

February 13th

Venerable Martinian of Palestine

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

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E Un. E

1) Hav - ing cho - sen hard - ships and as - cet - ic strug - gles, thou

took - est flight to the moun - tains and dens of earth, O

G E

Fa - ther Mar - tin - i - an; and de - part - ing far _____ off,

thou didst make thy mind come - ly, cleans - ing it by thine as - cents

and by di - vine vi - sions com - ing from on high. Where -

- on, thou didst be - come the Spir - it's god - ly ves - sel and

G E

dwell - ing - place by such means, O all - bless - ed one,

thou God - bear - er and boast of monks.

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2) Thou be - cam - est both a — vol - un - tar - y mar - tyr and

up - right judge and ac - cus - er a - gainst thy - self; for

set a - flame with the fire of un - seem - ly pleas - ure,

thou didst swift - ly kin - dle a more in - tense and burn - ing fire,

and, Fa - ther, en - t'ring there - in, wast sore - ly burnt; but

then the Spir - it's dew from Heav - en came up - on thee, re -

-fresh - ing thee; and the tem - pest that knew no bounds

was trans - formed — to a tran - quil calm.

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3) Flee - ing from the bil - lows of the ser - pent, thou went - est

off to dwell in the midst of thē o - pen sea; yet

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there did thē en - e - my bring more snares up - on thee,

through her that was saved from the rag - ing bil - lows of the storm.

But thou, O Fa - ther, didst mount on brin - y beasts; and

thou didst come a - gain un - to dry land to fin - ish thy

G E

con - test there, in af - flic - tions and wan - der - ings,

O God - bear - er ex - ceed - ing blest.