

April 23rd
Great-Martyr George the Trophy-bearer
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: *When he took thee*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

1) Come, as we all glad - ly cel - e - brate the all - fes - tive,
glo - ri - ous, ra - di - ant, Res - ur - rec - tion of Christ,
let us al - so cel - e - brate the shin - ing
fes - ti - val of the ho - ly Great Mar - tyr George;
with flow - ers of spring - time, come, let us now crown him who hath
proved in - vin - ci - ble, 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 - iq - ui - ties.

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2) Un - to Him Who gave thee life and breath, thou didst glad - ly

of - fer thy whole self up as a whole and com - plete

of - fer - ing en - dowed with soul and with the

breath of life, an ac - cept - a - ble sac - ri - fice

most pure and un - blem - ished; hence, as our most fer - vent in - ter -

- ces - sor with the Lord, thou dost safe - ly pluck from the tem - pest

all them that with faith sing thy prais - es

and in - voke thee, O all - bless - ed Mar - tyr George.

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3) Thou didst cul - ti - vate with earn - est care that seed of the
word which was sown in thy pure and hon - 'ra - ble soul;
and with pains of con - test thou didst make it
mul - ti - ply, and in heav - en - ly gran - a - ries
didst store it up wise - ly, where-fore thou hast found that pure de -
-light and ho - ly joy; as thou now art filled with its glad - ness,
by thy prayers to Christ God, pre - serve us,
who in faith ex - tol thee, O all - bless - ed George.

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4) O — prize - win - ning Mar - tyr of — Christ God, save by thy di -

-vine in - ter - ces - sions those in dis - tress - es and need;

res - cue them from ev - 'ry hard - ship; and drive

far — a - way soul - de - stroy - ing de - spon - den - cy

and wick - ed de - jec - tion; ask that grace and mer - cy may be

grant - ed un - to — us, so that be - ing saved through thy plead - ings,

we may all ex - ul - tant - ly hon - or

thine all - hal - lowed con - tests, O tri - um - phant George.