January 15th

The Venerable Paul of Thebes
Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: When he took thee

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

1) When by inspiration of our God thou, O Father,
2) Having separated thyself from all association
3) Thou didst lead a wondrous life on earth, dwelling in the

wisely forsookest the cares and troubles of life
association with mankind, O Father Paul, from thy youth,
midst of wild beasts and most strangely ministered to

setting forth to struggle in ascetic
thou wast first to come unto the utter
by a bird that served thee by the inspiration

pains and toils, then in gladness didst thou attain
wilder ness, living deeper in solitude
relation of God; when the very great Anthony
to un trodden deserts, set a flame with love and ardent
than any monastic, known to none through-out thy life, un
had found thee and seen this, he was stricken with a maze-ment,

longing for the Lord.

-till great Anthony
O most righteous Paul;
Wherefore, desolate ing the passions found thee by divine inspiration and he glorified without ceasing through thy perseverance in good things, as a hidden treasure of great price, Him Who as our God and our Master thou didst pass thy life on earth angelically, which he then made manifest to all the world. car eth for the whole world in His providence.