

June 26th

# Venerable David of Thessalonica

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8  
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

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from various sources

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

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

G↓ C G↓

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

C

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

G↓

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

C

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

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

Un. G↓

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

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bless - ed and we hon - or thee.

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2) Thou, like a sweet song - bird, went - est up, O Fa - ther,  
in - to a tree, where - in thou \_\_\_\_\_ didst set  
up thy nest, be - ing fro - zen with the cold,  
be - ing scorched in the sum - mer \_\_\_\_\_ heat; for which cause,  
thou \_\_\_\_\_ didst re - ceive the gold - en wings  
of true per - fec - tion and of dis - pas - sion's grace.  
Now \_\_\_\_\_ thou art gone to dwell in the height of Heav - en,  
where thou cease - less - ly pray - est to the Lord for  
us that praise and hon - or \_\_\_\_\_ thee.

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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.