

January 17th

Venerable and God-bearing Father Anthony the Great

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

D C

1) O our right - eous Fa - ther An - tho - ny, tak - ing the

G

yoke of Christ God on thy shoul - ders with for - ti - tude,

C G C

thou didst cast down Sa - tans pride, o - ver - throw - ing it

G

by the Cross. Thou mad - est cit - ies of bar - ren wil - der - ness

C

through the di - vine way of life that thou didst lead.

Un. G

cease - less - ly en - treat Christ our God that we find

C

mer - cy through thy ho - ly prayers.

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D C

2) O our right - eous Fa - ther An - tho - ny, seek - ing to

G

gain the true life, thou wast shut up with - in a tomb,

C G C

fear - ing no as - saults or blows of the mur - der - ous

G

en - e - my with cries and tu - mult, with dash - ing sounds of war,

C

which by thy prayers thou didst drive a - way like smoke.

O man of stal - wart soul! As the chief and lead - er

Un. G

of the wil - der - ness, we all call thee blest, O

C

Saint, as we now hon - or thee.

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3) Gath - ered in faith, we all hon - or thee as an as -
 - cet - ic of Christ, great and God - bear - ing An - tho - ny,
 who didst jour - ney joy - ous - ly in the wil - der - ness
 no - ta - bly. Its faith - ful teach - er thou tru - ly didst be - come;
 where - fore, with great voice we all cry out to thee:
 O man most blest of God, joy and boast of monks, cease
 nev - er to en - treat our Di - vine De - liv - er -
 - er that we may all be saved.

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4) Fa - ther of Fa - thers, great An - tho - ny, moved in thy
soul with de - sire and in - sa - tia - ble love for Christ,
thou didst go in search of Him in th ut - ter - most
wil - der - ness; thou fled - dest far from the tu - mul - ts of the world,
con - vers - ing sole - ly with God in sol - i - tude,
joined un - to Him in mind and com - plete - ly filled with
light, where - with do thou make our souls to shine as
we now sing thy praise in hymns.