June 16th
Our Holy Father Tikhon, Bishop of Amathus in Cyprus
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 8 (Plagal 4th Mode-C)
Special Melody: What shall we now call you
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Living like an Angel upon the earth, by renouncing pleasures, thou didst prove a vessel of our God. For this cause, O sacred Tikhon, God elected thee to be a high priest of the people, as was meet and right, while making thee a ground and pillar of the Faith, O most wise Hierarch inspired of God; and thou didst shepherd thy faithful flock on pasture lands by the streams of Orthodox belief.

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2) Thou didst graze thy rational flock a-right on the verdure of true doctrines fit for sheep endowed with speech, filled with all divine discretion, O wise shepherd blest of God. And therefore, we now honor thy most holy feast as with resounding voice we glorify the Lord, Who glorified thee most wondrously, O blessed Tikhon of godly mind. Do thou entreat Christ the Savior that our souls be saved.
3) God hath glorified thee with miracles, He that glorifieth them that glorify Him faithfully. For each year, at thy most solemn and divine memorial, wise Father, as those present hymn thy miracles, a cluster doth appear with grapes already ripe; and when the faithful partake thereof, sanctification and mighty help do they receive, as they praise and laud thee worthily.