

August 4th

# The Holy Seven Sleeping Youths of EphesusA

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

Byzantine Mode 4

Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is marked with 'E' at the beginning and 'Un.' above the first measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score consists of eight lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The final line of music ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 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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E Un.

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

E

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

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E Un.

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

E

- 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 -

G

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

E

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