The Holy and Wonderworking Unmercenaries Cyrus and John

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Since Thou hast given us the miracles of Thy holy Martyrs as an invincible battlement, by their entreaties scatter the counsels of the heathen, O Christ our God, and strengthen the faith of Orthodox

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In the churches there are vigils,
and David is first and middle and last.
In the singing of early morning hymns David
is first and middle and last. In the tents at funeral
processions David is first and middle and last. In the
houses of virgins there is weaving, and David is first and
middle and last. What a thing of wonder! Many who have not
even made their first attempt at reading know all of David by heart
and recite him in order. Yet it is not only in the cities and the churches
that he is so prominent on every occasion and with people of all ages; even
in the fields and deserts and stretching into uninhabited wasteland, he
roused sacred choirs to God with greater zeal. In the monasteries
there is a holy chorus of angelic hosts, and David is first and
middle and last. In the convents there are bands of virgins
who imitate Mary, and David is first and middle and
last. In the deserts men crucified to this world hold
converse with God, and David is first and middle
and last. And at night all men are dominated by
physical sleep and drawn into the depths, and
David alone stands by, arousing all the
servants of God to angelic vigils,
turning earth into heaven
and making angels
of men.

- St. John Chrysostom