October 23th
Great-Martyr Arethas (Al-Haarith) & Companions in Arabia
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special melody: O all-lauded Martyrs
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) In setting thy bravery against the brute fierceness of the Jews, O all-famed Martyr Arethas, with the help of grace divine thou didst gain the victory and thou broughtest unto Christ a choir of noble Martyrs enlisted in His Name, O glorious one, which was formed of every age of man and united those of every state and rank.

2) O all-praised Arethas, thou didst bring thy most sacred fellow Martyrs all together to form one great delightful choir, with whom thou hast fought the good fight and hast finished well the course.

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of thine exceeding manifold contentions in the pains of martyrdom. Intercede with Jesus Christ our Lord that He grant peace and great mercy to our souls.

3) The young virgin maidens were a-flame with divine desire for Christ, and they forgot the infirmity of nature utterly; manifestly strengthened with the mighty pow'r of God, they trampled down the enemy's error and were not afraid at all of the painful torments, nor the fire of the furnace, which they braved with noble zeal.