

July 18th

Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Cloth-ing Thy prize - win - ner from on high with pow - er in -
- vin - ci - ble, Thou, O Mas - ter, didst strength - en him to
bear tor - ments for Thy sake, striv - ing as an ath - lete
with his law - less en - e - mies, and in tri - umph to re - ceive
the crown of mar - tyr - dom. Where - fore, by his prayers send
down on us the full for - give - ness of our sins and in -
- iq - ui - ties, O my Je - sus, Al - might - y Lord,
Thou di - vine Sav - ior of our souls.

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2) Set a - fire with zeal for Thee and be - ing armed with the
 ho - ly Cross, Thy prize - win - ner, O might - y Lord, en -
 - kin - dled a fire that burned all thē i - dols' tem - ples;
 glo - ri - ous E - mi - li - an al - so slew the war - like ranks
 of the first au - thor and cause of wick - ed - ness and
 hath re - ceived the King - dom of the Heav - ens from Thee, O
 Mas - ter Christ, as the prize of his vic - to - ry;
 and he pray - eth that we be saved.

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3) Thou hast shown the Church a loft - y star that shin - eth ex -
 -ceed - ing bright and an ex - cel - lent war - ri - or, the
 Mar - tyr E - mi - li - an, who doth now il - lu - mine
 with his mys - tic won - ders the whole in - hab - it - a - ble earth
 and driv - eth off the deep gloom of god - less - ness; and
 we, who have been guid - ed by his light, ex - tol Thee as
 God of all, O my Je - sus, Al - might - y Lord,
 Thou di - vine Sav - ior of our souls.