

VESPERS ON FRIDAY EVENING

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STICHERA TO THE MARTYRS, SUNG AT 'LORD, I HAVE CRIED'

At the prayers, _____ O Lord, of all the saints and
of the The- o- to - kos, grant__ us Thy peace and have mer-
cy up- on ___ us, for Thou on- ly art com- pas - sion -
ate.

The con- fes- sion of faith that ye made in thē a- ren-
a, O ye saints, filled with fear the hosts of de - mons and
set men free from er- ror. As ye were be- head- ed ye cried
out: 'May the sac- ri- fice of our souls be ac- cept- a- ble in
Thy sight, _____ O ___ Lord; for, de- sir- ing Thee who lov- est man,


we have des- pised this quick-ly pas - sing___ life.

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e- spis- ing ev- 'ry earth- ly thing, O ho- ly mar - tyrs,

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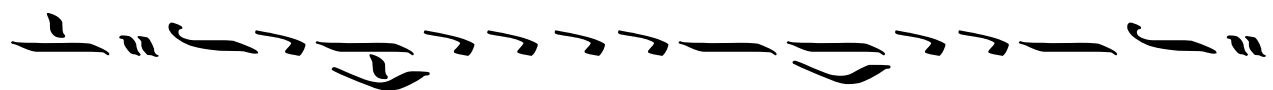

and brave- ly preach- ing Christ in thē a- re - na,

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ye re- ceived


from Him the due re- ward for all your suf - fer - ings. Since

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He ___ is al- might- y God and ye have bold- ness in His pres -


ence, to you we run for help: we en- treat you, pray to Him for

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the sal- va- tion of our souls.

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W
ise was thē ex- change ye made, O saints ye gave your blood,

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and re- ceived heav - en as your re- ward; ye suf- fered tri-

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bu- la- tion for a time, and now make glad e- ter-


nal- ly. Wise- ly have ye trad - ed: for- sak- ing things cor-

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rupt- i- ble, ye have made things in- cor- rupt- i- ble; π
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and re- joic- ing with the choirs of an - gels Δ
2 ye sing con-

tin- ual- ly the prais- es of the con- sub- stan- tial Tri - ni - ty. π
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