

VESPERS ON FRIDAY EVENING

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

(N)
O mar-tyrs of the Lord, ye hal-low ev-'ry place
and heal ___ ev-'ry ill: and now we en-treat ___ you to
pray _____ that our souls may be de-liv-ered from the snares ___ of
thē en - e - my.

(N)
O mar-tyrs of the Lord, we be-seech ___ you, of-fer
in-ter-ces-sion to our God: pray for a-bun-dant mer - cy
___ on our souls and the for-give-ness of our man - y ___ sins.

(N)
Thy mar - tyrs, O Lord, for-get-ting the things of the
pres-ent life, and des-pis-ing tor - ture in their long-ing for

the life to come, were grant- ed this e- ter- nal life as their

in- her- i - tance, and now they re- joice___ with thē an- gels.

At their sup- pli- ca- tions be- stow up- on Thy peo - ple

Thy great ___mer - cy.

I f there be an- y vir- tue and if there be an-

y praise, right- ly are these things as- cribed to the saints. They bowed

their necks be- neath the ___sword, for Thy sake who hast bowed

the heav- ens and come _____ down. They shed their blood for Thee,

who hast emp- tied Thy- self and tak- en the form___ of

a ser- vant; they hum- bled them- selves ev- en un- to death, fol-

low- ing thē ex- am- ple of ___ Thy pov- er- ty. At their

prayers have mer- cy up- on ___ us, O God, ^(Δ) ac- cord- ing to the

mul- ti- tude of Thy tend- er mer- cies. ^(V)

^(N) G lo- ry to the Fa- ther and to the ___ Son ^(B) and ___

to ___ the Ho- ly ___ Spir - - - it. ^(V)

^(N) I la - ment ___ and weep when- ev - er I

see ___ death ___ ^(B) and look up - on our ___ beau - - ty, ^(B)

formed ac - cord - ing to God's ___ i - - -

mage, ^(V) ly- ing in the ___ ^(Δ) grave dis- fig - - ured and ___ ^(II)

in- glo - ri - - - ous, ^(Δ) its ___ out - ward ___

form ___ de- stroyed. ^(Δ) O strange ___ won - - der! What ^(N)

mys - ter- y is ___ this con- cern - - - ing ___

___ us? How have we been de - liv - ered to cor - rup

- - tion? How have _____ we been ___ yoked _____ to _

_____ death? All _____ this, so it is _____ writ - - ten,

is by thē or - di - - nance _____ of _____

God, who _____ grants _____ rest to _____ the de - - part -

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