

September 20th

# Great-martyr Eustathios and his family

## 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) Thou wast called by God a - bove and not by man, O Eu -

- sta - thi - os; for Christ Je - sus, the Friend of man, Him -

- self ap - peared un - to thee, hunt - ed thee and caught thee

with the nets of faith; and when thou wast bap - tized in His Name,

the Mas - ter cleansed thee of all thy for - mer sins; and

though He brought up - on thee great or - deals in life, He be -

stowed on thee might - y pa - tience and showed thee forth

as a vic - tor ex - tolled by all.

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E Un. E

2) While yet in the bloom of youth, thou un - der - took - est the

ex - er - cise of the vir - tues, O all - re - nowned and

G E

bles - ed Eu - sta - thi - os, stead - fast - ly en - dur - ing

the loss of thy sons and the tak - ing - cap - tive of thy wife;

and thou didst bear with a hier - ling's low - ly toil. But

thy cou - ra - geous man - li - ness in wars in - spired a great

G E

search for thee and from out of cap - tiv - i - ty

brought thee back to thy for - mer fame.

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E Un. E

3) Bring-ing forth thy house - hold as a har - vest, thou, O Eu -

- sta - thi - os, wast through fire of - fered un - to God as

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in - cense di - vine and sweet, as a whole-burnt of - fring

ut - ter - ly de - light - ful, a ver - y pleas - ing sac - ri - fice,

and as a liv - ing ob - la - tion pure and whole; for

this cause thou, to - geth - er with thy wife and sons, hast been

G E

now re - ceived in the heav - en - ly dwell - ing - place

by thē ar - mies of Saints on high.