



THE HOLY TEN MARTYRS OF CRETE

December 23

Apolytikion

Third Mode
"Awed by the beauty"

150

Intonation: #8

Ἦχος γ'. Γα

Τὴν πολυθαύμαστον



et us now hon-our Crete, that land most mar - - vel - - lous,
 which sprout - ed forth the ten flow - ers re - vered by all, those good -
 ly pearls of Christ our God, those ver - - dant boughs of the Mar - - tyrs;
 for al - though they were but ten, the most bless - ed men put to

shame ^ⲁ the ten thou - sand ^(Ⲛ) ar-moured_ host of the wick - - - ed de-mon-
 ic ranks. ^ⲥ And hence, they have re - ceived_ crowns of ^(Ⲛ) glo - ry ^ⲥ as stout -
 heart-ed Mar - tyrs of Christ Sav - iour. ^ⲥ

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