March 23rd

Venerable Martyr Nikon of Sicily and with him 199 disciples

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant


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2) Rising up as a blazing sun from the East, O all-blessed one, thou didst shine with splendor, en-light'ning all the world with the bright beam-ing of miracles, while draw-ing unto thyself, like a choir of shin-ing stars, thy dis-ci-ples that fol-lowed thee; with whom thou didst strive with great firm-ness in con-test; and be-headed with the sword, ye gave your spir-its into the hands of the King of all.
3) Neither famine nor nakedness, neither perils nor painful stripes, nor a truly violent death could separate you from the love of Christ Jesus; but, O prize winners following your Good Shepherd as pure lambs unto slaughter, ye made your way whence the sun doth set and have reached that unwaning lot, the Kingdom of the Heavens, wearing laurels, O Martyrs worthy of wonderment.