

April 23rd

Great-martyr George the Trophy-bearer

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

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1) With psalms and hymns, now the faith - ful peo - ples hon - or

G

thine all - laud - ed mem - o - ry, O thou Great Mar - tyr George;

E

for it hath shined forth ma - jes - ti - c'ly and full of splen - dor,

E

ar - rayed with glo - ry and come - li - ness and grace.

G

Where - fore, all the or - ders of the An - gels skip for joy;

E

with the A - pos - tles, the mar - tyred Saints ap - plaud the tro - phies

E

thou hast re - ceived for thy con - tests and thy pains,

D

and Him that glo - ri - fied thee do they praise,

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e - ven Christ God the Sav - ior and Friend of man.

G
Do thou there - fore en - treat _____ Him

E
to en - light - en and to save our souls.

E
2) Be - ing ar - rayed in the pan - o - ply of Christ God,

G E
thou wast found of them that sought thee not, O val - iant George;

D
and when, for Christ, thou wast tried by fire, thou mad - est sport of

E
the soul - de - stroy - ing de - cep - tion of vain gods.

G E
Then didst thou cry out un - to all the in - iq - ui - tous:

D
I am a sol - dier of Christ my King, and nei - ther wild beasts

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E

nor wheels of tor - ture nor sword nor fire hath strength

D

to sep - a - rate me from the love of Christ,

Who in truth is my God and the God of all.

G

Do thou there - fore en - treat Him

E

to en - light - en and to save our souls.

E

3) Hav-ing dis - dained sun - dry in - stru - ments of tor - ture,

G

ev - 'ry form of suff - 'ring, and the dark and dread - ed rack,

E



O great crown-bear - er, thrice-bless - ed George, thou as a Mar - tyr

E

didst brave - ly fin - ish the course of pi - e - ty.

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G Where - fore, we now crown thy bright - ly shin - ing mem - o - ry

E with psalm - ic gar - lands and wreaths of song, and we en - com - pass

D thy hal - lowed rel - ics, em - brac - ing them with faith.

E Now as thou stand - est clad a - bout with light

D at the throne of Christ Je - sus, our King and God,

G do thou ev - er en - treat _____ Him

E to en - light - en and to save our souls.