



# THE HOLY MARTYRS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS

October 7

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode

*"Be quick to anticipate"*

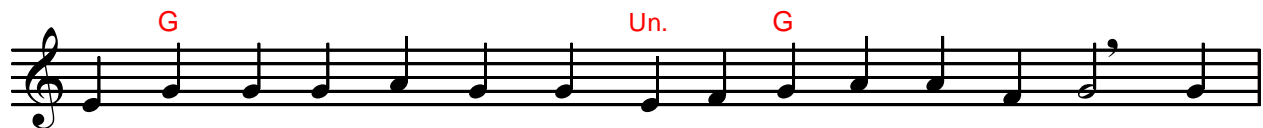
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**Allegro** ♩=150

Οἱ μάρτυρές σου Κύριε



Thy Mar - tyrs, O Lord, in their cou - ra - geous con - test for Thee



re - ceived as the prize the crowns of in - cor - rup - tion and life from



Thee, our im - mor - tal God. For since they pos - sessed Thy



strength, they cast — down the ty - rants and whol - ly de - stroyed the

de - mons' strength - less pre - sump - tion. O Christ God, by their

prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer - ci - ful.

It was explained to the blessed Epiphanius, bishop of Cyprus, by the abbot of the monastery he had in Palestine: "In accordance with your instructions we have not neglected our rule, but diligently discharge Terce, Sext, and None." However, Epiphanius corrected them and made it clear to them, saying: "You obviously neglect the other hours of the day when you refrain from prayer, for the true monk must have prayer and psalmody in his heart without ceasing."