Holy Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite

On “Lord, I Have Cried” we sing six stichera:

3 in Tone One, “Joy of the Heavenly Powers” Optina Chant

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STICHERON 2

ranks of the angels.

Having made thy soul luminous with rays of
three-fold splendor and thy body

with consuming material fire, O father,
thou didst pass over to immaterial radiance and didst join the
STICHERON 3

Having become eminent in the Church of God by thy passionate idolatry, thou didst make thy heart a receptacle of the grace of the Spirit, O father. Wherefore, O Diocletian the angels. With them do thou unceasingly pray for us, that our souls be saved.
ny - si - us, from thy precious shrine thou dost ever pour forth healings upon us, like wa - ter.
And the following 3 Stichera, in the same tone: Spec. Mel.: “O most lauded martyrs”

Sticheron 4

Carpatho-Russian

The di-vine Paul, speak-ing forth in pub- lic, caught thee with the

hook of grace, O wise one, and made thee a teacher of the sacred

mysteries and a beholder of in-ef- fa-ble things, perceiving in thee a

chos-en ves-sel. With him do thou pray, O right eloquent
Di- o - ny - si - us, that those who hymn thee with love may be saved.

Sticheron 5

Hav-ing made thy mind e - qual to that of the an - gels

for the sake of virtue, O most wise fa - ther Di - o - ny - si - us,

thou didst write a sa - cred ac - count of the heavenly order
of their hierarchies, and therewith didst align the ranks of the Church’s hierarchy, likening them to the ranks of heaven.

Sticheron 6

Making thyself like unto God through meditation,
as far as thou was able, O blessed Dionysius,

with piety thou didst mystically disseminate thy godly treatise on the divine names; and, achieving unity through a higher understanding, thou didst learn things which pass man's understanding, and didst teach the ends of the world.
Glory...Tone Two
Come, ye faithful, / and together let us praise the annual commemoration of the hierarchs Dionysius and Cyprian; / for the one, having rejected the Stoic philosophers and been taught by the chosen vessel, / became an adept of ineffable mysteries; / and the other, having illumined his thoughts for the sake of the goodly virgin Justina, / escaped the delusion of the demons and, / casting his books of sorcery into the fire, became a preacher of the Gospel. / Wherefore, glorifying the Savior Who hath glorified them, let us sinners cry out: / O Christ God, Who hast crowned Thine athletes with glory, // by their supplications save Thou our souls.

Now and ever...Stavrotheotokion, Tone Two: “When from the tree”

When the unde-filed Ewe-lamb
saw her Lamb led willingly, as a man, to the slaughter,

she said, weeping: “O Christ, Thou makest haste now to leave
me childless who gave birth to Thee. What is this that

Thou hast done, O Deliverer of all? Yet do I hymn

and glorify Thine exceeding goodness,

which passeth understanding and recounting,

O Thou Who lovest mankind.”
On the APOSTICHA, Glory..., in Tone Four

We call thee the unseen depth of heavenly knowledge,
O most splendid martyr of Christ,
and we hymn thee as a warrior and steadfast champion of the Church, O wise one.
For thou didst shine forth with most pure fire,
having been counted worthy to wear the vesture of light with the armies on high,
having illumined thy mind with the effulgence of the Holy Spirit, O Dionysius.
Wherefore, with faith we celebrate thy universal memorial, //
glorifying the Lord Who glorified thee.

Now and Ever...Stavrotheotokion, Tone Four, Special Melody: “As one valiant...”
Son most desired, how is it that Thou art suspended up on the tree of the Cross?

How is it that Thy hands and feet, O Word, have been pierced with nails by the iniquitous? How is it that Thou hast shed Thy blood, O Master?