1) As the Spirit's orators, the Savior's blessed disciples, who became the instruments of the Spirit through their faith, scattered far and wide to the earth's farthest parts as in Orthodoxy they all sowed the preaching from on high, whence richly sprouted forth, by the grace of God and His husbandry, the Martyrs' holy companies, which showed forth in image the venerable Passion of the Savior through every kind of torture, scourge and fire. And now with boldness they intercede with Him in our souls' behalf.
2) With the fire of love for God were the august Martyrs kindled; wherefore, they set fire at nought, and as coals of fire divine hotly set ablaze, they in Christ burnt away all the withered brushwood of vain error's vaunting insolence; they stopped the mouths of beasts with wise invocations in earnest prayer; and when their heads had been cut off, they cut down the ranks of the enemy; and when they had poured out their blood in mighty fountains valiantly, they fully watered the holy Church, and she blossomed forth in faith.
Wrestling with ferocious beasts, beaten with swords as with cudgels, scraped and torn with iron claws, having both their hands cut off, tortured on the rack, being burnt in the fire in unyielding torments, being pierced with sharp and stabbing wounds, having their joints cut up, the unbending Martyrs endured it all with great exceeding steadfastness, looking to the portion that is to come with the crowns unfading and that unending glory of Christ God, with Whom they boldly now intercede, praying in our souls' behalf.
4) As is due, let us exalt with sacred songs the Apostles, Martyrs, godly-minded priests, women chaste and venerable, that whole sacred throng who throughout all the earth struggled for the Faith’s sake; for, while being mortals born of earth, they were made one and joined to those in the Heavens eternally; and through their passion they obtained coveted dispensation by gift of Christ.

Now like constellations, the steadfast Martyrs compass us with light, as with great boldness they intercede, praying in our souls’ behalf.

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