September 1st

Righteous Simeon the Stylite

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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un-sleep-ing lu-mi-nar-y shin-ing on the

whole world, O our illu-strious and right-eous

Fa-ther Sim-e-on, with great fer-vor make

in-ter ces-sion, be-seech-ing Christ our God that our

souls be saved, we pray.

2) O right-eous Fa-ther, if thy pil-lar had a voice to speak, it

ever would cease cry-ing a-loud con-cern-ing thy pains and

strug-gles and great la-bors and lam-en-
ta-tions. For it was not thy pil-lar that
bore thee up; but it was supported by thee and ever borne up like some most mighty and fruitful tree, receiving increase and growth from thy ceaseless tears. The Angels marvelled, and the sons of men were awe-struck, and demons quaked with fear, beholding thine endurance. O our illustrious and righteous Father Simeon, with great fervor make intercession, beseeching Christ our God that our souls be saved, we pray.

3) O righteous Father, emulating Christ, thy Sovereign Lord, thou wentest up thy pillar as though ascending a cross, while strengthened with the might of the Holy Spirit. But Christ the Lord forgave the sins of all men, blotting out the writing against the sons of Adam, while thou didst vanquish and bring to nought every assault of the passions and carnal lusts; He, as a spotless sheep; thou, as a willing victim;

He, on the Cross of shame; and thou, upon thy pillar. O our illustrious and righteous Father Simeon, with great fervor make intercession, beseeching Christ our God that our souls be saved, we pray.