January 29th

The Recovery of the Sacred Relics of the Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer

Stichera on Lord I have cried

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

1) As the worthy successor of John the summit and
2) Thy blest relics were given back to thy city most
3) Blazing forth as the rising sun with the Spirit's far-
4) Like the morning star from the East, O Ignatius, thou

pin-nacle of the theologians, in
sacredly, hallowed through thy contest with
shining rays, thou didst make the whole world re-
form-er-ly shon-est through the West with sur-

following their steps, thou cam-est out of the
greater maj-es-ty; and bright-ly glist-ning with
splen-dent with the beams of thy bright con-tests, pre-
pass-ing ra-diance; but with the joy-ous re-

East and shon-est bril-liant-ly in the West,
grace, they now have made thy re-turn to us
-sid-ing as a most fervent guard-ian,
-turn of thy di-vene relics, thou hast spread

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shed-ding bright-ly flash-ing beams of thy preach-ing in-
cause of keep-ing fes-ti-val, and they fill with a
and while writ-ing down in truth the sound doc-trines of
thine au-gust and cheer-ing rays from the West o-ver

-spired of God; there, O man most wise, thou didst set from the
God-in-spired glad-ness and good cheer them that pi-ous-ly
pi-e-ty; so didst thou be-come bless-ed food to thy
all the earth. Hence, en-treat the Lord to de-liv-er from

world but didst rise up again to God, O great Ig-
hon-or thee and praise thee, O Ig-na-tius, thou God-
Mas-ter Christ, Who in His nev-er-fail-ing love and
dan-gers and corrup-tion them that faith-ful-ly do

-na-tius, crowned with the bright-ness of grace di-vine.
bear-er, thou who in truth art su-preme-ly wise.
kind-ness doth nour-ish all things, O blest of God.
hon-or thine ev-er-ven' ra-ble mem-o-ry.