

July 9th

# Hieromartyr Pankratios, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily

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

Byzantine Tone 2  
Special Melody: *When he took thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) As he went a - bout through - out the world, he that was the  
2 Rock of dis - ci - ples sup - port - ed all with his strength;  
3 then he found thee as a pre - cious gem and  
4 made of thee a foun - da - tion - stone of the Church,  
5 O all - bless - ed Fa - ther, o - ver - turn - ing i - dols' tem - ples  
6 and their mon - u - ments  
7 by the sov - 'reign strength and di - vine might  
8 of the Word of God, Whose good pleas - ure  
9 it had been to dwell a - mong men in the flesh.

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10 **G**  
  
2) When thou by thy word hadst put to flight foul and wick - ed

11  
  
spir - its of e - vil, then by the Good\_ Spir - it's grace

12  
  
thou didst make men spir - i - tual, O wise Pan -

13 **F**  
  
- kra - ti - os; and on til - ling the fur - rows of

14 **G**  
  
their hearts, O blest Mar - tyr, thou didst sow the God - be - stowed and

15 **F**  
  
sav - ing seed in them;

16 **F** **G**  
  
whom thou didst then of - fer to Christ\_ God,

17  
  
the Ce - les - tial Hus - band - man, ev - er

18  
  
in - ter - ced - ing for those prais - ing\_ thee with faith.

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19 **G**  
 3) With no - et - ic rays of fier - y light, thou didst make the

20  
 West a bright O - ri - ent all a - blaze with the sun

21  
 of God - giv - en knowl - edge of Him Who dawned

22 **F**  
 forth on us from a Vir - gin in - ef - fa - bly;

23 **G**  
 and set - ting in con - test, thou hast dawned in light un - wan - ing,

24 **F**  
 where the look - ing glass

25 **F** **G**  
 hath been done a - way and thou see - st

26  
 Him Who set thy con - test, O Fa - ther,

27  
 in His longed - for beau - ty, O Pan - kra - ti - All

## Theotokion

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

28 **G**  
All those who with faith flee un - to thee, with thy might - y

29  
hand dost thou shel - ter, O pure one, as thou art good;

30  
no one else have we who sin as a per -

31 **F**  
- pet - u - al in - ter - ces - sor for us with God

32 **G**  
in dan - gers and sor - rows, we who have been bur - dened down with

33 **F**  
our a - bun - dant sins,

34 **F** **G**  
Moth - er of God in the high - est.

35  
Where - fore, we all fall down be - fore thee;

36  
res - cue us, thy ser - vants, from ad - ver - si - ties.