

DEC 28      Holy 20,000 Martyrs Burned Alive in Nicomedia

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 (Martyrs) - Tone 2

O passion-bearers of the Lord, /  
Blessèd is the earth that has received your blood, /  
And holy are the habitations wherein you now dwell. /  
For in your struggles you defeated the enemy /  
And with boldness you proclaimed Christ. ///  
Since He is good, we pray you beseech Him to save our souls.

KONTAKION (Martyrs)- Tone 2

Being made steadfast in soul by faith, /  
The twenty-thousand holy martyrs accepted their agony in  
the flames, /  
And cried out to the pre-eternal God born of the Virgin: /  
Accept us as we offer our whole-burnt sacrifice to Thee ///  
As Thou didst accept the myrrh and frankincense and gold of  
the Persian kings.

KONDAKION of the Feast - Tone 3

Today the Virgin gives birth to the transcendent One, /  
And the earth offers a cave to the unapproachable One! /  
Angels with shepherds glorify Him! /  
The wise men journey with the star; ///  
Since for our sake the eternal God is born as a little child!