Noble and victorious martyrs, you were revealed in the final times as unwaning stars in the Church’s honored firmament. You illumined all beneath the sun, O all-praised ones, with the splendor of your sufferings, destroying the darkness of
deception. Therefore we celebrate your radiant and sacred suffering in faith,// enriched by your intercession.

All-glorious two and forty martyrs of Christ, you were bound after a summary arrest and shut up in prison for a lengthy time. You were divine preservers of the faith, who refused...
to submit to the commands of that infamous beast of evil fame.

Therefore he was enraged and slew you with the sword. Now you have joyfully inherited higher things, // joining yourselves to the heavenly Kingdom.

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Let us shout the praise of Constantine, Basoes and Callistus,
Theodore and Theophilus, and the rest of the divine company of athletes, for they sacrificed themselves with joy, electing to die for the Life of all. Now they rest in the city of the living God, entreating that on the day of judgment, we may find remission of sins and complete deliverance.