

Sts Cosmas and Damian – verses on Lord I Call

Tone 6

Having placed all their hope in the heavens,
the saints laid up for themselves a treasure
which cannot be stolen away;
they freely received,
and freely give healing to the infirm.
Following the Gospel,
they acquired neither silver nor gold,
but bestowed benefactions upon both men and beasts,
that, obedient to Christ,
they might pray with boldness in behalf of our souls.

The two holy ones who shared a single character
and a single soul,
the like-minded companions,
disdained corruptible things on earth
and showed themselves to be inhabitants of heaven,
like unto the angels,
though dwelling in the flesh:
wherefore, they grant healings to all who suffer,
bestowing benefactions upon those in need,
without exacting any fee.
Let us honour them as is meet with an annual festival,
for they pray to Christ with boldness in behalf of our souls.

The divinely wise Cosmas and Damian,
the two ever-memorable ones,
having made themselves wholly the abode of the Trinity,
pour forth like torrents the waters of healing
from the life-bestowing Wellspring;
and their relics cure suffering by their touch;
and their very names drive infirmities away from all men
who have recourse to the saving havens in Christ;
and they pray with boldness in behalf of our souls.

Having spurned the tyranny of suffering
and, in Christ, trampled down every plot of the evil serpent,
O holy unmercenary ones,
Cosmas and Damian,
ye were shown to be as radiant as beacons,
ever illumining the whole world with divine signs,
driving away darkness and infirmities by grace,
and showing yourselves to be the saviours
of all who with steadfast faith
celebrate your glorious memory, O all-wise ones.

Glory... in Tone 6:

Boundless is the grace of the saints,
which they have received from Christ.
Wherefore, their relics continually work miracles
by the power of God,
and their names, when invoked with faith,
heal incurable sicknesses.
Through them, O Lord,
free us also from the passions of soul and body,
in that Thou lovest mankind.