February 10th
Hieromartyr Charalampos the Wonderworker
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"
(When February 10 and Meat-Fare Saturday coincide, the commemoration of St. Charalampos moves to February 9.)

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

1) Thou wast wholly set apart unto the Master from childhood; longing for Him fervently,

thou didst follow in His steps, O beloved of God.

Being cleansed from all stain of the sinful passions,

thou becamest rich in grace divine,

whereby thou wroughtest cures and didst work astonishing miracles.

And as a Martyr at the last,

thou through all the torments besetting thee

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didst abide unshaken, made mighty by Him Who was crucified, Whom do thou fervently supplicate
interceding for our souls.

2) When thine all invincible, blessed, much suffering bodily ruthlessly was pierced with nails

and was crushed with killing blows, thou didst keep thy mind undespoiled and unharmed, and thy soul unmoving,

athlete Charalampos, blest of God;

for a divine desire burned within thee, wholly inflaming thee
and kindling thee to undergo

every form of torment and punishment

O prize-winning Martyr, partaker of the sufferings of Christ. Entreat Him boldly in our behalf, interceding for our souls.

3) Since thou hast contended well, thou hast inherited also gladness passing radiant,
glory passing honorable, and eternal joy;

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O thou most righteous priest, venerable athlete,

O most valiant soldier of the Lord,

who, in the streams of blood, utterly didst deluge and wash away

the dragon's armies and arrays

by the grace of God that abode in thee;

and by thy divine prayer, thou verily didst

raise the dead to life, and thou with boldness dost intercede,

praying that our souls be saved.