

August 10th

Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence of Rome

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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

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E Un. E

1) As a help, thy Lord and Mas - ter gave thee liv - ing and

Un. E

fier - y coals, where - by thou wast set all a - flame and

G E

quick - ly didst shed this life's earth - en tab - er - na - cle.

There - up - on, thou went - est on high, in - her - it - ing by grace

that bless - ed King - dom and ev - er - last - ing life. Be -

- cause of which, O Lau - rence, thou all - bless - ed Mar - tyr in

G E

vic - t'ry crowned, we keep feast with ex - ceed - ing joy

on thy most joy - ous fes - ti - val.

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2) Thou didst whol - ly quench the coals of the de - ceit of i -

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- dol - a - try, be - ing roast - ed up - on the coals; where -

G E

- by thou be - cam - est light, shak - ing off the gross flesh

as a heav - y bur - den, to - geth - er with thē earth - en coat

of our pro - gen - i - tors' leg - a - cy of death. And

un - to us, O bless - ed Lau - rence, thou art tru - ly a

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quench - less coal light - ing up with thy ra - di - ance

them that hon - or thy mem - o - ry.

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3) By their God en - kin - dled, thē un - con - quered Mar - tyrs have

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come to light in the whole world as fier - y coals that

G E

ar - dent - ly drive a - way with the Spir - it's splen - dor

er - ror's murk - y mist and the heav - y gloom of god - less - ness,

while bright - ly kin - dling the torch of pi - e - ty. And

in their midst, our Lord and Sav - ior's true and ver - i - ly

G E

ven - 'ra - ble Dea - con Lau - rence is em - i - nent

for his won - ders and mir - a - cles.