The Holy Martyrs
Marcian and Martyrius

October 25

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the
Sing to God,
not with the voice, but with the heart;
not, after the fashion of tragedians, in smearing the throat
with a sweet drug, so that theatrical melodies and songs are heard
in the church, but in fear, in work, and in knowledge of the
Scriptures. And although a man be cacophonous, if
he have good works, he is a sweet
singer before God.

- St. Jerome