

August 25th

# The Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew The Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy

## Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4

Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

*Verse:* Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with the stringed instruments and organs.

1) God, the Well-spring of our life, sent thee to go un - to  
ev - 'ry land, a di - vine riv - er flow - ing forth to  
dry up the wa - ters of man - y gods and i - dols,  
but with streams of God - giv - en doc - trines, wa - ter - ing the world  
and drown - ing tares of de - cep - tion in thy floods, and  
free - ing from ad - ver - si - ties all those per - suad - ed by  
thee in faith, O all - bless - ed Bar - thol - o - mew,  
thou A - pos - tle of Christ the Lord.

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*Verse:* Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high-sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

E Un. E

2) We the faith - ful, know - ing thee to be a sun that rose

in the East and that set in the West be - yond in

G E

won - drous pro - ces - sion - als made up - on the wa - ters,

ver - i - ly we keep the com - mem - o - ra - tion ev - 'ry year

of thy most strange com - ing, which a - maz - eth all; and

for which cause we all pay hom - age to thy mar - vels and

G E

mir - a - cles, O all - laud - ed Bar - thol - o - mew,

thou A - pos - tle of Christ the Lord.

*Verse:* Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

E Un. E

3) Dead with - in thy tomb, thou didst be - come a trav - el - er

on the sea, set - ting out whence the sun doth rise and

G E

reach - ing its set - ting - place, jour - ney - ing with Mar - tyrs,

O un - set - ting day - star a - ris - en in the Church of Christ,

all - wise Bar - thol - o - mew, tru - ly blest of God; and

there thou didst take up thy rest, thy - self be - com - ing most

G E

won - drous - ly rest from la - bors and pains for all

and re - demp - tion from ev - 'ry ill.

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*Verse:* The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaimeth the work of His hands.

4) Set a - blaze in mind with shin - ings of di - vine light, thou  
went - est forth as a ray with that bril - liant sun, di -  
-vine Paul, who shed his light on all things in dark - ness;  
and with him, O Ti - tus, didst thou de - liv - er all thē earth  
from the most heav - y and dark - est night of all. For  
this, we call thee bless - ed as a hier - arch tru - ly e -  
-lect of God, an A - pos - tle in - spired of God,  
and our fer - vent am - bas - sa - dor.