February 7th
Righteous Father Luke of Mount Stirion (Hellas)
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: Having laid up all their hope

1) Thou forsook est passionate attachment unto thy parents and all love for worldly things,

wholly following the Lord from thy tender youth.

Dwelling in desert wilds practicing the virtue of ascetics in humility,

thou didst live out thy life with a fervent spirit, O righteous one,

by trading well and giving out all thou didst possess to the destitute;

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and the Pearl of Great Price, Christ Jesus, hast thou purchased for thyself, having attained thy desire for Him, wonder-worthy Father Luke.

2) O most sacred Saint of God, thou didst endure to be beaten and reviled and fought against by thy father for the sake of the Lord of all, after Whom thou didst yearn; pierced with longing for Him, thou didst reckon on all delights as nought; exile didst thou love well, and to be deprived of thy mother's love;
and thou didst put upon thy self
the monastic habit, O glorious one.

But God then revealed thee against thy will, O righteous Father Luke, having inclined to thy mother's prayers
since He is the Friend of man.

3) When thou hadst most sacredly ended thy life's sacred labors, thou didst work great miracles,
sacred, strange, and marvelous whereby God vouch-safed a divine pledge to thee even before bestowing
the reward of thy divine travails;

but when He shall appear as the Judge of all, He shall give to thee

a crown that never perisheth

and a glory lasting eternally.

Wherefore, importune Him to rescue us, who

ever sing thy praise, from ev'ry evil and suffering,

O most righteous Father Luke.