Our holy fathers Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs
May 11

1. Our Church, in joyful chorus, now raises from hearts and minds overflowing with love our hymns of thanks, full-throated with praises, for our Apostles, guarding from above! For Cyril and Methodius, Lord,

2. Two brothers, called from home and comfort, brought Gospel joy to peoples untaught. Through teach ing the Slavs in words all their own of strong in their faith, the Church of their dream, that, God the Three-in-One, whose blessings growing daily in love and witness, for our Apostles, guarding from above! For Cyril and Methodius, Lord,

3. Through strife and conflict, their work was ceaseless, teach ing the Slavs in words all their own of strong in their faith, the Church of their dream, that, God the Three-in-One, whose blessings growing daily in love and witness, for our Apostles, guarding from above! For Cyril and Methodius, Lord,

4. May we, their sons and daughters, e’er cherish forth the Church, in thanksgiving, now raised our Church on earth will e’v’ry praise afford! For Cyril and Methodius, Lord,

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Tune: Kol slaven nas / How great is God (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)