

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*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of common time (C). The melody is marked with 'E' (E-flat) and 'Un.' (Unison). The lyrics are: 1) Sha - mu - na the mar - vel - ous, be - lov'd Ha - bib the su - preme - ly wise, and the glo - ri - ous Gur - i - a have now formed a com - mon choir, one with all the faith - ful; and the vic - t'ry - bear - ers in ju - bi - la - tion dance with us, and mak - ing mer - ry, they share with us their joy. For God doth give the Mar - tyrs' souls the won - drous gift to see mys - ti - c'ly, as it were in a look - ing glass, that which hap - pen - eth here be - low.

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E Un. E

2) Pa - tient - ly ye bare the pains of in - sup - port - a - ble

pun - ish - ments and con - tend - ed cou - ra - geous - ly, O

G E

Sha - mu - na, Gur - i - a, and Ha - bib most bless - ed,

ye who are in num - ber the e - qual of the Trin - i - ty:

now ye de - light in e - ter - nal joy and bliss; for

Christ hath meas - ured out to you the rec - om - pense of your

G E

suf - fer - ings. Im - por - tune Him most earn - est - ly

to de - liv - er and save our souls.

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E Un. E

3) Mak - ing bold con - fes - sion of the Three - fold U - ni - ty,

ye de - stroyed thē o - pin - ions held by the Greeks, who

G E

rev - er - enced man - y gods, with their fool - ish wis - dom;

which ye brought to nought by the thing they reck - on fool - ish - ness,

e - ven the strength and the pow - er of the Cross, by

which ye were made strong, O bless - ed Saints, and val - iant - ly

G E

un - der - went the un - bear - a - ble suf - fer - ings

of the scourg - ings and pun - ish - ments.

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E Un. E

4) Hav - ing made your pas - sage to a har - bor tran - quil and

free of waves, and a life un - dis - turbed by woes, a

G E

ha - ven se - rene and calm, O prize - win - ning Mar - tyrs,

ye ex - changed your pains for a hab - i - ta - tion in the heights

which is e - ter - nal and free of suf - fer - ing; and

ye have all re - ceived from God your la - bors' priz - es and

G E

rec - om - pense, e - ven as it is meet and right,

blest Con - fess - ors of Christ our God.