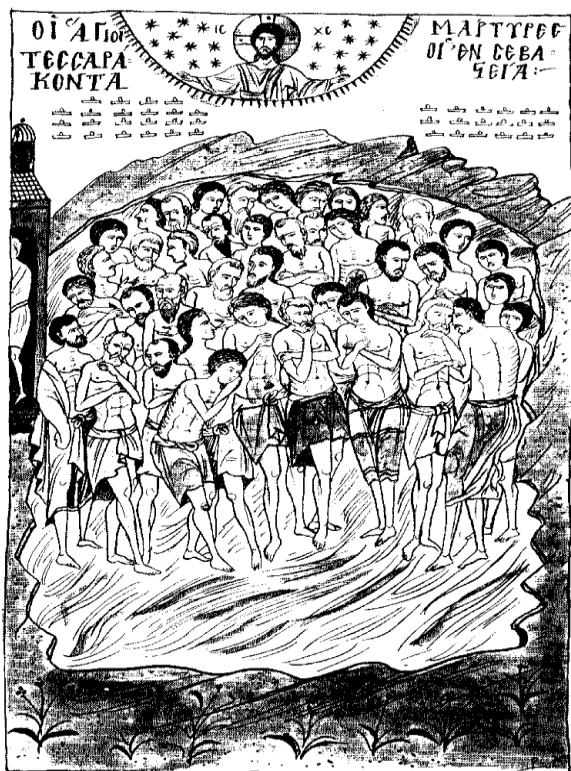


ΟΙ ΣΑΡΑΝΤΑ ΜΑΡΤΥΡΕΣ THE 40 MARTYRS



The 40 Martyrs were Christian soldiers who lived in the 4th Century AD in Cappadocia which is modern day central Turkey. When the Emperor Licinius gave the order for everyone to worship idols, those 40 soldiers refused. They preferred to go to jail and to be tortured. There they heard a voice saying: "He who remains faithful to the end will be saved". Christ strengthened them and they decided to die for their faith. They were thrown into the icy waters of Lake Sevestia and the 40 brave soldiers of Christ, remained steadfast. They encouraged each other by saying: "Brothers, the cold is terrible but Paradise which is so sweet awaits us". The following day, the executioners threw their frozen bodies into a fire and burnt them. Their souls, however, travelled to the eternal happiness of Paradise.

Their feast day is on the 9th of March.

THE FORTY MARTYRS CRYPTOGRAM

Directions: This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A thru Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number. The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Δίδαγμα:

Με την υπομονή μας κερδίζουμε την Βασιλεία των Ουρανών.
With patience we gain the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ρητό:

«Γίνου πιστός άχρι θανάτου και δώσω σοι το στέφανον της ζωής» (Αποκ. Β'10)
"Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev 2:10)