June 17th

Martyrs Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael of Persia

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) Like exceedingly brilliant stars, O prize-winners ex-
tolled of all, ye light up the uttermost
regions of the earth with your divine rays of
splendor, and ye drive off the moonless night
of destructive sufferings, of all danger and
jeopardy, and of demon hosts. Hence today we have
gathered to observe your bright, light-giving, holy
feast-day, ye truly glorious Saints of God.

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2) Let the marvelous Manuel, blessed Sabel, and
truly wise Ishmael be honored with
sacred songs of praise; for in the face of their
enemies, they sacredly preached the One
created Trinity; with the outpourings
of their blood they completely quenched all the error of
polytheist worship; and they worthily were
given eternal glory that fadeth not.

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3) The transgressing king lawlessly gave command that all men bow down and give senseless worship to dumb and soulless gods; but in your wisdom, ye covered him with shame, O ye blest of God, Manuel and Ishmael and wise Sabel, ye great of fame. and with fortitude did ye lawfully struggle in the fight; now having woven crowns of vic t'ry, ye intercede in the world's behalf.