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**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,
ONE GOD. AMEN.**

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On this day the saints Victor, and Decius, and Irene, and many people, both men, and women, and virgins became martyrs. These saints lived in the days of the kingdom of Constantine, and in the days of his son; now these emperors destroyed many houses of idols, and broke their idols, and burned them in the fire, and they built [on the sites of the temples] many churches and altars, in the name of our Lady, the Holy Virgin Mary, the God-bearer, and in the names of many saints. When Constantine was dead Julian the infidel reigned, and he set up the worship of idols, and he honored their priests, and slew many Christians. And the history of these saints was noised abroad, how they worked [destruction] in the houses of the idols, and how they smashed the idols. Then the governor seized them, and tortured them for many days, and beat them, and crucified them, and flayed the skin from their bodies with iron knives; and after this [the soldiers] cut off their heads with swords, and they received crowns of martyrdom in the kingdom of the heavens. Salutation to Victor, and Decius, and 'Ermo.

Salutation to the holy father, Isaac the abbot.

Glory be to God Who is glorified in His Saints. Amen.