The Holy Martyr
Bassa and Her Sons
Theognius, Agapius, and Pistus

August 21

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

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

Those who chant should offer their psalmodies with great care to God, Who looks into the hidden recesses of the heart, i.e., into the psalmody and prayer that are done mentally in the heart rather than uttered in external cries.

- Canon LXXV of the Sixth Ecumenical Synod