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 about throughout the world, he that was the Rock of disciples supported all with his strength;

2) then he found thee as a precious gem and made of thee a foundation stone of the Church,

3) O all-blessed Father, overturning idols' temples and their monuments by the sovereign strength and divine might of the Word of God, Whose good pleasure it had been to dwell among men in the flesh.

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2) When thou by thy word hadst put to flight foul and wicked spirits of evil, then by the Good Spirit's grace thou didst make men spiritual, O wise Pankratios; and on tilling the furrows of their hearts, O blest Martyr, thou didst sow the God-bested and saving seed in them; whom thou didst then offer to Christ God, the Celestial Husbandman, ever interceding for those praising thee with faith.
3) With noetic rays of fiery light, thou didst make the West a bright Orient all ablaze with the sun of God-given knowledge of Him Who dawned forth on us from a Virgin ineffably; and setting in contest, thou hast dawned in light unwaning, where the looking glass hath been done away and thou seekest Him Who set thy contest, O Father, in His longed-for beauty, O Pankrati All
All those who with faith flee unto thee, with thy might-y hand dost thou shelter, O pure one, as thou art good;

no one else have we who sin as a perpetual intercessor for us with God in dangers and sorrows, we who have been burdened down with our abundant sins,

Mother of God in the highest.

Wherefore, we all fall down before thee;
rescue us, thy servants, from adversities.