



THE HOLY MARTYR SEBASTIAN AND THOSE WITH HIM

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Apolytikion

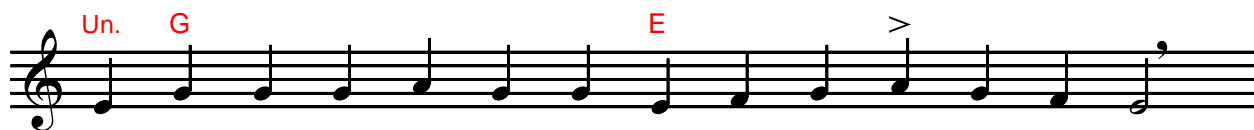
Fourth Mode

"Be quick to anticipate"

Intonation: #10

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.

O the wise invention
of the teacher who contrives
that in our singing we learn what
is profitable, and that thereby doctrine
is somehow more deeply impressed upon
our souls! What is learned under duress tends
not to be retained, but what suavely ingratiates it-
self somehow abides within our souls more steadfastly.

- St. Basil the Great