

June 26th

## Venerable David of Thessalonica

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8

Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih  
from various sources

The musical score consists of eight staves of Gregorian chant notation on a treble clef staff. The notes are primarily quarter notes and eighth notes. The music is divided into sections by letterheads: D, C, G↓, C, C, G↓, C, Un., and C. The lyrics are written below each staff. Measure numbers 1) through 8) are indicated above the first staff.

1) O fa - ther Da - vid, all - bless - ed Saint, no - bly en -

-light - ened in mind through thy la - bors of

ab - sti - nence, thou didst swift - ly soar a - loft

to the First Cause of ev - 'ry good; and thou be -

-cam - est a pil - lar all of light,

il - lu - mi - nat - ing with words and mir - a - cles

all who in ev - 'ry hour came to thee with god - li -

-ness of mind and heart. For this cause, we call thee

bless - ed and we hon - or thee.

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D

2) Thou, like a sweet song - bird, went - est up, O Fa - ther,

C

in - to a tree, where - in thou \_\_\_\_\_ didst set

G↓ C G↓

up thy nest, be - ing fro - zen with the cold,

C

be - ing scorched in the sum - mer heat; for which cause,

G↓

thou \_\_\_\_\_ didst re - ceive the gold - en wings

C

of true per - fec - tion and of dis - pas - sion's grace.

Now \_\_\_\_\_ thou art gone to dwell in the height of Heav - en,

Un.

where thou cease - less - ly pray - est to the Lord for

G↓

us that praise and hon - or thee.

C

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3) Since thou hadst burnt up the car - nal lusts with the di -

- vine fier - y coal of dis - pas - sion, thou

wast not burnt when, be - fore thē em - per - or,

thou didst hold live coals in thy hands, O right - eous

Da - vid, thou man in - spired of God;

thus, be - ing awe - struck at thy mag - nif - i - cence,

he grant - ed un - to thee thy pe - ti - tions, for he

rec - og - nized in thee a great in - ter - ces - sor

with our God, O bless - ed one.