

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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E Un.

1) With the bri - dle of ab - sti - nence, thou didst tame thē in -

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- trac - ta - ble pleas - ures of the bod - y and

balk - ing of the flesh; and o - ver - com - ing by

grace all of thē en - e - my's weap - on - ry

as a might - y cham - pi - on with the Spir - it's al -

- migh - ty strength, thou wast shown to be a sure guide to the

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monks that ev - er fol - lowed thy di - vine and all - wise

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preach - ing, O bless - ed Ni - kon most ven - 'ra - ble.

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2) Ris-ing up as a blaz-ing sun from the East, O all -

-bless - ed one, thou didst shine with splen - dor, en -

-light - 'ning all the world with the bright beam - ing of

mir - a - cles, while draw - ing un - to thy - self,

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

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con - test; and be - head - ed with the sword, ye gave your

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spir - its in - to the hands of the King of all.

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3) Nei-ther fam - ine nor na - ked - ness, nei - ther per - ils nor

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pain - ful stripes, nor a tru - ly vi - o - lent

death could sep - a - rate you from the love of Christ

Je - sus;— but, O prize - win - ners fol - low - ing

your Good Shep - herd as pure lambs un - to slaugh - ter, ye

made your way whence the sun doth set and have reached that un -

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-wan - ing lot, the King - dom of the Heav - ens, wear - ing

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lau - rels, O Mar - tyrs wor - thy of won - der - ment.