January 28th

Our Righteous Father Isaac the Syrian
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) As disciples to their saving guide, children to their father, paupers to their source of wealth, we offer the mighty

I - saac sacred songs of praise, who fled from the fallen world, yet filled the world with the fire of the love of Christ

with writings inspired of God, the distillations of wisdom sent from on high won through years of bloody conflicts

with the demons and the flesh. Hence, with longing and gladness,

let us keep his bright memorial.

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2) Angels in the high celestial vaults, hermits in the mountains, and the faithful in the world all join in extolling thee, O Isaac blest of God: The Angels, their peer in grace; the staunch ascetics, their trainer and archetype; the faithful of every age, him that hath made them partners of mysteries. And with one accord they cry out:

Rejoice, thou universal joy both of earth and of Heaven, Isaac, shining lamp of solitude.
3) Like E-li-as on the ho-ly mount, thou hast lived in
sile-nce in un-trod-den wil-der-ness, where thou didst be-come thy
Mak-er's friend and in-ti-mate, be-queath-ing to
us thy book, like great E-li-as his man-tle, to those be-low,
that mul-ti-tudes af-ter thee might ride the char-i-ot-
-vir-tues that lead to God, in Whom thou for-ev-er liv-est
and dost vis-it us on earth through thy fier-y en-treat-ies
and thy pre-sence in all faith-ful hearts.

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