

December 23rd

The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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E Un.

1) Let the dec - ade e - lect of God and the lamp bright with

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ten - fold light, which with its di - vine rays il -

- lu - min - eth the Church, be on this day praised with

sa - cred ac - cla - ma - tions of loft - y speech;

they are pil - lars nought could shake, they are stars blaz - ing

bril - liant - ly in the fir - ma - ment, which, in shed - ding the

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bright - ly beam - ing rays of their most might - y pains in

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con - test, have made the earth to be heav - en - ly.

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E **Un.**



2) Let Ge - la - si - us be ex - tolled, The - o - du - lus, and

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Zo - ti - cus, Bas - i - li - des, Pom - pey, with



hal - lowed Eu - por - us; let A - ga - tho - pus, Eu -



- ni - cian, Sat - ur - ni - nus and most di - vine



Ev - ar - est - us be ac - claimed; and with songs — let us



hon - or them who are all se - rene ports of calm — in the

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storm; for they cou - ra - geous - ly con - vict - ed hea - then

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er - ror and have re - ceived crowns of vic - to - ry.

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E Un.



3) Let us hon - or with hymns of _praise those ten sci - ons that

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sprang from Crete, those un - fad - ing or - na - ments



of the faith - ful flock, those strong sup - ports of the



Church, the _sweet - ly scent - ed and pre - cious blooms



of e - ter - nal Par - a - dise, come - ly vic - tims of



sac - ri - fice pleas - ing un - to Christ, those ob - la - tions of

G



God's ce - les - tial Tem - ple, those tri - um - phant tro - phy

E



bear - ers, the ho - ly ten ___ of the Trin - i - ty.