The Holy Martyr
Andrew the Commander
and the 2,593 Martyred With Him

August 19

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10
"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
de-mons' strength-less pre-sump-tion. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art mer-ci-ful.

Now [in 1911] theatrical tunes and melodies have even penetrated into the Church, forcing out ancient chant. Meanwhile, the latter is more highly artistic, but people don't understand this.

- St. Barsanuphius of Optina