August 12th

The Martyrs Photios and Anikytos of Nicomedia
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: Unto them that fear thee

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Ye were not afraid of fire nor of the tools of dismemberment nor the reasonless wrath of him that proved a most foolish judge, nor attacks of lions, neither boiling cauldrons nor sev'rance of your hands and feet, nor yet the sentence of bitter death itself, which rendered you immortal and dispatched you to the immortal God in great glory and majesty,

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2) Ye have found the blessed end for which the worthy do
greatly long, which is honored above all things; and
ye have received the hopes of things everlasting.

Now ye gush forth rivers of wonders for us ceaselessly,
which stream forth mightily, taking clean away the
burning pains of soul and body for them piously
keeping feast on your annual memory,
O all famed and most noble Saints.
3) Photios the most glorious and Anikytos of godly mind, that most excellent pair of men, are

fair with the Trinity's bright illuminations

and arrayed right well with the comely beauty of their wounds;

now with the Angels they evermore rejoice, as

they bestow enlightenment and mercy on them that

celebrate their most sacred and glorious deeds of courage with faith and love.

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