April 25th
The Holy Apostle & Evangelist Mark
1st Set of Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

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1) To him that wrote down the true proclamation

oracles, to Egypt's great protector, let us

worthily sing hymns, crying out, ye faithful: O

godly wise Mark, by thy teachings and by thy prayers,

as an Apostle of Christ, do thou lead us all

to that peaceful and untroubled life.

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2) Thou didst become the Elect Vessel's fellow traveler, with whom thou wentest through all Macedonia at his side; and coming unto Rome, thou wast shown forth to be Peter's spokesman, O all-wise Mark; and having striven in Egypt in godliness, there thou foundest thy last resting place.
3) Thou gavest life unto parched and terribly withered souls with the bright gleaming snowfall of the luminous Gospel. Wherefore, O divine Mark, together with us, Alexandria keepeth feast today in gladness, while lauding thy memory; and thy relics doth she venerate.
4) Thou drankest the torrent of delight and didst issue forth in glory as from Eden like unto a great river full of peace;
with thy tides of preaching of the Gospel of the Lord didst thou flood all the face of the earth, O ever-blest Apostle Mark, and didst water all the Church's ranks with thy doctrines, which were wholly God-inspired.
5) All-wise and all-celebrated Mark, Moses once sank the Egyptians in the depths of the sea; but thou didst draw them from the depths of the sea of error by the power and the might of Him that in a body came unto them and with uplifted arm overturned and utterly destroyed all their idols and their hand-wrought images.
6) Since thou heldest converse with the light of the Spirit, thou becamest wholly spiritual; and how, O all-blest and sacred Mark,

made God by adoption through most blessed gifts of light

and unremitting prayers to the Master, thou hast

found the fountain-head of the mystery of all things that be

and the blessed end that thou didst so desire.