

September 20th
Great-Martyr Eustathios and his family
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

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1) Re - joice, _____ thou who wast called _____ from on high
in a most strange and won - drous man - ner like Paul of old,
for through might - y strife and con - test, by thy most vir - tu - ous
life thou didst glo - ri - fy _____ Him _____ by Whom thou wast called.
For He had Him - self in - clined to thy ways _____ and ap - peared to thee,
giv - ing thee knowl - edge of His good - ness which hath no end
and His love for man, O all - bless - ed Eu - stath - i - os.
Faith - ful - ly didst thou fol - low in His steps to the ver - y end,
run - ning the course of the Mar - tyrs with all thy
house till ye took the crown. And now ye en - treat _____ Him
that great mer - cy and for - give - ness be grant - ed to our souls.

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2) Re - joice, un - bend - ing tow - er of faith,
 rock of en - dur - ance, might - y pil - lar of for - ti - tude,
 un - break - a - ble stone of pa - tience and im - i - ta - tor of
 Job, im - age of the vir - tues pass - ing all com - pare.
 For brave - ly didst thou en - dure the de - struc - tion of all thy wealth,
 the dep - ri - va - tion of thy wife and be - lov - ed sons,
 as though bod - i - less, O all - bless - ed Eu - stath - i - os.
 Hence, he that giv - eth great - ly then ex - alt - ed thee once a - gain,
 and he re - stored thy be - lov'd one to thee most
 won - drous - ly, safe and sound. And with them, thou went - est
 forth to win thy Mas - ter's King - dom through pains of mar - tyr - dom.

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3) Re - jice, thou fair and ve - 'ra - ble root
from which thy sons sprang forth as come - ly and fra - grant blooms,
who cheer all the Church with sweet scents of great mar - tyr - ic tra -
-vails, e - ven The - o - pis - tos and A - gap - i - os.
For they, O Eu - stath - i - os, whom thou didst bear as hon - ored sons,
have shamed the drag - on that de - ceiv - eth the race of man
and have struck him down with in - cur - a - bly pain - ful blows.
For ye con - tend - ed man - ful - ly to - geth - er with one ac - cord
with The - o - pis - te thy mod - est and most au -
- gust and all - laud - ed wife; and now ye to - geth - er
in - ter - cede with Christ to grant His great mer - cy to our souls.