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Martyrs Acyndinus and those with him

At Lord, I Have Cried:

(Following is all the text for pages 29 and the top half of page 31. You do not need to flip between the sheet and the book)

Stichos: Bring my soul out of prison, that I may confess Thy name.

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord / Who hath broken the might of death / And enlightened the human race; / And let us cry out with the incorporeal ones: // 'O our Creator and Saviour, glory be to Thee!'

Stichos: The righteous shall wait patiently for me, until Thou shalt reward me.

For our sake, O Saviour, Thou didst endure the Cross and burial./ And as God, Thou didst slay death by death. / Wherefore, we bow down before Thy rising on the third day. // O Lord, glory be to Thee!

Stichos: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord, / O Lord, hear my voice.

Beholding Thy Resurrection, / The Apostles marvelled, chanting angelic praise. / 'This is the glory of the Church! / These are riches of the kingdom! // O Lord Who suffered for our sake, glory be to Thee!'.

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Stichos: Let Thine ears be attentive, / to the voice of my supplication.

Thou wast seized by iniqitous men, O Christ, / Yet Thou art my God, and I am not ashamed. / Thou wast beaten on the shoulders, yet I shun Thee not./ Thou wast nailed to the Cross, and I do not conceal it. / I boast in Thine arising; for Thy death is my life. // O Almighty Lord Who lovest mankind, glory be to Thee!

Stichos: If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand? / For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Fulfilling the prophecy of David, / Christ revealed His majesty to the disciples in Sion. / Showing Himself to be ever-laudable and glorious, / With the Father and the Spirit, / And to be the One Who in the beginning was incorporeal, / As the Word, was later incarnate for our sake,/ Was slain, as a man, and arose with power, // As He Who loveth mankind.

Stichos: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath patiently waited for Thy word, / My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Thou didst descend into hades as Thou didst will, O Christ; / Thou didst overthrow death as God and Master; / And Thou didst rise on the third day, / Raising up Adam with Thyself from the bonds of hades and corruption; / And he cried out, saying:// Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Thou Who alone lovest mankind.

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Stichos: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, / Let Israel hope in the Lord.

Thou wast laid in the tomb as one asleep, O Lord, / And didst rise on the third day as one powerful in might, / Raising up Adam with Thyself from the corruption of death, // As Thou art Almighty.

Tone 4: Spec. Mel.: "As one valiant among the martyrs "

Stichos: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption; / And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Let us hymn the company of the five martyrs: / the wise Acindynus, / Pegasius and Elpidephorus, / Aphthonius and Anempodistus, / the valiant athletes / and fervent protectors, / who pour forth grace unhindered / and hope unashamed, / bestowing them freely upon the pious.

Stichos: O praise the Lord, all ye nations; / Praise Him all ye peoples.

Neither hunger, nor tribulation, / neither life, nor death, / neither the boiling of cauldrons, / nor the precipices of the earth, nor yet the mouths of the wild beasts / could separate your brave deeds of patient endurance from the love of Christ; / for, directing your gaze continually toward Him, / and desiring Him alone, / ye vanquished the enemy.

Stichos: For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us, / And the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

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Delighting in sweetness / and full of light, / having inherited everlasting life, / from misfortunes, bondage and imprisonment / deliver those who have recourse to you / at the site of your martyrdom, O divinely wise ones; / for ye have boldness before God / and manifest lovingkindness, / in that ye are truly emulators of Christ.

Glory … Tone 6:

Tone 6: Today the martyrs' choir of fivefold splendor, illumining the faithful like a constellation of stars, summoneth all to mystical gladness. Today the servants of the noetic Sun, the destroyers of the traditions of the Persians, who adore the material sun and worship fire, have led all to piety, and having filled the cup of their suffering to abundance, they have been crowned with their blood shed for the sake of Christ, calling us, the lovers of piety, saying: "Come, feast your eyes upon our sufferings, and behold our crowns and honors! For he who endureth to the end is saved, Christ hath said in truth, that ye may share our crowns and have us as intercessors before the Lord!"

Both now … Tone 7:

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Dogmatic Theotokion, Tone 7:

Thou hast been known to have become a Mother in supernatural manner, O Theotokos, / And hast remained a Virgin in manner past recounting and understanding; / And no tongue can describe the wonder of thy birthgiving. / For as thy conceiving is all-glorious, / So is the manner of thy birthgiving beyond comprehension, / For where God so willeth, the order of nature is overruled. / Wherefore, we all, knowing thee to be the Mother of God, do earnestly entreat thee: // Pray that our souls be saved!

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Aposticha

Aposticha: Octoechos; G: Martyrs (Come, let us rejoice in the Lord); N: Theotokion, Tone 2 (O new wonder).

Thou didst rise from the tomb, O Saviour of the world, / And with Thy flesh didst raise men up.// Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Stichos: The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty.

Come, let us worship Him Who hath risen from the dead and enlightened all;/ For He hath freed us from the tyranny of hades, / Who by His Resurrection on the third day // Hath granted us life and great mercy.

Stichos: For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken.

Thou didst descend into hades and make death captive, O Christ; / And having risen on the third day, / Thou didst raise up with Thyself them that glorified Thine Almighty arising, // O Lord Who lovest mankind.

Stichos: Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Awesome wast Thou lying in the tomb as one dead, O Lord; / And rising on the third day as One Mighty, / Thou didst raise up Adam, who cried: // Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Thou Who alone lovest mankind.

Glory … Tone 2:

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Tone 2: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord today, on the day of the commemoration of the passion-bearers! O ye who love the feasts of the Church, come, let us praise them, mystically offering laudation unto them: Rejoice, O Acindynus! Rejoice, O Pegasius! Rejoice, O Anempodistus! Rejoice, O Elpidephorus! Rejoice, O Aphthonius! who drowned in the abyss the deception of idolatry and preached Christ the Lord openly in the midst of the arena! Wherefore, O most blessed ones who suffered exceedingly, pray ye without ceasing in behalf of our souls.

Both now …

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Theotokion Tone 2: the composition of Germanus:

O new wonder greater than all the wonders of the

past! / For who hath ever known a mother to give birth without having known a man, / And to bear on her arm Him that sustaineth all creation? / Yet it was the will of God to be born. / O all-pure one, who bore Him in thy arms as an infant / And hast maternal boldness before Him: / Cease not to pray in behalf of them that honor thee, / That He have compassion and save our souls.

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Troparion & Theotokian of the Day

Resurrectional troparion, tone 7:

Thou didst destroy death by Thy Cross,/ Thou didst open paradise to the thief. / Thou didst change the lamentation of the Myrrh- bearers, / and Thou didst command Thine Apostles to proclaim / that Thou didst arise, O Christ God, / granting the world great mercy.

Glory …

Troparion of martyrs, Tone 2:

O athletes of the Lord, blessed is the earth which

drank in your blood, and holy the habitations which

have received your bodies; for ye vanquished the

enemy in the arena and preached Christ with

boldness. Entreat Him, in that He is good, we pray,

that our souls be saved.

Both now …

Theotokion, same tone:

All of thy most glorious mysteries are beyond comprehension, / O Theotokos; / For, thy purity sealed and thy virginity intact, / Thou art known to be a true Mother, / Having given birth unto God. / Him do thou entreat, that our souls be saved.