January 9th
After-Feast of Theophany (Epiphany)

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O Lord, though Thou didst stand
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) O Lord and Savior, though Thou stoodest before John in River Jordan as mortal man, Thou didst not depart from Thy Father, seated with Him on Thy throne above.

And Thou wast baptized for us, O Friend of man most merciful, freeing the world from the bitter bondage of the alien and enemy.

2) Though Thou didst wrap Thee with the streams of the Jordan as mortal man, O Almighty Lord, yet Thou wast borne witness from Heaven by the descent of the Comforter.

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Then did the Father's own voice bear witness that Thou art His Son. Come Thou, be manifest and bestow Thine incorruption on our souls, O God.

3) Thou, Lord, Who wast before the ages begotten of God the Father unchangeably, camest at the end of the ages to take upon Thee a servant's form.

And as Creator hast Thou now made Thine image new again; for by Thy baptism Thou hast granted incorruption to our souls, O God.