March 12th

Venerable Theophanes the Confessor of Sigriane

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

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1) O godly-minded Theophanes, for Christ's Theophany named, thou didst follow with fortitude in His life-bestowing steps;

and, O Father most excellent, leaving behind all the vain delights of life, thou didst look earnestly to that comeliness which was thy sole desire; and through all thy godly strivings unto Him, thou hast been made God-like nobly and most perfectly.
2) O godly-minded Theophanes though thou wast sick and infirm, O all famed Father thou didst bear bitter exiles manfully, sparing not thy tormented flesh, when thou wast banished by raging lions' wrath and sent away for the holy icons' sake; mocking thy foes to scorn, thou didst show the folly of their wicked mind and their empty counsel and their truly senseless thoughts.
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.