The Holy Martyrs
Thyrsus, Leucius, Callinicus, Philemon, Apollonius, and Arian

December 14

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

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The demon of fornication,
in the manner of a licking puppy,
is wont to cling to the one he tempts,
so as not to be cast out. But it is possible
for you--it is a matter of your prerogative and
intention--either to nourish him with the work of
dishonor or vigorously to put him to flight with prayer and
psalmody, with fasting and vigils, and with sleeping on the ground.

- Nilus of Ancyra