

July 16th

Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Herakleopolis

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

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1) Glo - ri - ous Saint Ath - e - nog - e - nes, clothed with the

bright — priest - ly robe, made it more — sa - cred

G↓ C G↓

than be - fore when he dyed it with his blood;

C

and there - with he hath en - tered — in the ho - ly

G↓

tem - ple and there ap - peared be - fore

C

Him Who be - hold - eth and o - ver - see - (e)th all,

min - is - t'ring un - to Him with thē im - ma - te - rial

Un. G↓

or - ders and made bright by di - vine par - tic - i -

C

- pa - tion. Let us call — him — blest.

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2) Great and all - wise Ath - e - nog - e - nes pre - sent - ed

Christ with the choir of the ath - letes who

stead - fast - ly fought in con - test for the Faith

and who fin - ished the ho - ly course; with them he

con - quered the cun - ning en - e - my

and was ad - mit - ted in - to the Mar - tyrs' choirs,

where he is de - i - fied through a - dop - tion, ev - er

Un. pray - ing God for us, who at all times cel - e -

-brate his sa - cred mem - o - ry.

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3) Ten blest dis - ci - ples e - lect of God, by their as -
 - cet - ic tra - vails hav - ing quelled pas - sions'
 wild re - volts, went to strive in mar - tyr - dom;
 and en - dowed with the strength of God, they slew the
 ser - pent, since they pos - sessed a skilled
 and sa - cred lead - er in Ath - e - nog - e - nes.
 Now by their ho - ly prayers, O com - pas - sion - ate Cre -
 a - tor, save us all, who for ev - er hope in
 Thee that art su - preme - ly good.