August 18th

Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria

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) Verily, the Saints became as flawless stones cut in martyrdom and made smooth by the roughest pains, through punishments built up for the Lord’s own temple, as they razed the altars and shrines of idols to the ground: the blessed Floros and Lauros great of fame, hence, let us call them blessed as the worthy dwellers of Paradise, whom the heavenly Church above hath as beautiful ornaments.

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2) Come and draw forth grace, come and obtain enlightenment for yourselves, come find mercy and joy of heart, by touching the blest remains of the sacred Martyrs, Floros and wise Lauros, whence doth abundantly well forth God-given power of healings unto all. Proclaiming them both blessed as most faithful servants who pleased the Lord, let us fervently cry aloud:

O our God, glory be to Thee.
3) Though ye were shut up within a pit and hidden beneath the earth at the ruthlessness of the judge, divinest indications and the clear revelation of the Holy Spirit yet made you manifest to us as stars that shine bright as lightning with the rays of signs and wondrous portents and the gifts of healings and gracious cures, O ye brethren that won the prize, O ye dwellers with angel-kind.

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