June 11th

The Holy Apostle Barnabas
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) Power and unconquered might against the demons didst thou receive, to drive off in the Name of Christ the chief principalities of the nether darkness,

O all-famed Apostle; and thou didst pass throughout the earth, illuminating it brightly as the sun. And as thou wast the first to come unto the much-celebrated Rome, thou didst preach to all men of Christ's saving advent, O Barnabas.

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2) Thou wast called the Son of__Consolation rightly and fittingly; and because thou didst imitate the First Goodness and the ways proper to God's nature, thou, by sharing in His transcendent goodness, didst become a truly good man, O blessed Barnabas; and with the goodness of thy ways and with the purity of thy mind thou didst rouse up all faithful men to abide in the grace of God.
3) As a well-tuned instrument moved by the working and pow'r divine of the Spirit, O Barnabas, to thee was entrusted the calling of the nations to the saving knowledge of Christ; and by thy words and deeds, thou didst transfigure and fashion them anew, enlight'ning them in very truth thus to confess the Divinity of Christ Jesus, the Friend of man, the divine Savior of our souls.