March 29th

Martyrs Jonah and Barachisios of Persia and Those With Them

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special melody: O all-lauded Martyrs
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Through many intense and bitter pains, thou becamest like the light; for having conquered the fiery nature of the kindled flame by thy warm affection for the Lord, thou didst endure when thou wast hanged aloft and when all thy bones were broken in a press. Hence, O Martyr Barachisios, we now honor and exalt thee faithfully.

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2) O mar - vel-lous Jo-nah, thou wast bound and didst suf-fer blows with rods, the cut-ting-off of thy fin-gers, and the sev-rance of thy tongue;

thou didst bear the burn-ing of the fierce-ly boil-ing pitch and be-ing sawn in piec-es most hor-ri-bly, O val-iant man of God. Where-fore, in-ter-cede thou with the Lord that He grant peace and Great Mer-cy to our souls.