January 23rd

The Holy Martyr Agathangelos
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) With good tidings wast thou made rich by the excellent

Clement's grace as his fellow athlete and fellow traveler; with him traversing di-

-vine roads, thou wast tortured upon the rack,

-undergoing sundry pains, O renowned Aga-

-than-gel-os, till thou hadst become a perfected crown-

-bearer and didst pass unto the heights, where with the

Angels thou dost rejoice now and ever-more.

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2) Spent with scrapings and bitter stripes, thou wast roasted up -

- on the fire and with flaming torches wast burned upon thy sides. Thou wast stretched out on an iron grill, O wise Agathangelos,

being baked upon the coals like a pure loaf of spotless bread and wast offered up for the heavenly table; and thou prayest God to spare from every torment all who reverence thee with faith and love.
3) Ruth-less thrash-ings didst thou en-dure; thou wast stretched out up-

- on a stock, val-iant-ly a-bid-ing the

man-gling of thy flesh; and at the end of thy

con-tests, when they cut off thy bless-ed head,

O wise A-ga-than-ge-lo-s, with the streams of thy

ho-ly blood thou didst wa-ter all of the ven-ra-ble

Church, which now doth laud thy no-ble deeds and splen-did

tri- umphs, O boast of Mar-tyrs, great con-quer-or.