1) In obedience unto God, the most holy and blessed Youths scorned the lawless tyrant's iniquitous decree. When they were bound, they destroyed the bond of error and unbelief; casting off the dignities of this world, they received instead that high dignity which hath rendered them glorious and gained for them the heavenly enjoyment of the divine Kingdom found on high.

2) Bravely training yourselves, O Saints, for the contest of martyrdom, hidden in a cave, ye sent up unceasing prayers unto the Lord, importing Him with fervor to grant to you power and sufficient strength for the contest that lay before. But the Friend of man, as the Sovereign and God of all, commanded by the judgments that He knoweth that ye should all fall asleep in peace.
3) To a mystery of mysteries hath been added unto the Saints: for the Children died unaware of their decease; and now raised up in like manner, they are struck with astonishment.

For the deed was brought to pass to convince men beyond all doubt that the dead shall rise; so that they who rejected it, on learning this, might find the strength of sure faith, while glorifying the Martyrs' feats.