

August 21st

The Holy Martyr Bassa of Edessa

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) Long-ing af - ter mar - tyr - dom, O laud - ed Bas - sa, thou

Un. E

didst en - dure man - y tor - ments cou - ra - geous - ly; and

G E

thou wast trans - lat - ed hence to that pain - less por - tion,

un - to light un - wan - ing, to glad - ness bright be - yond com - pare,

to a di - vine joy for all e - ter - ni - ty. We

there - fore call thee bless - ed and we keep thy most ho - ly

G E

fes - ti - val on this day, O in - vin - ci - ble

tro - phy - bear - er in - spired of God.

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2) When thou hadst en - dured a - bun - dant pains and tor - ments of

Un. E

man - y kinds and wast cast in the brin - y deep, our

G E

Sav - ior, the God of all, might - i - ly pre - served — thee

by His great di - vine pow'r, and thou didst tram - ple un - der - foot

the wick - ed strength of thē a - li - en and foe. O

much - con - tend - ing Bas - sa, thou didst al - so shed light up -

G E

- on the minds of the pi - ous by work - ing signs

far tran - scend - ing all mind and thought.

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3) Like a sweet-voiced song - bird sing - ing in the grove of the

Un. E

beau - ti - ful pains and con - tests of mar - tyr - dom didst

G E

thou call un - to thy - self thy well - fav - ored fledg - lings;

with whom thou didst deft - ly es - cape from er - ror's traps and nets,

O won - drous Bas - sa of great and god - ly mind. And

with them, thou hast made thy dwell - ing in the heav - en - ly

G E

nests a - bove, in - ter - ced - ing for all of us

at all times, O all - bless - ed one.