



# THE HOLY TEN MARTYRS OF CRETE

December 23

Apolytikion

Third Mode  
*"Awed by the beauty"*

Intonation: #8

**Allegro** ♩=150

Τὴν πολυθαύμαστον

Let us now hon - our Crete, that land most mar - vel -  
lous, which sprout - ed forth the ten flow - ers re -  
vered by all, those good - ly pearls of Christ our God, those  
ver - dant boughs of the Mar - tyrs; for al - though they

were\_\_ but ten,\_\_\_\_\_ the most bless - ed men put\_\_ to

shame the ten thou - sand ar - moured\_ host of the

wick - ed de - mon - ic ranks. And hence, they have re - ceived\_\_

crowns of glo - ry as stout - heart - ed Mar - tyrs of Christ

Sav - iour.

A holy hymn gives birth to piety of soul,  
creates a good conscience, and is accepted  
by God in the treasures of the heavens.

- St. John Chrysostom