December 15th
Hieromartyr Eleutherios, Bishop of Illyria
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal 2nd Mode
Special Melody: *As it is written*

1) From Christ our God didst thou receive His wise Disciples' mighty grace and, O Hierarch, thou didst also eagerly complete their course of contest. We therefore now acclaim thee as it is meet, O Eleutherios.

Verse: Thy priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with righteousness, and Thy righteous shall rejoice.

2) The lies of men didst thou convict with thy wise words, and thou didst slay in thy contest thei
- ventor of the lie; though once he boast-ed greatly, thy feet have trod him un- der, O wise and pru-dent El-eu-ther-i-os.

Verse: The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied.

3) O hier-arch, do thou wa-ter us in spir-it with the ho-ly rains of thine own blood, as we hon- or thee in faith and cel-e-brate with long-ing on thy di-vine re-mem-brance, while mag-ni-fy-ing Christ our Sav-i-or's Name.