April 2nd

Venerable Titus the Wonderworker

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

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1) O Father Titus of godly mind, when thou didst take up thy cross, thou didst joyously follow Christ and didst wholly subjugate all the passions unto thy soul; wherefore, much grace from on high didst thou receive to heal the sufferings of them that flee to thee, to end infirmities, and to drive out unclean spirits. For this cause, we keep feast while celebrating thy memorial.
2) Since thou wast sacredly purified through thine ascetic works and, partaking of things divine, wast enlightened in thy mind, thou didst truly receive the grace of the all-holy anointing as a priest at the Divine Spirit's bidding and command. And while upon the earth, thou didst nobly serve thy Maker and thy God like a holy Angel, O our Father Titus most blest.
3) O righteous Titus inspired of God, since Orthodoxy's clear light ever shone brightly
in thy soul, thou didst cut through and disperse the gross mist of heresy; and risen
up like a star exceeding bright,

thou dost enlighten the farthest ends of earth always and every hour with thy brightly shining

wonders; for this cause we all show thee honor

and with faith we call thee blest.