April 23rd

Great-Martyr George the Trophy-bearer
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) As one valiant in martyrdom, trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, on this day we gather to chant thee hymns of praise; for thou hast finished the course and hast invincibly kept the Faith, and from God thou hast received thy great victory's crown of light; hence entreat the Lord to deliver from perils and corruption them that faithfully do honor thine ever venerable memory.

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2) With unflinching and steadfast mind, thou didst go of thine own accord, fearless as a lion, to strive in martyrdom. While disregarding thy body as a thing soon corruptible, thou didst wisely turn thy care to thy precious immortal soul; and by many kinds of sore torments wast thou assayed like pure gold sevenfold as in a furnace, O great and glorious Martyr George.
3) As the Savior’s co-sufferer, thou didst willingly imitate His death by thine own death; and now in majesty with Him thou reignest, endued with the most radiant purple robe wrought of thine own sacred blood, and adorned with the scepter of thy martyr deeds; and the crown of thy triumphs doth enhance thee unto ages everlasting last ing, O thou all-lauded Great Martyr George.
4) With the breast-plate of ardent faith, with the shield of re-
splendent grace, with the mighty spear of the
Cross girt all about, thou didst prove unto thine
enemies to be all invincible;
as a God-like prince in war, thou didst vanquish the
demons' troops, and dost dance for joy with the Angels; and
caring for the faithful, thou dost hallow and pre-
serve them, when they invoke thee, O Martyr George.
5) We know thee as a brilliant star and a sun in the firmament pouring forth the beams of its far-re-splendent light; and as a son of the day; a goodly pearl of the greatest price; and a brightly shining gem; as one valiant in martyrdom, and the champion of the faithful in perils; thus we praise and glorify thee while observing thy hallowed feast, O prize-winner George.
6) As I voyage upon the sea, and I journey o'er hill and plain, as I sleep throughout the night, do thou keep me safe! And as I wake do thou rescue me, all blessed Great Martyr George; deem me worthy to perform ev'ry day the Lord's holy will, so that I may find in the day of dread judgment the remission of all sins that in my lifetime I have wrought, who now flee unto thee.