May 14th

Martyr Isidore of Chios

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: Unto them that fear thee
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Since thou wast a-flame with zeal for true religion, O

Isidore, thou didst enter the stadium of

contest most fervently; and thou wast triumphantly

with the prize of victory over error and deceit,

adorned right fair with the doctrines loved of God. Made

strong with the whole armor of the Cross, O Martyr, thou

threwest down the tyrannical enemy

and wast shown forth victorious.
2) With the stripes that tore thy flesh, thou didst strip off thee the coats of skin of our common mortality; and wearing a beautiful robe of incorruption and a shining garment, O lauded Martyr Isidore, thou wast restored swiftly to the Tree of Life, while reaping indestructible and truly endless eternal life; and since thou art now filled there with, grant thy joy to those praising thee.
3) Verily, the wrestlings of the holy Martyrs exceed by far all the hymns we compose for them, outstripping our mind and speech; for those steadfast towers of true godly worship were clad like unto all of us, in mortal bodies that suffer and feel pain, and yet they braved the fire and wholly scorned the wounds as though suffering in the bodies of other men, and they rightly are glorified.