-less-ly gave com-mand that all

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men bow down and give sense-less wor-ship to

dumb and soul-less gods; but in your wis-dom, ye

cov-ered him with shame, O ye blest of God,

Man-u-el and Ish-ma-el and wise Sa-bel, ye

great of fame. and with for-ti-tude did ye law-ful-ly

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strug-gle in the fight; now hav-ing wo-ven crowns of

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vic-t'ry, ye in-ter-cede in the world's be-half.