JANUARY 20TH

VENERABLE FATHER EUHYMIOS THE GREAT

STICHERA AT "O LORD, I HAVE CRIED"

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SPECIAL MELODY: O ALL-LAUDED MARTYRS

ADAPTED BY DN. JOHN EL MASSIH

1) O Father Euthymios, thy birth was foretold of by an Angel sent from Heaven, as had been John the Baptist's wondrous birth; he of old had sprung forth from a barren womb; and thou didst prove his emulato r and seal, without possessions, without home, and a baptist, raised on mountain slopes, beam ing brightly with unend ing miracles.

2) Although thou hadst sprouted forth as fruit out of barrenness, yet thou becamest fruitful; for from thy pure and spiritual seed, wild and barren desert which no man had trod before,

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was filled up with monastics, O Father, truly blest Euthymios. Wherefore intercede now with the Lord that He grant peace and Great Mercy to our souls.

3) Thy life was unrivalled on the earth, and thy faith was truly Orthodox, O Father Euthymios; for mounting up from works to the highest vision of our God, thou didst become the dwelling-place of wisdom, revering in two natures Jesus Christ as One Person of the Trinity; with Whom thou now intercedest for our souls.