Hav- ing laid up all their hope and ex- pecta- tion in
Heaven, these two Saints have treasured up
for themselves a kind of wealth not to be de-spoiled.
Freely did they receive; freely do they give out
hearings unto those with maladies.
True to the Gospel’s hest, neither gold nor silver did they acquire;
and unto men and unto beasts
they showed benefactions and kind-nesses;

November 1st
Holy Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian of Asia
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"
that they might be truly obedient to Christ through every means, and so with boldness might intercede with Him in our souls' behalf.

2) That like-minded pair of Saints, the two companions of like ways, who were of a single soul, hated every perishing thing upon the earth, and became citizens of the holy Heavens, peers of Angels while yet clothed in flesh.
Wherefore, they grant their cures unto all in sickness and suffering,

while doing good to those in need,

taking neither silver nor gold from them.

Let us, as is fitting, all honor them with joy in yearly feasts; for with great boldness they intercede with the Master for our souls.

3) Since they made the Trinity to come and dwell wholly in them, that renowned and godly pair,
Cosmas and wise Damian, like unceasing springs,
now gush forth rivers of ev'ry kind of healing
from a life bestowing fountain-head;
and even their remains by a touch make well ev'ry suffer-ing;
indeed, their names alone suffice
to drive all diseases from mortal men.
And they are in Christ God the saviors of all
those who flee to them, as with great boldness they intercede
with Him in our souls' behalf.

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