February 8th

Great-Martyr Theodore the General
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

1) Rejoice, most noble soldier of Christ,
2) Rejoice, sacred and venerable head;
3) Thou didst crush all the idols to dust
who with the weapon of true piety put to flight
majestic summit of the prize-winning martyred Saints;
with the dread weapon of the Savior's life-giving Cross,

the ranks of the foe in ruin and who through torments obtained
adornment of all the Church, and the casting down of the foe,
when thou barest bitter scourgings and wast stretched out on a tree,

God's celestial Kingdom after many pains.
and the worthy name sake of the gifts of God;
patiently enduring renderings of thy flesh;

O Great Martyr Theodore, firm support unto faithful men,
O lamp lighting up the world, shining on it with miracles;
and broken by all these things, and with torches burnt ruthless,
as thou now dancest in the Kingdom while deified,
most mighty pillar, who abodest unshakeable
then, O all-blessed, thou wast lifted up on the cross,

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shar-ing in God's grace, shin-ing forth with the pur-est rays,
when un-end-ing pains dashed a-gainst thee with vi-o-lence.
and with ar-rows thou wast pierced through and thine eyes put out.

keep in re-mem-brance them that laud thy glo-ri-ous mem-o-ry
With the spear of thy pa-tience, thou hast smit-ten the ser-pent dead;
Where-fore, we call thee bless-ed, for thou fought-est thy con-test well,
and that with faith kiss and rev-rence thy rel-i-
as an in-vin-ci-ble sol-dier, thou hast out-
and hast at-tained un-to heav-en-ly crowns, O

- quar-y and ho-ly shrine, from which o-ver-flow-eth
-stripped all in ex-cel-lence. En-treat Christ the Sav-i-or
Great Mar-tyr The-o-dore. En-treat Christ the Sav-i-or

health and strength for them that ask, and Great Mer-cy for their souls.
that com-pas-sion and Great Mer-cy be grant-ed to our souls.