November 3rd  
Martyrs Akepsimas, Joseph & Aeithalas of Persia  
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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2) Rejoice, ye that are worthy of awe,

Joseph, Aeithalas and sacred Akepsimas,

who wholly quenched with divine fire and with the knowledge of God the deceit of godless worshippers of fire.

Through you, those who lawlessly offered worship unto the sun

and stars of heaven were themselves darkened and eclipsed,

and all the designs of the Magi were brought to nought,

Martys forever venerable, the Trinity's champions,

the light to those in that darkness which is to know not the Savior Christ, the true and Chief Shepherd,

Who was sacrificed and granteth Great Mercy to the world.

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3) Every assault of sufferings and pains did ye endure with an exceeding courageous mind; and loaded like lifeless burdens upon irrational beasts, ye were led to suffer torments more severe.

And when ye were fiercely thrashed, and were beaten with clubs and staves, and sorely wasted by most merciful strips and blows, ye did not relent, neither did ye deny our God.

Therefore ye carried off the crown of vict'ry as conquerors and manifestly were numbered with the divine Martyrs' companies; with them, intercede ye that Great Mercy and forgiveness be granted to our souls.