

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*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) Mar - tyr and ath - lete Kal - lis - tra - tos, be - ing en -
-light - ened in mind with the light of true
pi - e - ty, thou didst firm - ly walk the path
lead - ing yon - der to bless - ed - ness, van - quish - ing
all the de - ceit - ful plots and snares
that were de - vised by the war - ring en - e - my.
Where - fore, we hon - or thee, as with faith and love we
Un. cel - e - brate with hymns thy most sa - cred mem - o -
- ry, O thou most bless - ed one.

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2) God - ly - wise Mar - tyr Kal - lis - tra - tos, rich in the
 words of true life, thou didst guide un - to
 God - ly life them that once were held in death
 through their er - ror and ig - no - rance; but in the
 hope that we all shall rise a - gain,
 they gave their lives up with zeal, O glo - rious one,
 firm in the cer - tain faith they would tru - ly live in
 Christ. Where - fore, with them keep us in re - mem - brance
 with the Lord su - preme - ly good.

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3) O sa - cred mar - tyr Gym - na - si - os, when the sword
 sev - ered thy head, thou in tri - umph didst
 tru - ly drown craft - y Phar - oah in the flood
 of thy ho - ly mar - tyr - ic blood. Now like a
 foun - tain, thou pour - est cures on all
 who have re - course to thy church with ar - dent faith,
 hon - or - ing thee there - in and thy val - iant strug - gles,
 as they cel - e - brate thine au - gust me - mo - ri -
 - al, O Saint di - vine - ly - blest.