

January 23rd

## Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra

### Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2

Special Melody: *When he took thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) As a branch of Christ, the Vine of Life, thou wast dug a -  
-bout with a plough - ing and till - age mys - ti - c'lly wrought;  
for on be - ing pruned with lab - ors of as -  
- cet - ic deeds, thou wast har - vest - ed with the sword  
of mar - tyr - dom al - so, min - gling the di -  
- vine wine of com - punc - tion for us all.  
Be - ing all now filled with its sweet - ness,  
we keep feast with faith on thy sa - cred  
mem - o - ry, O Fa - ther Clem - ent blest of God.

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2) When thou, as a priest, wast of - fring up that most dread and  
most per - fect Sac - ri - fice, which tran - scend - eth this world,  
then wast thou thy - self of - fered up as a  
sac - ri - fice; and with read - y and fer - vent heart,  
O wise Hier - arch Clem - ent, thine own blood didst  
thou com - min - gle with thy Mas - ter's Blood,  
where - with be - ing sprin - kled, O blest one,  
thou wast shown to be whol - ly sa - cred  
and com - plete - ly pure, O won - drous man of God.

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3) Thou didst sac - ri - fice the Lamb of God, which doth take a -  
- way all the sin of the world, O wor - thi - ly blest,  
and which hath de - stroyed death and cor - rup - tion  
ut - ter - ly; of - fring Him, thou wast sac - ri - ficed,  
a vic - tim with - out spot, and wast plant - ed  
with Him in the like - ness of His death,  
which be - stow - eth life in a - bun - dance;  
now hast thou at - tained to His King - dom,  
O all - bless - ed Clem - ent, wise in things di - vine.