The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete

December 23

Apolytikion

Third Mode
"Awed by the beauty"

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Την πολυθαύμαστον

Let us now honor Crete, that land most marvelous,
which sprouted forth the ten flowering revered by all, those good-
ly pearls of Christ our God, those verdant boughs of the Martyrs;
for although they were but ten, the most blessed men put to

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shame the ten thousand armoured host of the wick- ed demonic ranks. And hence, they have received crowns of glory as stout-hearted Martyrs of Christ Saviour.

A holy hymn gives birth to piety of soul, creates a good conscience, and is accepted by God in the treasuries of the heavens.

- St. John Chrysostom