

April 3rd

Abbot Nikitas the Confessor of Medikion

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: *When he took thee*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

1) Guid - ed by the Word, thou wast shown forth as a god - ly
2) stew - ard of souls and their faith - ful teach - er in God;
3) and, O blest Ni - ki - tas, thou didst sow a
4) sav - ing seed, and in reap - ing a - bun - dant sheaves,
5) with joy thou didst bring them un - to Christ thy Mas - ter, thou who
6) art di - vine - ly wise.
7) As thou stand - est now in His pres - ence,
8) bring to mind thy flock, which doth ev - er
9) hon - or thee with faith, O Saint in - spired of God.

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10 **G**
2) Thou wast meek and gen - tle in thy fight in de - fense of

11
Or - tho - dox doc - trine, for which thou strov - est with zeal.

12
For as breast - plate, O God - bear - er, thou wast

13 **F**
girt with faith; and with ab - sti - nence as thy spear,

14 **G**
O god - ly Ni - ki - tas, thou didst strive, con - vict - ing all blas -

15 **F**
- phe - mous her - e - sy,

16 **F** **G**
as thou gav - est hon - or and wor - ship

17
to the Sav - ior's most di - vine i - con,

18
keep - ing to the bound - ries that the Fa - thers set.

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19 **G**
3) When with bes - tial sav - age - ry — and spite, that most dark - ened

20
ty - rant en - closed thee in plac - es dark — as the night

21
and op - pressed thee with most bit - ter ex - iles

22 **F**
hard — to — bear, bless - ed Fa - ther, thou didst en - dure,

23 **G**
re - joic - ing in spir - it, bear - ing in thy mind the bright a -

24 **F**
-bode of Par - a - dise;

25 **F** **G**
where - of thou art tru - ly deemed wor - thy

26
now to see the maj - es - ty clear - ly,

27
reap - ing this as rec - om - pense for — all thy pains.