Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas Monastery

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

July 13th, October 28th

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih from various sources

2) O Father Stephen of godly speech, thou didst illumine thy mind with the light of theology, sending forth thy righteous wrath as a spear-bearing warrior against profane and blaspheming heresies;

for thou didst long for divine delight on high, which thou hast been vouchsafed to enjoy, O blest and righteous man of God, standing at the throne of the Almighty King of all.

3) O Father Stephen of godly speech, through zealous abstinenence, thou didst in all ways constrain thy mind, forcing it to mount on high to the Primal Cause, even God. When thou hadst calmed every troubling from the world and shaken off its concerns and turbulence, in thy mind's purity thou wast joined for ever to Him that in truth is the sum of all desires, O Saint of godly mind.