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

1) O father David, all-blessed Saint, nobly enlightened in mind through thy labors of abstinence, thou didst swiftly soar aloft to the First Cause of every good; and thou becamest a pillar all of light, illuminating with words and miracles all who in every hour came to thee with godliness of mind and heart. For this cause, we call thee blessed and we honor thee.
2) Thou, like a sweet song-bird, wentest up, O Father, into a tree, where-in thou didst set up thy nest, being frozen with the cold,

being scorched in the summer heat; for which cause, thou didst receive the golden wings of true perfection and of dispassion's grace.

Now thou art gone to dwell in the height of Heaven, where thou ceaselessly prayest to the Lord for us that praise and honor thee.
3) Since thou hadst burnt up the carnal lusts with the divine fiery coal of dissipation, thou wast not burnt when, before the emperor,
thou didst hold live coals in thy hands, O righteous David, thou man inspired of God;
thus, being awe-struck at thy magnificence,
he granted unto thee thy petitions, for he recognized in thee a great intercessor
with our God, O blessed one.