November 15th

Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib the Deacon of Edessa

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: Unto them that fear thee

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1) Shamuna the marvelous, belov'd Habib the supremely wise, and the glorious Guria have now formed a common choir, one with all the faithful;

and the vict'ry-bearers in jubilation dance with us,

and making merry, they share with us their joy. For God doth give the Martyrs' souls the wondrous gift to see mystic'ly, as it were in a looking glass,

that which happeneth here below.
2) Patiently ye bare the pains of insupportable punish-ments and contended courageously, O Shamuna, Gur-ia, and Habib most blessed, ye who are in number the equal of the Trin-i-ty: now ye delight in eternal joy and bliss; for Christ hath measured out to you the recom-pense of your suf-fer-ings. Impor-tune Him most earn-est-ly to de-liv-er and save our souls.

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3) Making bold confession of the Three-fold Unity,

ye destroyed the opinions held by the Greeks, who

reverenced many gods, with their foolish wisdom;

which ye brought to nought by the thing they reckon foolishness,

even the strength and the power of the Cross, by

which ye were made strong, O blessed Saints, and valiantly

underwent the unbearable sufferings of the scourgings and punishments.
4) Having made your passage to a harbor tranquil and free of waves, and a life undisturbed by woes, a haven serene and calm, O prize-winning Martyrs, ye exchanged your pains for a habitation in the heights which is eternal and free of suffering; and ye have all received from God your labors' prizes and recompense, even as it is meet and right, blest Confessors of Christ our God.