

March 12th

Venerable Theophanes the Confessor of Sigriane

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) O god - ly - mind - ed The - oph - a - nes, for Christ's The -
- oph - a - y named, thou didst fol - low with
for - ti - tude in His life - be - stow - ing steps;
and, O Fa - ther most ex - cel - lent, leav - ing be -
- hind all the vain de - lights of life,
thou didst look earn - est - ly to that come - li - ness
which was thy sole de - sire; and through all thy god - ly
Un. striv - ings un - to Him, thou hast been made God - like
no - bly and most per - fect - ly.

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2) O god - ly - mind - ed The - oph - a - nes though thou wast
sick and in - firm, O all - famed Fa - ther
thou didst bear bit - ter ex - iles man - ful - ly,
spar - ing not thy tor - ment - ed flesh, when thou wast
ban - ished by rag - ing li - ons' wrath
and sent a - way for the ho - ly i - cons' sake;
mock - ing thy foes to scorn, thou didst show the fol - ly
of their wick - ed mind and their emp - ty coun - sel
and their tru - ly sense - less thoughts.

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3) Truly, the Giver of every good hath richly
 given to thee the rewards for thy
 heavy pains, O thrice-blest Theophanes,
 in the power He granted thee to drive out
 demons and heal infirmities;
 and He vouchsafed thee His joy ineffable,
 where the angelic ranks dance for joy, and where thou
 ever dost behold the all-holy countenance
 of the Almighty King.