March 2nd
Martyr Hesychios the Senator
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant

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1) Right re-nowned for thy way of_ life, and a-mong Mar-tyrs,

ver-y great, thou dost stand on high_with the
dread ce-les-tial hosts and with much glo-ry art

pre-sent_at the throne_of the King of all.

Where-fore, O most blest of God, val-iant ath-lete He-
sy-chi-os, we now glo-ri fy our di-vine_Ben-e-

-fac-tor, as with faith we all ex-tol thy no-ble

strug-gles and keep thy ho-ly me-mo-ri-al.

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2) As enlisted by fervent faith for the King of the hosts on high, thou, O fearless athlete, didst make of none effect a lawless king's godless edict and decree, O Hesychios; and thou didst prefer to die for the sake of the love of God. Hence, O glorious one, all the venerable Church now keepeth festival upon thy solemn feast day, which filleth all with great joy of heart.
3) O all-bless-ed Hesychios, being cast in a
riv-er's streams, thou didst drown the drag-on and
en-e-my there-in; and thou art gone up to
scale the ver-y Heav-ens with swift as-cend,
to lay hold up-on the crowns and to stand at the
pin-na-cle of all things de-sired, O tri-um-phant prize-
win-ner hal-low-ed vic-tor, fel-low cit-izen of
An-gels, and firm foun-da-tion of pi-e-ty.