

DEC 29 Holy 14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod; St.  
Marcellus

TROPARION of the FEAST - Tone 4

Thy nativity, O Christ our God, /  
Has risen upon the world as the light of understanding! /  
For through it, those who worshipped the stars, /  
Were taught by a star to worship Thee, /  
The Sun of Righteousness, /  
And to know Thee, the Orient from on high. ///  
O Lord, glory to Thee!

TROPARION (General for Martyrs) - Tone 1

We beseech Thee, O Lord and Lover of man, /  
By the sufferings Thy saints endured for Thee, /  
To heal all our afflictions, ///  
And deliver us from our transgressions

TROPARION (St. Marcellus) - Tone 8

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O Father, /  
For thou didst take up thy cross and follow Christ /  
By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh, for  
it passes away /  
But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal ///  
Therefore thy spirit, O holy Marcellus, rejoices with the angels.

KONTAKION (Martyrs) - Tone 4

A star sent the Magi to Him who was born /  
And Herod, in His rage, sent an army of cruel soldiers ///  
To slay Him who lay as an infant in the manger.

KONDAKION of the Feast - Tone 3

Today the Virgin gives birth to the transcendent One...