June 30th
The Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Ye are blessed in very truth, as confessors and

witnesses of the Incarnation of

Christ, the Word of God, O blest Disciples; for

ye shone on the world, flashing lightning-like,

and ye dripped your sweetness down like the mountains the

Prophets saw; and like never spent, rushing rivers of

Paradise ye part, and all the Churches of the

nations ye richly water with godly streams.
2) Ye were sent into all the world, O Apostles, like lightning-bolts flashing with the Spirit's radiant beams of light, being abundantly furnished with the might to work miracles, since ye were made ministers of the Mysteries of Christ our God, and were God-inscribed tablets whereon the grace of God had written out the true divinely taught law, all-blessed and sacred initiates.


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3) The philosophers' arrogance and the orators' streams of words have been troubled sore by the rod of fishermen, which like a pen, traced out doctrines of divine wisdom for us all, while distinctly making known the good tidings of myriads of divine good things and a share in the everlasting revelations, the rejoicing with the angels, and glory lasting forevermore.