March 16th

Martyr Sabinos of Egypt
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O Lord, though Thou didst stand

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1) Lord, since Thou know-est well how weak is man's na-ture, gird
us with strength in this holy Fast; give us power over the
passions and over spiritual ene-mies;
and set dis-pas-sion of soul about us as a
mighty wall, that we may glo-ri-fy Thy Great Mer-cy,
since Thou on-ly art com-passion-ate.

2) Lord, by the Com-forter's di-vine in-spir-a-tion, Thou
led-dest Sa-bi-nos from bit-ter gloom to the light of Thy di-vine
dwell-ings, since Thou art good; and Thou gav-est him

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power to conquer the foes, and when he triumphed mightily, Thy valiant soldier and trophy-bearer glorified Thee, O Thou friend of man.

3) O Lord, since Thou art good and lovest all mankind, preserve us all through Thy Martyrs' prayers in the mighty shelter, a Savior, of Thy divine and noetic wings;

and count us worthy to see in holiness and purity Thy Resurrection upon the third day, since, O Word, Thou art compassionate.