April 25th

The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special melody: O all-lauded Martyrs

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1) Let Mark, that most excellent of men, be ex-tolled by us with songs and with divine hymns as Egypt's fair and brightly shining light,

as the all-wise preacher of the Father's Son and Word,

and also the divine author of the Holy Gospel of the Lord; for he intercedeth with Christ God that He grant peace and Great Mercy to our souls.

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2) The teachings concerning Christ our God, His most wondrous Incarnation, His divine Passion, and His Resurrection from the dead, and august Ascension to His Father in the heights, didst thou, O wise Apostle, record, thereby enlightening all the earth; and by preaching all these things thou hast drawn the nations to the knowledge of the truth.
3) O all-wise Apostle of the Lord, an obedient disciple of divine Peter wast thou, as obeying all he taught;

hence, thou didst enlighten by the Holy Spirit's grace

the peoples of the earth and the minds of the Egyptians with thy light; and their city, Alexandria,

O blest Mark, thou didst adorn resplendently.