Our Righteous Father Andronicus and His Wife Athanasia
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

October 9th

1) Cast-ing off the tyr-an-ny of earth-ly life and its bond-age; hat-ing rich-es ut-t er-ly;
and ab-hor-ring all de-light that doth pass a-way,
ye both took up the Cross as a yoke most god-ly
and ye fol-lowed close-ly af-ter Christ;
and ye have won-drous-ly dwelt in the green pas-tures of Heav-en's fields.

Re-joic-ing there to-geth-er now,
keep ye in re-mem-brance us who with faith
keep you in remembrance and celebrate with piety and love your bright and sacred and venerable memory, O Saints of God.

2) Loving Thee with all their soul, O Lord, that mem'ra-ble yoke pair, running after Thee in love,

brake the bond unbreakable like a spider's web;

godly Andronicus and wise Athanasia bravely banished all of life's delights;

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and since they thus obtained Thine eternal Kingdom, O Master Christ,
immortal Lord most merciful,
by their prayers grant pardon of sins to me,
giving me the power to rise above the passions mightily vexing and troubling my lowly soul
every day and every hour.

3) When by God’s supreme command ye were deprived of your children, that belov’d and longed-for pair,
yet ye took up the words which of old were spoken by the noble Job, and ye cried out:

The Lord hath given us, and the Lord hath taken away again.

Ye thus accomplished easily that most godly work which ye longed to do;

and departing unto the Holy Places and the wilderness in joy and gladness, ye proved to be a most sacred pair,

O Saints.