

August 28th

# Righteous Father Moses of Ethiopia

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: Rejoice

(May also be sung at the Praises)

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Re - joice, \_\_\_\_\_ re - pen - tant rob - ber most blest,  
who hadst the wis - dom of him cru - ci - fied with the Lord;  
for thou didst turn from thine er - ror and from thy num - ber - less  
crimes to con - fess the Sav - ior \_\_\_\_\_ of the race of man.  
The wise thief of Gos - pel fame hung up - on \_\_\_\_\_ his cross but one day;  
but thou, O Mo - ses, once en - light - ened in mind by grace,  
spent - est all thy life cru - ci - fy - ing the car - nal man.  
Where - fore, thou hast now en - tered in - to God's Par - a - dise on high  
and dost for - ev - er par - take \_\_\_\_\_ of the joys of  
Heav - en with all the Saints. En - treat Christ our Sav - ior  
to grant par - don of trans - gres - sions and mer - cy to our souls.

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Verse: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord.

2) Let us ex - tol the mar - vel - ous change  
that was made man - i - fest in Mo - ses thē E - thi - ope;  
his mind, which a - fore-time wal - lowed in ev - 'ry foul\_\_\_ mire of  
sin, now sur - pass - eth An - gels\_\_\_ for its pu - ri - ty.  
His soul, turn - ing from her sins, made ad - vance\_\_\_ in de - grees of grace,  
un - til at last, cleansed from all ug - ly car - nal - i - ty,  
she be - came the bride of the Bride - groom, the spot - less King.  
Mo - ses, thou shin - est with a light that pass - eth the mind of man;  
and thy blest soul hath the beau - ty that is thē  
im - age of God the Word. En - treat Him to grant\_\_\_ us,  
by His grace, to find re - pen - tance and mer - cy for our souls.

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Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.

3) Re - joice, O gen - tle Fa - ther and guide  
of all that trav - el on the strait and af - flict - ed way;  
for thou keep - est watch up - on us with a most vig - i - lant  
eye and with ten - der love dost pray for us to God.  
The wall of thy might - y prayers doth de - fend us from en - e - mies,  
who seek to slay us with in - cite - ments to shame - ful deeds;  
but they find in thee the de - struc - tion of all their schemes.  
Where - fore, we cel - e - brate with faith thy ho - ly me - mo - ri - al,  
O our be - lov'd Fa - ther Mo - ses, and we ac -  
- claim thee with hymns of thanks. En - treat Christ our Sav - ior  
to grant par - don of trans - gres - sions and mer - cy to our souls.