

Pentecostarion
All Saints Sunday

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: *Having laid up all their hope*

1) As the Spir - it's or - a - tors, the Sav - ior's bless - ed dis -
- ci - ples, who be - came thē in - stru - ments of the Spir - it
through their faith, scat - tered far and wide to thē earth's far - thest parts
as in Or - tho - dox - - y they all sowed the
preach - ing from on high, whence rich - ly sprout - ed forth,
by the grace of God and His hus - band - ry, the Mar - tyrs' ho - ly
com - pa - nies, which showed forth in im - age the ven - 'ra - ble
Pas - sion of the Sav - - - ior through ev - 'ry kind of
tor - ture, scourge and fire. And now with bold - ness they in - ter - cede
with Him in our souls' be - half.

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2) With the fire of love for God were thē au - gust Mar - tyrs
 kin - dled; where-fore, they set fire at nought, and as coals of
E **G**
 fire di - vine hot - ly set a - blaze, they in Christ_ burnt a - way
 all the with-ered brush - - - wood of vain er - - - ror's
F **G**
 vaunt - ing in - sol - ence; they stopped the mouths of beasts
E **G**
 with wise in - vo - ca - tions in earn - est prayer; and when their heads had
C
 been cut off, they cut down the ranks of thē en - e - my;
G **E** **G**
 and when they had poured_ out their blood in might - y
 foun - tains val - iant - ly, they ful - ly wa - tered the ho - ly Church,
F **E**
 and she blos - somed forth_ in faith_

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3) Wres-ting with fe - ro - cious beasts, beat - en with swords as_ with
 cudg - els, scraped and torn with i - ron claws, hav - ing both their
 hands cut off, tor - tured on the rack, be - ing burnt_ in the fire
 in un - yield - ing tor - - - ments, be - ing pierced_ with
 sharp and stab - bing wounds, hav - ing their joints cut up,
 thē un - bend - ing Mar - tyrs en - dured it all with great ex - ceed - ing
 stead - fast - ness, look - ing to the por - tion that is to come
 with the crowns un - fad - - - ing and that un - end - ing
 glo - ry of Christ God, with Whom they bold - ly now in - ter - cede,
 pray - ing in our_ souls'_ be - half.

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4) As is due, let us ex - tol with sa - cred songs thē A -
 - pos - tles, Mar - tyrs, god - ly - mind - ed priests, wom - en chaste and
 ven - 'ra - ble, that whole sa - cred throng who through - out all thē earth
 strug - gled for the Faith's sake; for, while be - - - ing
 mor - tals born of earth, they were made one and joined
 to those in the Heav - ens e - ter - nal - ly; and through their pas - sion
 they ob - tained cov - et - ed dis - pas - sion by gift of Christ.
 Now like con - stel - la - - - tions, the stead - fast Mar - tyrs
 com - pass us with light, as with great bold - ness they in - ter - cede,
 pray - ing in our souls' be - half.