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

1) With psalms and hymns, now the faithful peoples honor

thine all lauded memory, O thou Great Martyr George;

for it hath shined forth majestically and full of splendor,

arrayed with glory and comeliness and grace.

Wherefore, all the orders of the Angels skip for joy;

with the Apostles, the martyred Saints applaud the trophies

thou hast received for thy contests and thy pains,

and Him that glorified thee do they praise,

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Do thou therefore entreat Him
to enlighten and to save our souls.

2) Being arrayed in the panoply of Christ God,

thou wast found of them that sought thee not, O valiant George;

and when, for Christ, thou wast tried by fire, thou madest sport of the soul destroying
deception of vain gods.

Then didst thou cry out unto all the iniquitous:

I am a soldier of Christ my King, and neither wild beasts
nor wheels of torture nor sword nor fire hath strength to separate me from the love of Christ, Who in truth is my God and the God of all.

Do thou therefore entreat him to enlighten and to save our souls.

3) Having disdain sundry instruments of torture, every form of suffering, and the dark and dreaded rack,

O great crown-bearer, thrice-blessed George, thou as a Martyr didst bravely finish the course of piety.
Wherefore, we now crown thy brightly shining memory
with psalmic garlands and wreaths of song, and we encompass
thy hallowed relics, embracing them with faith.

Now as thou standest clad about with light
at the throne of Christ Jesus, our King and God,
do thou ever entreat Him
to enlighten and to save our souls.