September 27th

Martyr Kallistratos and the 49 Martyrs with him

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8

Special melody: O strange wonder

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1) Martyr and athlete Kallistratos, being enlightened in mind with the light of true piety, thou didst firmly walk the path leading yonder to blessedness, vanquishing all the deceitful plots and snares that were devised by the warring enemy.

Wherefore, we honor thee, as with faith and love we celebrate with hymns thy most sacred memory, O thou most blessed one.
2) Godly wise Martyr Kallistratos, rich in the words of true life, thou didst guide unto

Godly life them that once were held in death through their error and ignorance; but in the hope that we all shall rise again,

they gave their lives up with zeal, O glorious one,

firm in the certain faith they would truly live in Christ. Wherefore, with them keep us in remembrance

with the Lord supremely good.

3) O sacred martyr Gymnasios, when the sword severed thy head, thou in triumph didst truly drown crafty Pharaoh in the flood

of thy holy martyrlic blood. Now like a fountain, thou pour est cures on all who have recourse to thy church with ardent faith, honoring thee therein and thy valiant struggles, as they celebrate thine august memorial, O Saint divinely blest.