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!

2. Two brothers, called from home and comfort,
   brought Gospel joy to peoples untaught.
   Through Word and Sacrament, they taught of
   Christ, whose dear Blood their ransom had

3. Through strife and conflict, their work was ceaseless,
   teaching the Slavs in words all their own
   that, growing daily in love and witness,
   our Church may thrive, in spite of plot and scheme.

4. May we, their sons and daughters, e’er cherish
   strong in their faith, the Church of their dream,
   our hymns of thanks, full-throated with praises,
   Your Church on earth will e’v’ry praise afford!

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Tune: Kol’ slaven naš / So great is God (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)