Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Herakleopolis

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

July 16th

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

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2) Great and all-wise Athenogenes presented Christ with the choir of the athletes who steadfastly fought in contest for the Faith and who finished the holy course; with them he conquered the cunning enemy and was admitted into the Martyrs' choirs, where he is deified through adoption, ever praying God for us, who at all times celebrate his sacred memory.
3) Ten blest disciples elect of God, by their ascetic works having quelled passions' wild revolts, went to strive in martyrdom;
and endowed with the strength of God, they slew the serpent, since they possessed a skilled and sacred leader in Athenogenes. Now by their holy prayers, O compassionate Creator, save us all, who for ever hope in Thee that art supremely good.