April 25th

The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special melody: O all-lauded Martyrs
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) O god-ly-wise Mark, thou wast the pen of a tru-ly wise and
swift-ly writ-ing scribe, who, in-spired of God, hast writ-ten the ac-count
of Christ's In-car-na-tion and hast o-pen-ly pro-claimed
the words of end-less life; where-in do thou pray that
they may be in-scribed who now sing thy prais-es pi-ously
and re-vere thy glo-ri-ous me-mo-ri-al.

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Verse: His sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and his words unto the ends of the world.

2) In preaching the Gospel of Christ God, Mark, thou acclaimed Apostle, like the sun, thou didst pass throughout the earth while driving out all the moonless darkness of belief in many gods by pouring forth the rays of the saving Faith and banishing the gloom. And now intercede thou with the Lord that He grant peace and Great Mercy to our souls.
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

3) To them in whose midst the foolishness of ungodliness absolutely, thou thyself, O Apostle Mark, didst preach the word of truth; and Egyptian darkness didst thou drive off with the light of all thy words and teachings, O thou all-blessed herald of our God. And now intercede with Him for us, that He grant peace and Great Mercy to our souls.