

08/18 - Holy Martyrs Florus and Laurus

*On “Lord, I have cried”, in the 2nd tone*

**6** With what un**wor**\_thy lips shall we bless the The-o-to\_kos\_, / who is more honorable than crea\_tion / and *more ho-ly* than the cherubim and all *the* **angels**: / the immovable **throne** of the king, / *the* **house** wherein the *Most High* dwelt / the sanctuary of God, the salvation of the world, / *the one* who richly bestoweth great mercy upon *the* **faith**-ful // on the day of her divine *me-mo-ri-al*\_.\_.\_.?

**5** What **won**\_drous hymns were they that all the **apos**\_tles of the Word\_, / who stood round a-**bout** thy bier, / *then of*-fered unto thee, O **Virgin**, / crying **out** in awe: / “*The* **pa**-lace of the King *de*-**part**-eth! / the ark of sanctification is **borne** aloft! / *Open* **wide**, *ye* gates, that the portal of God *may* **en**-ter into joy, // unceasingly entreating *great* **mer**-cy for the world\_.\_.\_.?”

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**4** What **spi\_ri-tu-al** hymns shall we now offer **un\_**to thee\_, / O most **holy** one? / For by thine *im-mor-tal* dormition thou hast sanctified *the whole* world / and passed over to the things which are **above** the world, / to *com-pre-hend* *the* beauty of the *Al-might-y*, / and to rejoice in Him as His **Mo\_**ther, / *the ranks* of angels and the souls of the righteous *ac-com-pa-ny-ing* thee. // With them ask for us peace and *great mer\_cy\_.\_.\_.*

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**3** Revealed as perfect stones cut by **mar-tyr-dom** / and quarried by torments, *O ho-ly ones*, / *ye fash-ioned* yourselves into a **church** of the Lord, / casting down to the ground the temples and worship of *the i\_dols*. / Wherefore, we call them **bles\_s\_.\_.\_ed**, / and as inhabitants of **pa-ra-dise** // and offerings of the temple of **heav\_en**.

**2** O ye who have touched the **relics** / of the sacred martyrs Florus *and Laurus*, / draw *forth grace* and receive enlightenment, gladness and **mercy**: / for from them doth the divine action healing **richly** flow! / And blessing them as **fa-vo-rites** of the Lord, / let us ear-*nest-ly* **cry** out: // Glory to **Thee**, O our God!

**1** Having been **imprisoned** in a pit / and in-ured *within* the earth / at the **command** of *the tyrant*, / by divine utterances and the revelation of the Holy **Spi\_rit** / ye have been shown to us as stars which shine forth portents and **won\_.\_.\_ders** / and *gifts* of **healing**, / O fraternal **ath\_letes**, // fellow citizens with the **an\_gels**.