

August 4th, October 22nd

# The Holy Seven Sleeping Youths of Ephesus

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4  
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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1) In o - be - di - ence un - to God, the most ho - ly and  
bless - ed Youths scorned the law - less ty - rant's in -  
- iq - ui - tous de - cree. When they were bound, they de -  
- stroyed the bond of er - ror and un - be - lief;  
cast - ing off the dig - ni - ties of this world, they re -  
- ceived in - stead that high dig - ni - ty which hath ren - dered them  
glo - ri - ous and gained for them the heav - en - ly en -  
- joy - ment of the di - vine King - dom found on high.

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2) Brave-ly train - ing your-selves, O Saints, for the con - test of

mar - tyr - dom, hid - den in a cave, ye sent

up un - ceas - ing prayers un - to the Lord, im - por -

- tun - ing Him with fer - vor to grant to you

pow - er and suf - fi - cient strength for the con - test that

lay be - fore. But the Friend of man, as the Sov - 'reign and

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God of all, com - mand - ed by the judg - ments that He

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know - eth that ye should all fall a - sleep in peace.



E Un.

3) To a mys - t'ry of mys - ter - ies hath been add - ed un -

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- to the Saints: for the Chil - dren died un - a -

-ware of their de - cease; and now raised up in like

man - ner, they are struck with a - ston - ish - ment.

For the deed was brought to pass to con - vince men be -

-yond all doubt that the dead shall rise; so that they who re -

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-ject - ed it, on learn - ing this, might find the strength of

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sure faith, while glo - ri - fy - ing the Mar - tyr's' feats.