April 23rd

Great-Martyr George the Trophy-bearer
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: When he took thee

1) Come, as we all glad-ly cel-ebrate the all-fes-tive,
glo-ri-ous, ra-di-ant, Resur-rec-tion of Christ,
let us also cel-ebrate the shin-ing festi-val of the holy Great Mar-tyr George;
with flow-ers of spring-time, come, let us now crown him who hath
proved in-vin-ci-bre, that by his most might-y en-treat-ies
we may be re-deemed from af-flic-tions,
trib-u-la-tions, and all our in-iqui-ties.

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2) Unto Him Who gave thee life and breath, thou didst gladly offer thy whole self up as a whole and complete offering endowed with soul and with the breath of life, an acceptable sacrifice most pure and unblemished; hence, as our most fervent intercessor with the Lord, thou dost safely pluck from the tempest all them that with faith sing thy praises and invoke thee, O all blessed Martyr George.
3) Thou didst cultivate with earnest care that seed of the word which was sown in thy pure and honorable soul; and with pains of contest thou didst make it multiply, and in heavenly granaries didst store it wisely, wherefore thou hast found that pure delight and holy joy; as thou now art filled with its gladness, by thy prayers to Christ God, preserve us, who in faith exalt thee, O all-blessed George.
4) O prize-winning Martyr of Christ God, save by thy divine intercessions those in distresses and need;
rescue them from every hardship; and drive far away soul-destroying desperation and wicked dejection; ask that grace and mercy may be granted unto us, so that being saved through thy pleadings, we may all exultantly honor thine all-hallowed contests, O triumphant George.