The Holy Martyr Sebastian and Those With Him

December 18

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

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
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